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Comments	Since my husband and I have lived on the North Oregon Coast, we have become shocked at the change in the surrounding forests during the past few decades. The rampant clear-cutting has decimated the hills and mountains that once were our beautiful forests. Now the entire Oregon coast is a tattered, quilt-like ruin, endangering wildlife and our drinking water. The toxic chemical spraying by the timber industry has added additional damage to the area. Clear-cutting happens very close to small streams, such as the picturesque Trask River, Nehalem River and others, that will ruin our salmon production and our drinking water. Timber companies are cutting on very steep slopes, meaning that the silt and dirt, with heavy rains, will flow into our streams. Nehalem, two months ago, just faced Weyerhaeuser's clearcutting and chemical spraying less than a quarter mile from the elementary school! Wheeler has clear-cutting above the entire town -- the toxic spraying happened two weeks ago, with only 24 hour notice to certain people, not to all the population of Wheeler. The danger that toxic chemical spraying threatens -- not only to the wildlife, but certainly to human life, with the chemicals coming into our waters, is horrendous. This is a travesty, what the huge timber companies are doing to our lands and our communities! The Habitat Conservation Program is a first step toward preserving some of our forested areas for everyone's benefit. Most people -- friends, neighbors, family -- I have talked with are completely in favor of this compromise. Please vote YES for the Habitat Conservation Plan. Thank you, Betsy McMahon

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