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To: Oregon Board of Forestry

I am writing to strongly urge the Board of Forestry to advance the Western Oregon Forests Habitat Conservation Plan. The plan represents a workable compromise that balances timber harvest with fish and wildlife habitat, recreation, and clean water. Please support the staff recommendation to "finalize the administrative draft of the HCP and move into the NEPA process." It's time to end unsustainable logging practices and to move forward.

The fate of the environment is the defining issue of our time, and I strongly support protecting the environment and durable habitat protections for imperiled species such as salmon, steelhead, Marbled Murrelets and Spotted Owls. A Habitat Conservation Plan is the best way to accomplish this objective. The HCP will achieve multiple values including species conservation, clean water, recreation and sustainable predictable harvest.

I wish to thank ODF for its work on this plan and encourage them to complete the work.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

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