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Comments: Dear Friends, we are deeply concerned about our national forests. Our water supply is directly affected by logging and subsequent spraying, as well as the traffic that accompanies it. We are concerned about the mono cropping of replanted areas, as this leads to potential wide ranging insect and fungi exposure that our diversified forests are far better able to cope with. Please consider encouraging more diversity in forest tree replanting, as well as the affects of logging, road construction and bridge building on our long term water quality for drinking and fish survival. At the very minimum, a buffer of 100 to 200 feet should be in place between logging and any surface water to avoid sediment and general contamination, and broad leaved trees must be considered as part of a healthy ecosystem. Logging steep hillsides should be minimized. As our general population increases, along with surface water protection, more emphasis should be placed on recreation and fire management when reviewing any areas to be logged.

Thank you for carefully managing the remaining forests we have. Maintain as much intact forest area as possible, particularly standing old growth, and when setting up sites to log, maintain as much integrity with the diversity of plants and animals as possible, and avoid damaging the overall natural forest structure of biodiversity. Please keep the big picture in mind for generations to come.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

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