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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 life-long Pacific Northwesterner, 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.

Our state forests are incredibly valuable. However, the general public doesn't value them for their short-term profitability, but because they provide us with clean drinking water in rivers like the Wilson and Nehalem, which are also important homes for salmon and steelhead. We also appreciate that they provide much-needed habitat for endangered spotted owls, and marbled murrelets. And, because 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. We all have a stake in their health, not just foreign timber purchasers.

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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