From: Margaret Stephens
To: ODF_DL_Board of Forestry
Subject: HCP Board Decision
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Greetings:

I am writing to urge a vote of yes to work on a draft Habitat Conservation Plan which will protect approximately 300,000 acres of state forest from industrial timber harvest.

The Western Oregon Forests Habitat Conservation Plan helps balance timber harvest with fish and wildlife habitat, recreation, and clean water. This long-term plan for habitat conservation in state forests would provide decent forest protections for six wild salmon and steelhead strongholds: the Wilson, Salmonberry, Nehalem, Miami, Trask, and Kilchis Rivers. It would also put 50 percent of the total forest in conservation for the next 70 years.

I also want to thank ODF for its work on this plan. I urge them to complete the work.

Sincerely,
Margaret Stephens
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