From: Jeanie Taylor
To: ODF_DL_Board of Forestry
Subject: HCP Board Decision
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To: ODF/Oregon Board of Forestry
Re: Western Oregon Forests Habitat Conservation Plan

Thank you for your work on the Habitat Conservation Plan. Please continue to provide significant, durable forest protections by advancing the plan for Clatsop and Tillamook State Forests. These forests support six wild salmon and steelhead populations and 16 imperiled species.

In a time of unprecedented species loss, this plan is more important than ever. Staff recommendation to “finalize the administrative draft of the HCP and move into the NEPA process" is the right way to proceed. An HCP gives lasting protection to endangered species and lets resources be managed in a manner that is consistent and predictable.

All Oregonians deserve to enjoy the benefit of public lands. The value that recreational users add to local economies are as important as resource extraction. Clean water and wildlife protection for future generations has an incalculable value.

Respectfully,

Jeanie Taylor
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