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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 lived for awhile in Italy in an area that had seen a loss of young people to the cities. In an attempt to bring some back, jobs were offered to log and then replant forested areas. Where they clear cut and planted pine, it was not very successful, but where they did the usual logging that leaves a living younger tree (but not sapling) every 10 meters (?? I am not absolutely sure of that distance) the forest was healthy and productive. There was no die off due to damaged root systems, and wildlife and the usual undergrowth came back in record time. I hope that your forest conservation plan will receive support and be applied.

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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