From: Kathleen Johnson
To: ODF_DL_Board of Forestry
Subject: Worried about our state's economy
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Dear Members Board of Forestry,

We need to allow the citizens of our state the opportunity to profit from one of our major natural resources. The Forestry industry keeps our forests from getting out of control in the same way that hunters keep our wildlife population healthy. Conservation is a good thing, but it would work best if the state works with the forestry industry to come up with a balanced solution that benefits all.

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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