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To: ODF_DL_Board of Forestry
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Dear Board Member Board of Forestry,

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. We can do both, and we should, especially now.

Currently almost all of US Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management timberlands are off-limits for harvest, creating conditions that've driven environmentally devastating, uncontrolled wildfires. Don't put our state lands off-limits, too. That's just non-sensical!

Instead, endorse a plan that includes effective reforestation tools and smart, science-based forestry.

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

Regards,
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