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Hello,

As a retired biologist, I strongly support the protection of our remaining old growth, climax forests from any commercial use or economic activity - with the exception of low -impact tourism/education sanctioned by stakeholder First Nations.

These forests are a rare gift to all humanity, and must be treated as such. They are NOT mere economic commodities. Logging and forestry interests must be removed from influencing policy-making decisions about these areas. No "tree farm licenses" must be issued. A disturbed, replanted, monocultural tree farm is NOT a forest - with its deep diversity and undisturbed living soil, streams, and extraordinarily varied living organisms of all types.

Traditional "multiple use" strategies are inappropriate, inadequate, and simply wrong for these forests. Some parts of the planet simply need to just be left out of economics. We need a clear, unequivocal, universal policy of protection for these areas, in keeping with the enormous environmental threats facing us in this century. The partial, ad hoc, equivocal, halfhearted compromises of the past are no longer good enough. We have an opportunity here to shine as an example to the entire planet, to the entire human species - and especially to our own future generations.

Thank you for your attention.

Andre Virly