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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 the daughter of a logger in Idaho in the 1930's/'40's, I love forests. They are the very life-blood of the planet for all living things.
I claimed Oregon for my home and family in the 1950's. I have been so appreciative of The Oregon Way in terms of appreciation of our natural blessings. We are blessed to have state-owned forests. Too often, extractive industries are destructive and leave the tax payer to clean up after them. I am not opposed to utilize the forests but our ownership requires us to have strict guidelines for its various uses.

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!

Sincerely,
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