

Dear Chair Kelly and Board of Forestry Members:

As the XYZ High School Future Natural Resource Leaders (FNRL) teacher, I am writing to express concerns with the Oregon Department of Forestry's (ODF) draft Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP). It is disappointing that the ODF drafted a plan that would reduce timber harvests on state forestlands, resulting in less funding for our school district and hardships for many local families who work in the forest products sector.

- ❑ Include info on school district – schools, location, number of students and faculty, etc.
- ❑ Include how much of district is funded from timber revenue
- ❑ What this means in terms of loss in funding – teacher layoffs? Reduced extracurricular activities?

Our students that participate in FNRL hope to one day be part of the forest sector. Arbitrary reductions in state timber harvest indicate to them that their futures don't matter, not to mention other indirect impacts that our community will face with fewer jobs and revenue to fund public services besides schools.

We ask state policymakers to increase timber harvests and revenues for local schools. Our students, their families, and surrounding communities desperately need the state to strike a better balance of the economic, environmental, and social values these forests support.

Thank you for considering our concerns and our students' futures.