From: Fayth Dunn
To: ODF_DL_Board of Forestry
Subject: Worried about our state's economy
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Dear Members Board of Forestry,

l have grown up in these beautiful forests and I have seen the devastion that these trees can do. If you decide to lessen the amount of timber logged, you will be increasing the risk of wildfires and destroying the rural communities. I think Oregon has plenty of hard time controlling wildfires as it is and more trees will increase wildfire destruction. This will have an economic toll on lots of families, mine especially. I come from a long line of timber industry workers. My dad is the hardest working man that I know and without him i wouldnt be where i am today, i am going to school to be a nurse and i wont be able to do it without him financially. My boyfriend works in the woods as well and if he cant, i will be unable to continue to go to school due to him being our only income. I know im not the only spouse in the timber industry that relies on their other half financially, but imagine all the other wifes and kids that this would affect. This will impact Oregons communities greatly. I hope that you realize the toll this will have on Oregon and everyone single person living here. This is much bigger then just the timber industry, this is Oregon as a whole. With COVID-19 Oregons economy is already behind, this will just make it even worse.

That's why I'm writing to ask that you protect Oregon's forest industry and 60,000 family-wage jobs Oregonians need now more than ever.
Why would the Board of Forestry even consider a state Habitat Conservation Plan that does not reflect any concern or understanding of rural county's financial condition or needs?

Please remember the mill workers who count on fiber from state forests. Please remember that rural communities in western Oregon rely upon the revenues from timber harvests to fund schools, libraries and other critical services. Please do the right thing.

Let's manage our forests with our children and grandchildren in mind - making sure our forests and the communities nearby will be healthy and thriving decades from now.

Sincerely,

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