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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,

I am a native Oregonian, and I'm worried about our our beautiful forests. In the last few years we have seen greater numbers of unhealthy trees in our forests that leads to wildfires. No one benefits from seeing millions of board feet of timber rot or burn.

That's why I'm writing to ask that you protect Oregon's forest industry and the 60,000 family-wage jobs Oregonians need now more than ever.

Why would the Board of Forestry consider a state Habitat Conservation Plan that does not make use of sustainable forest practices? We need the timber industry to have a stake in making sure that our timer stands remain viable. I love being out in the woods hiking, fishing and generally enjoying Oregon's beautiful forests. But we need the timber industry to remain healthy for Oregon Jobs and more importantly for the well being of our forests, the woodland creatures that inhabit them and the Oregon people.

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.

Thank you for listening.

Thank you,