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To: ODF_DL_Board of Forestry
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Dear Members Board of Forestry,

Please do not turn the state of Oregon into a zoo like state where its alright to stroll by the forest but do not touch! I have lived in Oregon for 75 years and the difference between the 60's and now is unbelievable. My dad who was a cutter then had the right to one snag a year for firewood, in the winter when impossible to work, we were allowed to peel chittem, pick cones , salal cut shake bolts and fence post to make it through the "no work time" we were allowed per family, enough trees for a log home, free Forrest camp grounds. That was our goverments way of doing something back to our tax payers now we working tax payers get nothing, we don't even have our wayside bathrooms along the lengthy highways, they have all been taken away and are only along freeways which most citizens living in the little towns do not use. please rethink what the consequences of this will be for most of us Oregonions.

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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