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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,

Dear Members of the Forestry Board,

As an avid "user" of OUR Oregon forests--fishing, hiking, picnicking, and camping--I strongly urge you to vote "YES" to the State Forest Habitat Conservation Plan. I believe this balanced approach places more value on the non-harvest uses of OUR state forests, including for habitat, recreation, and clean drinking water, rather than continuing to value extractive logging above all else. Therefore, I strongly urge you to vote "YES" and continue with the planning process.

Obviously, OUR state forests are incredibly valuable--and a lot more valuable for non-extractive use than for logging. Our state forests provide us--Oregon's residents--with outstanding recreational opportunities (of which I partake dozens of days a year), as well as clean drinking water. I fish and hike a lot along and in rivers, particularly the Wilson, Trask, and Nehalem, which are also important Cutthroat trout, salmon and steelhead spawning and rearing habitat. These and other watersheds also provide needed habitat for endangered species, such as the spotted owl and marbled murrelet. Also--and, perhaps most importantly--temperate rainforests like those in OUR state forests are extremely useful 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--And please remember that OUR state forests belong to the People of Oregon, NOT to extractive users!

Thank you!

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