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Sent: Thursday, December 7, 2023 3:38 PM
To: Oregon GWC * ODOE <Oregon.GWC@oregon.gov>
Subject: Collaboration Opportunity: Our Future Advocates for Climate Change and Justice

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To whom it may concern:

I hope this email finds you well. My name is Avery Erdmann, and I am reaching out on behalf of Our Future, Oregon's youth leadership network dedicated to addressing climate change and advocating for climate justice. I recently came across your organization's commendable work in the local environmental sphere, and we at Our Future are eager to explore potential collaborations that can amplify our collective impact on the urgent issues of climate change.

Our Future is composed of passionate young leaders who are committed to driving positive change in our community and beyond. We firmly believe that fostering collaborations with like-minded organizations is crucial in creating a more sustainable and resilient future.

I am writing to express Our Future's interest in establishing a partnership with Oregon's Global Warming Commission. We believe that by joining forces, we can leverage our respective strengths and resources to achieve common goals related to environmental conservation, climate action, and climate justice. Whether it's through joint initiatives, educational programs, or community outreach efforts, we see great potential for collaboration.

Our organization is open to discussing various ways we can work together, and we are eager to hear your thoughts on potential areas of synergy. Additionally, if there are upcoming events or projects within your organization that align with our mission, we would love to explore opportunities for Our Future members to actively participate and contribute. Our team is excited about the prospect of working together to make a meaningful impact on environmental issues in our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to the possibility of joining forces with Oregon's Global Warming Commission to create positive change for our environment and future generations.

Warm regards,
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From: Squarespace <form-submission@squarespace.info>
Sent: Sunday, January 7, 2024 7:50 PM
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Subject: Form Submission - New Form - SL Kindly consider my content pitch

Sent via form submission from [Keep Oregon Cool](#)

Name: Brittany Brittany

Email Address: brittany@financiallywell.info

Subject: SL Kindly consider my content pitch

Message: Hello, and a wonderful day to you!

Mastering the art of interpreting, comprehending, and evaluating financial data stands as a crucial set of skills for executives in the business world. These abilities empower them to make knowledgeable decisions that directly impact the success of their companies.

If your audience is keen to explore this subject further, I'm in the process of crafting an article that delves into these aspects. I'm excited about the opportunity to share it for publication on your website.

Does this proposition pique your interest?

Wishing you the very best,
Brittany Fisher
Creator and Head Writer at Financiallywell.info

P.S. If you'd prefer an article on a different topic, please let me know. That said, I understand if you're not interested in guest posts. Just let me know and I won't reach out to you again.

From: League of Women Voters of Oregon <lwvor@lwvor.org>

Sent: Thursday, January 11, 2024 5:40 PM

To: FORESTRY Boardof * ODF <boardofforestry@odf.oregon.gov>

Cc: Oregon GWC * ODOE <Oregon.GWC@oregon.gov>; Energyweb Incoming * ODOE <askenergy@oregon.gov>

Subject: January 3rd Agenda Item 2, Public Comments – Habitat Conservation Plan – Support

Hello,

Please see attached testimony sent from Peggy Lynch, Natural Resources Coordinator, and Josie Koehne, Forestry Portfolio, on behalf of the League of Women Voters of Oregon.

Best regards,

Staff

League of Women Voters of Oregon

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The League of Women Voters of Oregon, established in 1920, is a grassroots nonpartisan political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government. We envision informed Oregonians participating in a fully accessible, responsive, and transparent government to achieve the common good. LWVOR Legislative Action is based on advocacy positions formed through studies and member consensus. The League never supports or opposes any candidate or political party.

January 11, 2024

**To: [Oregon Board of Forestry](#)
Jim Kelly, Chair
Members of the Board**

Re: January 3rd Agenda Item 2, Public Comments–Habitat Conservation Plan–Support

The League of Women Voters of Oregon (LWVOR) Supports Alternatives 2 & 3 of the Western Oregon State Forests Habitat Conservation Plan.

LWVOR supports Oregon’s statewide land use planning program. Specifically, we support Goal 4 that promotes the management of forest lands for both economic development and their value as natural resources. We believe that the state should have the primary responsibility for establishing statewide planning goals and for supervising and coordinating comprehensive land use plans, with participation by the public, implemented by local and regional governments. Full accounting of all costs, including cumulative ecological impacts, of timber harvests and other forest uses must be considered in forest activity decisions.

In addition, LWVOR believes that water is a resource that should be managed for the benefit of the public and as sustainable habitat for all life forms. The League supports Oregon state policies and statutes that promote comprehensive long-range planning for conservation and management of ground and surface water and the improvement of water quality.

We support the second and third alternatives of [The Western Oregon State Forests Habitat Conservation Plan \(HCP\)](#) which we think best represent the intent of the negotiations and the purpose of an HCP in protecting endangered species as required by federal law.

The Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) presents a balanced approach to satisfying the federal requirement for protecting endangered species while permitting timber harvests on the 640,000 acres of ODF-managed lands. The reasons we support the plan are:

For the timber industry, it provides:

- Clear maps delineating what areas can be logged in the future. That will allow for better planning of future operations and revenue expectations for 70 years.
- A degree of legal assurance for the timber industry that they will be less likely to be subjected to future costly lawsuits for accidental takes.
- An ample number of acres of land that is available for harvest (about half the land) without concern about shrinking permit areas or additional endangered species in the future.
- Financial stability for counties dependent on timber revenues (and we support a separate conversation on county finance).
- The comparative analysis points to more land permitted for future timber harvests going forward in the Habitat Conservation Areas (HCAs) than the current plan.

- Streamlined timber sale process to improve time to market and capture high market prices.
- New tax credit provisions and an agency office responsive to small forest owners to partially compensate them for timber sale losses due to new stream buffer requirements of the Private Forest Accord.

For Oregonians concerned with the conservation of wildlife and high-quality drinking water sources, it provides:

HCA's preserve more contiguous areas (fewer patch areas) for the habitat protection for endangered species as required by federal law:

- Assures protection for streams, with wider buffers to keep streams silt-free and cool enough for fish, including the non-bearing streams that feed into them
- Elimination of costly land surveys prior to timber sales and forest operations, which should free up ODF resources for monitoring and other adaptive management projects
- More assured funding for ODF management through more consistent harvest volume and revenue
- Additional carbon sequestration to mitigate CO2 emissions as a bonus
- Helps with cleaner drinking water resources, improved soils and reduces algae blooms

The plan lives up to ODF's obligation to manage our State Forests for the Greatest Permanent Value for all Oregonians both today and in the future. The EIS report provides tables comparing the plan alternatives, and we conclude that Alternatives 2 and 3 will provide the best outcomes and overall benefits to most Oregonians as we face future climate conditions.

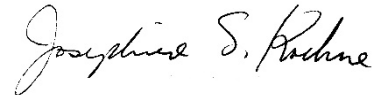
We appreciate the opportunity to submit our comments and hope they will be helpful.



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Josie Koehne
Forestry Portfolio

Cc: [Oregon Climate Action Commission](#), [Oregon Dept. of Energy](#)