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I have lived within or shortly outside the state forests here for over 25 years and have seen the effects of our increasingly dry summers on them in addition to aggressive logging. One place I lived had the neighboring forest clearcut since I left there. When I went back, it was about 10 degrees warmer and the water in the riparian area was significantly lower than I had ever seen. A dry wind was rattling through the tree branches and it felt like a different place. Managing our state forests primarily for timber is a recipe for sure and certain destruction of our homes and the livability of this area. Wake up people! Who do you work for? Did you mean to make rich people richer when you took your positions? If not, then you will deftly reject this lopsided set of priorities with feeble short-sightedness. Instead, you need to prioritize conditions that promote our most basic need of clean drinking water and promote the goals outlined in the Habitat Conservation Plan. This is where my tax dollars belong, a living and breathing biosphere.

Respectfully Yours,
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