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To: ODF_DL_Board of Forestry
Subject: Please vote yes on the State Forest Habitat Conservation Plan
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Dear Oregon Board of Forestry,

As a 4th generation Oregonian, I have seen devastation and regrowth, watching the Tillamook Burn recover slowly as my family made regular trips to our beautiful Oregon coast. As an adult I began to understand the interconnections between forest health and our individual, and regional, even world-wide, health. As Oregon's population grows, it is more important now than ever to protect our life-giving and life-supporting forest system in this area.

I'm writing to you today in support of the State Forest Habitat Conservation Plan. I appreciate that this balanced approach values our state forests for habitat, recreation, and clean drinking water, rather than prioritizing logging above all else. I urge you to vote yes and continue with the planning process. We need jobs, but we must turn to jobs that promote growth and retention of natural resources for our children's and grandchildren's future.

As you know, our state forests are incredibly valuable. They provide us with clean drinking water in rivers like the Wilson and Nehalem, which are also important homes for salmon and steelhead. They provide much-needed habitat for endangered spotted owls, and marbled murrelets. They're beautiful and have enormous value for recreation. And, perhaps most importantly, temperate rainforests like those in our state forests are some of the best in the world at sequestering carbon and fighting climate change.

Please continue this process by voting yes on the State Forest Habitat Conservation Plan, so we can protect our state forests for future generations!

Thank you!

Sincerely,
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