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To: ODF_DL_Board of Forestry
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Dear Members of the Oregon Board of Forestry,

I write today to encourage you to **continue pursuing a Habitat Conservation Plan for Western Oregon's state forests.** In its current form, the draft Habitat Conservation Plan covers about 640,000 acres of Oregon forests and includes conservation strategies for listed species like at-risk Oregon Coast Coho Salmon. Forestry practices and inadequate stream protections on state forest lands were a primary factor in the federal government's decision to list Oregon Coast Coho Salmon as threatened with extinction. The ongoing clearcutting of steep, landslide-prone slopes and **lack of sufficient stream buffers** continues to **impede the recovery of abundant, wild Coho Salmon** throughout the streams of Oregon's northern coast range. It's time to forge a new future for our state forest lands—a future that enables our fish and wildlife to flourish and provides value to all Oregonians!

THANK YOU!!!
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