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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,

As a longtime Oregonian and professional forester, I am very concerned about the draft HCP for Oregon's state forests.

I believe it is unethical to import wood products from other regions in the world to Oregon, and at the same time, call our state forests off limits to timber harvest. This would be NIMBYism at its finest. We should be growing and harvesting our own timber here in Oregon. State Forests in Oregon should play an important role in providing wood products to society.

In addition, 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? Growing trees for wood production is sustainable and should be utilized to the full extent possible for Oregon's future.

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.

Please don't allow the draft HCP to continue. It will be detrimental to rural communities and the foresters and forest workers that call these places home.

Thank you,