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Dear Board of Forestry Members,

My name is Kathleen Sullivan, and I am a Clatsop County Commissioner and the forest representative from our county.

Unfortunately, I am unable to attend today's meeting of the Board of Forestry, please accept this email with my comments, as I see the HCP is on the agenda.

As I have stated before, Clatsop County continues to support a balanced forest management plan that includes revenue, habitat, and recreation.

We do not support the view shared by the Chair of the FTLAC, who argues that one value should dominate all others in forest management. I also think it is important to note that the FTLAC Chair does not get the approval of our or other counties before presenting his testimony.

As I have learned more about the issues in state forest management, I understand it is no easy task protecting our timber revenues and timber jobs, while also protecting fish and wildlife, and it seems clear to me the best path forward is a Harvest and Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP).

The coho lawsuit now underway, has objections to more than 60 timber sales on state forest lands. How might this affect revenue? The certainty of a Harvest and Habitat Conservation Plan offers protections from such lawsuits.

The best way to find a balance is an HCP that conserves resources and protects against lawsuits.

We strongly support the HCP as the priority in the process of updating the forest management plan.

Thank you,
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