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Comments: Hello, I am writing to express my thanks for the work this program has done to promote conservation and biodiversity in our beautiful country. I am not a nearby resident, but I have always hoped to visit the results of your work in person. I am also writing to express my concern about the proposed changes to this program; changes that would weaken protections for precious habitats for the sake of accelerated timber revenue.

I am somewhat acquainted with people and programs dedicated to conservation in the UK, and a steady theme in their work and culture is a theme of grief over the natural beauty and biodiversity they have irrevocably lost due to historically short-sighted industry. Please, do not follow suit. Please, let us have the extraordinary wisdom to learn from the mistakes of others.

Sincerely, James D. Witmer