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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,

I do not agree with the proposal to add more State Lands to a Nature Preserve. We need these lands for timber jobs, better forest management than has been happening in these Nature Preserves.

Loggers have extraordinary knowledge on how to manage our forests to prevent catastrophic forest fires. A grave error will be committed if this plan is followed through.

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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