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To: ODF_DL_Board of Forestry
Subject: HCP Board Decision: Please protect family-wage jobs
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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 100's of thousands of acres off-limits to harvest and forfeits millions of dollars in timber revenues that our communities need. Especially now.

Currently almost all of US Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management timber-lands are off-limits for timber harvest. Lack of active forest management has created conditions that have driven environmentally devastating, wildfires. Don't put our state lands off-limits, to active management and at risk for devastating wildfires.

Please endorse a plan that includes effective reforestation tools, climate smart and science-based forest management.

Please make keep in mind the long-term impacts of this plan and that the future of 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, now more than ever.

Regards,
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