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

I'm a life-long Oregonian and a professional Forester and I'm writing to express my concern about the Habitat Conservation Plan being proposed for our State Forests.

It seems to me that this plan does not reflect any concern or understanding of rural counties' financial condition or needs.

Surely we can develop a plan that offers a more balanced approach. Active forest management and habitat conservation CAN and DO work synergistically. This is something I live and witness every day.

Please protect Oregon's forest industry and 60,000 family-wage jobs Oregonians need now more than ever.

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.

Thank you.

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