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Dear Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development,

The following is my response to government's request for input on the Old Growth Strategic Review.

1. What old growth means to you and how you value it.

I am a third generation timber harvesting contractor, owner of WWW Timber Products Ltd. and have been in business for 36 years. My company harvests old growth timber from the North/South Island, Sunshine Coast, and the Soo TSA's and their working forest. Access to this working forest is critical to my company's future and success.

I value old growth because my company creates 25 local, stable, well-paid jobs in the Port Alberni, Campbell River and Ladysmith area. These jobs allow people to work where they live and be part of the local community. My company has an annual payroll of \$2.5-3.0 million. We contribute to the local economy and help make Port Alberni a place where people can live AND work. Additionally, my company buys locally from a variety of suppliers—LB Wood Choppers, Barclay Hotel, Dumas Trucking, Wire Rope, and many others. Our work supports other businesses operating in Campbell River, Nanaimo, Port McNeill, Port Hardy, and Ladysmith.

1. Your perspective on how old growth is managed now

Old growth is sustainably managed now because it considers environmental, social, cultural and economic interests together: If there is a moratorium on the harvesting of old growth, our industry will completely shut down. We are currently the highest cost producers in the world, and the only way we will remain relevant in the log and lumber business going forward is to reduce our costs in second growth and to also sustainably harvest our "old growth" forests. This is the only thing that sets us apart from other countries in our business.

2. Environmentally

BC has already protected a significant majority of its rainforests and old-growth. Approximately 50% of the remaining "Old Growth" is protected from harvesting in Parks and Old Growth Management Areas (OGMA's). The Great Bear Rainforest has 85% of its forested area protected from harvesting.

Regards,

Bill Waugh
WWW Timber Products Ltd.

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