From: cedarlovesherdad@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jeffrey Reynolds
To: ODF_DL_Board of Forestry
Subject: Message from legacy Forester for ODF -State Forest Habitat Conservation Plan
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Dear Oregon Board of Forestry,

I served for over a decade as root disease survey forester for Oregon Department of Forestry which included over 50,000 acres during years of my intensive ground surveys within the Tillamook, Clatsop, Western, and Santiam State Forests between approximately 1999-2009.
This habitat conservation option represents a broad range of forestry stakeholders and yet I urge you at this time to remember and realize that the true ultimate stakeholders are generations to come as children and wildlife strive to exist in a changing world. It is now up to you to make the right choice to preserve the same habitat and waterways held within these forests which are our sole lifeline to future water quality... If for no other reason, it is your duty to protect the future of the waters of Oregon with your correct choices today.

I'm writing to you today in support of the State Forest Habitat Conservation Plan. I appreciate that this balanced approach values our state forests for habitat, recreation, and clean drinking water, rather than prioritizing logging above all else. I urge you to vote yes and continue with the planning process.

As you know, our state forests are incredibly valuable. They provide us with clean drinking water in rivers like the Wilson and Nehalem, which are also important homes for salmon and steelhead. They provide much-needed habitat for endangered spotted owls, and marbled murrelets. They're beautiful and have enormous value for recreation. And, perhaps most importantly, temperate rainforests like those in our state forests are some of the best in the world at sequestering carbon and fighting climate change.

Please continue this process by voting yes on the State Forest Habitat Conservation Plan, so we can protect our state forests for future generations!

Thank you!

Sincerely,
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