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Dave Upthegrove, Commissioner of Public Lands
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Dear Commissioner Upthegrove, Members of the Board of Natural Resources, and DNR staff,

The Clark County Council is writing to you today to share specific timber management requests related to the upcoming Turnover, Copper Head, and Dendrophobia Timber sales.

These three timber sales are all within the larger habitat conservation area identified for the spotted owl and contain structurally complex and older growth maturation 2 forest areas, including almost all of the Dendrophobia sale area. The diversity and structural complexity they contain has benefits for wildlife habitat and carbon sequestration that the council believes are important to conserve as well as recreational and scenic values important to our community. The Council shares the interest of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) in balancing the needs for local economic benefits from timber production as well as promoting the development of older growth and more structurally complex stands in western Washington.

The Council respectfully requests the Department of Natural Resources to re-consider the prescriptions for these three proposed timber sales. Specifically, we request changing the prescriptions from variable retention harvest to a light-to-heavy thin throughout the sale areas in order to promote old growth characteristics of the older leave trees and cultivate more structural complexity and diversity while still generating timber production. If thinning is not a viable option for these areas, the council requests DNR to consider whether these timber sales could be swapped out for more appropriate nearby sale areas with less structural complexity, maturation 2 areas, and potential owl habitat conflicts.

The Council would like to actively work with you on these proposed solutions and receive frequent updates on progress. Thank you for your consideration of the council's requests and for DNR's continued engagement on forestry management issues with the Clark County Council.

Regards,

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