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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,

The responsible and sustained harvest of our forests lands is both a economic imperative to the economy of Oregon, and it is a safety imperative. Oregon will never have an economy that is prosperous, sustainable and balanced until we can stimulate our forest products industry and our forest/mill communities again.

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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