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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,

The forestry and logging jobs here at the coast are far better paid than the tourist industry which we are forced to have because of lost opportunity in the forests. 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. LET ME SAY THIS AGAIN, FOREST AND TIMBER JOBS ARE WAY BETTER PAID THAN THE TOURIST INDUSTRY WE ARE FORCED TO RELY ON, LET ALONE THE REDUCED RISK OF WILD FIRES IF THE FORESTS WERE RESPONSIBLY MANAGED!!!

Thank you,