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Comments: As the head of a local environmental organization, we have are concerned about the continued

destruction of old growth forests in our area here in South Puget Sound.

These forests sustain and protect our groundwater aquifers, our sole drinking water supply. They sustain our endangered salmon runs. They are essential to the continued viability of the ecosystems that we rely on for a decent quality of life and for our public health.

We can no longer pretend that the health of our land is somehow separate from our own. There is so little left of the natural world that birthed us humans. How much more will we destroy before we realize we are really destroying ourselves?

Please refocus your efforts on preserving and restoring the landscapes to which we owe our lives, our health and our wealth.

Thank you