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To: ODF_DL_Board of Forestry
Subject: Please Vote YES on State Forest Habitat Conservation Plan
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Hello trusted members of the board, I am writing to urge you all to vote YES on the State Forest Habitat Conservation Plan. Our beautiful coastal forests are one of our greatest assets as a state, providing us with unmatched beauty as well as one of the greatest defenses against the devastating effects of climate change. Old growth trees such as those found in the Tillamook and Clatsop state forests provide a massive area of carbon sequestration. These forests are also home to many ecosystems and species of plants and animals, some of which are currently endangered. Additionally, our state forests are a tourist destination and source of recreational revenue. As an avid hiker, I have spent countless hours among these trees and cannot imagine losing more of them to logging, which has already decimated enormous swaths of our forest land. As the recent wildfires have demonstrated, we can NOT afford to lose more trees or continue to allow extractive commerce to destroy our land, air and water. We need to protect what remains and prioritize the long term health of our state above the short term profits of the logging industry.
Thank you for doing what is right for future generations.

Sincerely,
Maggie Myers