From: Alan Dickman
To: ODF_DL_Board of Forestry
Subject: draft Habitat Conservation plan vote
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Dear Members of Oregon Board Forestry,

I am a professor emeritus of biology and environmental studies at the University of Oregon and have lived in Oregon for more than five decades. I taught courses in forest ecology and management at the University of Oregon. I am also the holder of a pioneer license from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and have fished in many rivers in Oregon.

I am writing to urge you to advance the State Forest Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) process. The HCP will help secure more concrete and durable protections for state forest lands while also providing reliable harvest opportunities. The HCP puts our state forests on a path to balanced, sustainable, and science-based management. I urge you to vote yes and continue with the planning process.

Oregon's state forests provide many values including fish and wildlife habitat, recreation, clean water, climate mitigation and timber harvest. It is a challenge to balance these values and will become more so as climate change effects intensify. Therefore, it is critical to support a balanced plan that conserves our natural resources for the future while also providing a mix of benefits for today.

Thank you for consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,

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