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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,

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.

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!
We need to protect the old growth forests that have protected us from drought, carbon overload and erosion. We can not sacrifice this treasure to wealthy corporate interests who only see the short sighted profits. These horrible fires were a warning that we need to rethink how we preserve our forests. Sweeping the floors is an idiotic statement and we must not allow corporate clear cutting, pipelines or mining interests to destroy it.

Sincerely,
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