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

Doing more of the same management as the USFS on state lands will lead to more overstocked unhealthy stands of timber prone to disease and fire issues. This does not help climate change it actually takes us further down the wrong path. Active management of all state resources is critical to maintain healthy forests and healthy communities.

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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