From: Emilia Lusardi
To: ODF_DL_Board of Forestry
Subject: Worried about our state's economy, forests, & health of our people
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Dear Members Board of Forestry,

Trees are the answer!!!! Well managed forests insure jobs, economy and health of forests from wildfire and disease. Everyone (including the animals) benefits from a healthy forest. You don't grow corn to feed the bugs and watch it burn. Trees are a crop that need to harvested and can be harvested in a manner that best insures its renewable resource will be here for future generations to enjoy and benefit from. We are fortunate to live in a tree rich environment and the forests could be benefiting everyone, but unmanaged, this precious resource is a hazard to everyone in its path. To the contrary of many beliefs, burning forests are not renewing forests; the current state of our forests, when burned leave only destruction for decades due to the lack of management. Please protect our forests and economy through better management.

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 county's 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.

Sincerely,

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