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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 have seen over the years depletion of Timber jobs all due to wrongful decisions being made. Our forest are amazing, well managed, healthy and beautiful. This is only because of all the hard working, knowledgeable hands on workers! I do not mean to be little anyone, but I feel you all have lost your way and what your actual job should be and entail. Please, please listen to the voices of all of us who are opposed to your idea of setting aside more land for pleasure use. Jobs should be the most important thing to preserve. Let's get priorities straight and start showing support our working citizens, they are the lifeline to our state. Thank you!

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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