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Comments: Hello,

I only sat in on the last talk regarding the management of old growth forests. Much of the talk sounded good except for a back door comment that was quickly stuffed into part of the speech. Sustainable harvesting within old growth forests? Those that study ecosystems understand that forests are ecologically diverse systems with energy inputs and outputs. If you have a glass of water, can you sustainably remove that water without adding more? The answer is no. By removing biomass from a forest you are removing nutrient, or life converting potential. There is no such thing as sustainable harvesting in an old growth forest. Please recognize the value of biologically diverse ecosystems being left alone. No small print. No hidden words that open potential future destruction under the guise of public permission due to lack of attendance. No more please. Let us protect what we have left. Thank you.

Sincerely, Rudra Palmer