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After years of public input, the State Board of Forestry took a step in the right direction—adopting a Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP). It's not perfect; it still allows logging. But it also protects critical forests and rivers for the future. And the timber barons fought the plan tooth and nail.

Now, they're at it again. Despite decades of aggressive clearcutting, corporate logging giants and their political allies want even more. They are demanding high levels of clearcutting on top of the HCP, and when the Department of Forestry can't reconcile that destruction with conservation laws, let timber corporations sue the state to force even more clearcuts.