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

I'm a lifetime Oregonian and I'm worried about our state's forests and the management of those forests and the consequential affects on our economy. For nearly 40 years we have seen the demise of our State's beautiful forests and the once strong economy that was based on our timber industry. Fires burn more acreage each year leaving nothing behind but brush that grows in its place.

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 the management needs our forests have ESPECIALLY AFTER THE DEVASTATING FIRES WE HAVE HAD THIS YEAR?

Please remember the mill workers who count on fiber from state forests. Please remember that rural communities in western Oregon (and the State itself) 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. Conservation areas do nothing to contribute to the well being of our State or the forests themselves.

Thank you

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