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Vested interests affect public management poorly.

To demand high levels of clearcutting on top of the HCP, and when the Department of Forestry can't reconcile that destruction with conservation laws, while allowing timber corporations to sue the state to force even more clearcuts, is immoral, wrong and against the commonwealth.

We MUST cease from profiting from the destruction of necessary forest structures. No private individual, entity, corporation, group, organization etc. should profit in any way from the sale or trade of products or materials produced through our public forests or lands, rather, local individual, entity, corporation, group, organization etc. may be contracted through a fair and rotational contracting systems for services provided to protect, preserve and enlarge the forests biomes at the request of the public agencies require to stewards these lands and lifeforms for our survival and form new, more sustainable companies to provide innovative services in regards to public lands.

Yes, we need to assist, subsidize and support timber companies and corporations to transition and succeed to sustainable, wise and smart forestry practices. Any company or corporation willing and able to protect, manage and expand and grow to the best of our current ability Old Growth forest and increase the overall height and resilience of our forests should be provided funds and governmental advisory staff to assist in this necessary transition. Profits formerly met through timber sales should be met through the extension of educational training, public school educational programs, extensive quality and safe forestry research, and through managerial contracts for filming, and contracted expeditions. The companies most affected by these regulatory changes should be provided the most subsidized assistance to train and transition to better forest stewardship.

That the industrial revolution with the migrating new cultures into this region established deforestation at an alarming rate and thus profited through the sale of timber products is a problem we must resolve; our rural lands are dependent upon merit-dollar-funds from these established practices, laws and regulations. The best and most able minds must be put to work to figure a new policy with the people most vested in the profiteering of product and transition to the profiteering from community educations, betterment and restoring the biome.

We need the biomass, the height, the diversity the chemical exchanges generated through established old growth forests in this region to maintain moisture, atmospheric health and longevity. Anything and everything we can do to do this will help the next generations survive on this planet.