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To: ODF_DL_Board of Forestry
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Hi, my name is Emily Schnipper and I'm a Portland resident. I'm writing today to ask you to advance the Western Oregon Forests Habitat Conservation Plan at your October 6th meeting. I hope you will support the staff recommendation to finalize the administrative draft of the HCP and move into the NEPA process. Habitat protection needs to be of utmost importance in Oregon. If it's not, we risk losing the marbled murrelet as a species. We also imperil the populations of salmon and steelhead that are so iconic for our state. Considering the recent fires that have destroyed so much, we need sustainability in our forests more than ever. Thank you for your work and your consideration.