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Comments: Now is the time to protect our oxygen source, our health, our livelihood for tourism, and our sequestered carbon bank. We no longer accept that the lumber industry is the dominant recipient of our abundance. No one wants to come to visit a place of death and destruction which is the result of killing our trees in harvest for the immediate benefit of a very select corporate company. We the public have paid that price 13+ times over. The meager offerings made to us through lumber contracts have lacked a true accounting of the price received vs. the price paid by us, our forest, and our animals. The result of clear-cuts is economic hardships in the form of air pollution, floods, fires, pest invasions, lack of livelihood from tourism, increased medical expenses & lawsuits, and destruction of ecosystems that are irreplaceable. The horrible cancer-causing chemicals sprayed on our land that travel into our watersheds and our public and private water systems result in pollution and contamination and are no longer acceptable forestry practice. Enough! It is time for the call of the People to take back ownership of our forest and stand like trees, shoulder-to-shoulder in the canopy of our community to be in right action for our health and our wealth of stewardship. Written by Greta Lee Hollister on this 13th day of September 2024.