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I urge the Board to move ahead with the proposed Habitat Conservation Plan which has been developed after considerable thought and passionately professional analysis. I am one of many citizens living in Clatsop County who value not only the endangered species but the many other critters and plants which they represent—much like the proverbial canary in the coal mine. Some attempt to diminish the significance of wildlife, ridiculing a concern for our old forests in their desire for industrial plantations which produce continuing profits for a limited number of businesses.
We must learn to value a balanced approach to Oregon's forests before we tip that balance beyond the point which it can be saved. I understand the attachment to traditional occupations passed (usually) from father to son. Automation has taken its toll and change is difficult. But the need for clean streams and water supplies, the health of salmon and other fish, and a need to avoid further ocean warming make the steps you can take of great importance to all of us. Please continue the HCP on its path of progress with your action on October 6th.

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