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To: ODF_DL_Board of Forestry
Subject: HCP Board Decision: Comment on Habitat Conservation Plan
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Dear Board Member Board of Forestry,

I am en environmental engineer by training and trade. Forestry management has been a great concern of mine for decades. I am not a tree hugger nor am I one for slash and burn everything. Properly managed forests will use timber needed for construction and at the same time reduce the risks of huge forest fires. Let's get back to using common sense. Allowing the forests to burn each year risks lives, causes unfathomable losses to businesses and individuals. The Habitat Conservation Plan is another I'll conceived program for Oregon. This is an immensely important decision, and I'm writing today to ask you to make sure that this plan ensures reasonable and reliable timber harvest. This plan will increase health costs, increase taxes, and increase the cost of lumber.....all inflationary items.

The Oregon Department of Forestry has already reduced harvest levels to the point where there is not enough revenue to manage and protect our state forests. What's more, the Oregon Department of Forestry faces severe cash problems and the current plan would make it more reliant on our public tax dollars to stay afloat. Why would you consider a plan that dramatically decreases harvest and makes these problems worse?

Please protect our rural communities that rely on harvests from state forests for critical forestry and mill jobs.

Don't make a plan that decreases active management of our forests, putting jobs at risk and increasing the risk of catastrophic wildfires that put the health of firefighters and communities in peril.

Now is not the time to reduce harvest, cut jobs, and decrease revenue from state forests.

I appreciate your help,
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