From: Michael Wheeler
To: ODF_DL_Board of Forestry
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Dear Members Board of Forestry,

There is no reason to not actively manage our forests for both economic and environmental benefits. Actively managed lands are healthy lands. Ignoring humans and their needs as part of a healthy ecosystem is simply arrogant. Don't lock up more lands! Thank you.

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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