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To: ODF_DL_Board of Forestry
Subject: Worried for our state's economy
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Dear Board of Forestry,

I'm an Oregonian , 72, and have lived thru watching the State I love, go up in smoke because of years of poor forest management, which has greatly effect our state's economy.

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 counties' financial condition or needs? Why would you take away even MORE forest land that is necessary for jobs & useable material that can be renewed w proper management? With all the catastrophic wildfires happening now which has reduced our available forest lands significantly for useable resources, it is ludicrous to lock up even more.

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. Affordable housing will never be a reality if there is less material available. Are you old enough to wonder why, when we had an activity timber economy & loggers in our forests, we didn't have catastrophic fires because they were there to control them? And timber companies paid for & handled replanting to keep the cycle going? Who's replanting now?. And who's paying for it? Have we not learned anything in 40 years?

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,