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To: ODF_DL_Board of Forestry
Subject: Worried for our state's economy
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Dear Board of Forestry,

I'm an Oregonian and I'm worried about our state's economy.

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 counties' 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.

As of this hour, Oregon is suffering through its worst wildland fire season. Terrorist attacks or just bad luck, better forest management practices that include clear cutting, thinning and understory fuels reduction would go a long ways in protecting the lives and property of humans as well as creating a diverse environment for all wildland critters. Reduced logging is not the answer!!!!!

Thank you,