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

Oregon has been my home for almost 70 years. When I was young, we had the best schools in the country, the best roads and infrastructure. Our state was second to none. When government deemed timber harvest in the state to be devastating to the spotted owl, the only thing devastated was our state. Schools are almost dead last, our highways, bridges and infrastructure are in such dire straits. All this is decaying in front of our eyes, just the same as the beautiful forests that were planted to keep Oregon green and beautiful, while allowing measured reasonable harvesting plans which would keep our state at the forefront of success. Our state has been crippled enough and to lock up and additional 25 to 30 percent would drive the stake into the heart of what was once the greatest state in the union. Think of it for the future of our beautiful state.

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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