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Hello,
My name is Hayden Marsh; I have been a Portland resident for the past 4 years. My husband and I love living in Oregon because of the vast wild beauty and the protections afforded to the wild animals living here. These days, especially with climate change threatening not just humans but the animals vital to our ecosystem, we must be willing to do more to protect our natural resources and the animals who compose it.

I am writing today to urge the Board of Forestry to continue to advance the Western Oregon Forests Habitat Conservation Plan. This plan is crucial to creating a safe haven for our wildlife. Please support the staff recommendation to "finalize the administrative draft of the HCP and move into the NEPA process." The Habitat Conservation Plan is the best method for creating durable habitat protections for imperiled species such as salmon, steelhead, Marbled Murrelets and Spotted Owls. Now more than ever Oregonians (and Americans) must push forward plans that protect species conservation, clean water, recreation and sustainable predictable harvest. Knowing the Habitat Conservation Plan is on the table, being discussed and pushed forward is a huge relief as a young millennial, newly pregnant, concerned about what the future will look like not only for myself, but for my children. I want them to be able to raft the John Day river or hike Mt. Hood or visit the Wallowas knowing there are dedicated folks protecting Oregon and the precious species that inhabit it.

Thank you to ODF for your continued dedication and work on this plan. Please continue what you've started for all of us.

Best,
Hayden Marsh