From: Barb Iverson
To: ODF_DL_Board of Forestry
Subject: HCP shouldn"t put our jobs and local services at risk
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Dear Members Board of Forestry,

I am a lifelong Oregonian now in my early 60s. Over the years of driving around the state, I have seen some disheartening practices with out forests. As a child, my parents talked about the Tillamook burn and how it was replanted. I have watched that forest grow into a beautiful, renewable forest that it is today. I have also watched as forests destroyed by beetles languish until they create terrible fires because there is no salvage logging. If we don't manage our forests, they eventually will burn which just puts more carbon into our atmosphere and destroys all we work for. Thoughtful management and harvest is essential for the long term health of our forests.

Our state needs a Habitat Conservation Plan that protects family-wage jobs, keeps providing fiber for local mills, and invests in healthy forest management that reduces the risk of catastrophic wildfire. We do not need a plan that puts 10s of thousands of acres off-limits to harvest and forfeits millions of dollars in timber revenues that our communities need. Especially now.

Please make sure that you endorse a plan includes things like effective reforestation tools, controlled burns, and smart, science-based forestry.

Please do the right thing. Please make sure you keep in mind that the long-term impacts of this plan. The future our communities rely on making sure a Habitat Conservation Plan on our state forests protects critical jobs and a sustainable fiber supply. We need our state to do everything it can to protect jobs and provide revenue for the economy.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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