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To the Old Growth Strategic Review Panel

It was with great dismay that I read two Times Colonist articles (September 1 and October 20, 2019) describing the apparent BC Timber Sales practice of violating the principles of old-growth management plans. In the latest article, the author, Judith Lavoie, mentions two investigations which appear to indicate that BC Timber Sales 'is not complying with rules designed to ensure sufficient old-growth forest is retained to avoid loss of biodiversity'. These investigations focused primarily on the clearcutting underway in the Nahmint Valley near Port Alberni. However, it gives rise to the question of whether or not these practices are occurring elsewhere in the province. It's ironic that the articles bring up this issue, given the government's recent announcement of a first step in a new approach to old-growth management, <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019FLNR0189-001452>. In this announcement, Minister of Forests, lands, Natural Resource Operations, Doug Donaldson, states that 'we want to protect these majestic giants so today's families and future generations can enjoy them, just like our parents and grandparents did.' I urge the government to investigate more fully the extent to which BC Timber Sales is in violation of the province's policies and Vancouver island's Land Use Plan. If violations are found to have been occurring, I would further ask the government to take steps to prevent future occurrences.

Thank you.

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