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Over is the era of business as usual. Gone are the days of man versus nature being a fair fight. Time is now to stop and regard the tipping point we teeter upon - the havoc wrought upon the forests will be the price we pay to survive on this damaged planet.

Every acre of the Kentucky forests slated to be chopped into commodities with ten or twenty-year lifespans (at most) is worth so much more for the clean air it exhales, the clean water it filters, the wildlife shelters and biodiversity it protects. Don't think those trees - 100 years old and more - can be replaced by forests you plant tomorrow. The century ahead is already hotter, more blasted by storms, droughts, floods - what trees will survive?

Please be on the side of caring for a precious resource that sustains life - instead of destroying it. Honor the Earth by respecting its gifts to us, and bequeath them to your children and grandchildren- and to ours.