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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. And as we have seen in the last few years, and especially this year, older trees withstand fires better than young tree farms do and will protect areas as opposed to just spreading the fires vigorously. We have seen that in our ponderosa stands on the east side and when we lived on the west side in the coast range we saw the same thing.

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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