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Dear Members Board of Forestry,

This would crumble clatsop county. Does the governor have aplain for all the people that would be unemployed. Is there aplan to make all the products made from wood. How can someone that knows nothing about the industry call for this. I worked in the woods with my uncle as a kid and now they are logging the areas again. I think they are managing the forest very well. They need to study the birds there worried about and not just shut the woods down. The price of wood products would be so high that the consumer would suffer. The loggers the lumber Mills paper plant would suffer. This would make many loose homes family.

Our state needs a Habitat Conservation Plan that protects family-wage jobs, keeps providing fiber for local mills, and invests in healthy forest management that reduces the risk of catastrophic wildfire. We do not need a plan that puts 10s of thousands of acres off-limits to harvest and forfeits millions of dollars in timber revenues that our communities need. Especially now.

Currently almost all of US Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management timberlands are off-limits for harvest, creating conditions that have driven environmentally devastating, uncontrolled wildfires. Don't put our state lands off-limits, too.

Instead, endorse a plan that includes effective reforestation tools, controlled burns, and smart, science-based forestry.

Do the right thing. Please make sure you keep in mind that the long-term impacts of this plan. The future our communities rely on making sure a Habitat Conservation Plan on our state forests protects critical jobs and a sustainable fiber supply. We need our state to do everything it can to protect jobs and provide revenue for the economy.

Sincerely,

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