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To Whom It May Concern:

PLEASE INCLUDE THESE SIX IMPORTANT ADDITIONS IN YOUR FOREST PLAN

Forest Plans are normally written to sustain and care for our forests in ways that will benefit the logging industry while keeping the forests green, healthy and viable. Forests are also a healthy, resilient net sink of carbon, which is beneficial to our planet.

As a person with former involvement in the logging industry, I am angry that the proposed Forest Carbon Plan recommends drastically increasing thinning of densely growing trees and allowing the timber industry's usual logging projects. This plan guarantees that California forests will be NET EMITTERS of Carbon for 30-40 years, even though scientists are telling us that emissions must drop precipitously within the next five years if we are to ward off the worst effects of climate change.

It is important for all humans, animals, trees and plants that our forests are healthy. A forest plan based solely on providing money for the rich will never have a good outcome. We need a forest plan that is a win-win for everyone, including our planet. Here's how:

- To effectively deal with climate change, California forests must be healthy, include a substantial population of mature trees, and serve multiple purposes for wildlife and the ecosystem.
- The plan must ensure that forest harvesting and thinning combined do not turn our forests into a carbon source.
- The plan must significantly reduce clearcutting and plantations because clearcutting emits more greenhouse gas emissions than any other form of logging. Clearcutting and even-age management create dense young tree plantations that are highly susceptible to fire.
- The plan must prioritize and safeguard large trees because they store more carbon.
- The plan must prioritize and increase forest diversity to enhance resilience.
- The plan must retain non-hazardous dead trees as they store carbon and provide other benefits.

Please consider replacing your plan allowing logging practices for the rich with the above practices that will benefit the entire planet.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
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