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To: ODF_DL_Board of Forestry
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Dear Members Board of Forestry,

I'll just leave some old time wisdom. Do with it as you will. "The road to hell is paved with good intentions". I believe you mean well but lack the foresight to see how this will cause major issues down the road. How about instead of doing this land seizure, We mandate logging industries to replace the forest's trees with the same species of trees they harvest rather than just replanting fast growth Douglas fir? This will maintain the diversity of our forest and allow the people to enjoy these lands.

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.

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

Instead, endorse a plan that includes effective reforestation tools, controlled burns, 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 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.

Sincerely,

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