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Dear Members Board of Forestry,

I'm extremely concerned about the future plan for the State of Oregon's forests. I believe that in order for the forests to remain healthy, they must be managed. Management means harvesting of the older timber and replanting right after harvest. If we do not allow logging lin the forests, the trees will grow old and die, leaving the forest a timber box for fires. A fire destroys everything in it's path, including wildlife, resources that could be used for good, and stream beds. It also destroys private property within and adjacent to the state forests. Harvesting of old timber is the only way to insure that the habitat remains alive and fruitful.

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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