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This letter is in regards to the Old Growth Strategic Review. I have lived on Vancouver Island all of my life, with most of my family making a living through logging. I have worked for Western Forest Products since 2004 and reside in Campbell River. Old Growth trees are large, mature trees (250 Yrs +). Herein lies the issue. Hiking through a grove with the sun escalating down through the limbs tends to depict feelings of awe and raw emotion. There is a tendency to want to preserve and protect every one of them, which is creating a negative focus on the logging industry. The very livelihood of many communities on Vancouver Island depend on the logging industry. Of all the forested area, 30% is 'working forest' and 70% is unavailable due to legislative, economic and physical restrictions. 55% of Old Growth is protected on Vancouver Island – not logged and as well, there are safeguards in place to ensure we do not run out of Old Growth Forests. The Great Bear Rainforest Act and Old Growth Management areas were created to protect the Old Growth and harvesting levels in place provide for long term stability. Forest Management ensures an environmentally sound and sustainable managed resource that provides jobs to support families and in turn communities. There are 200+ million trees planted annually in BC. I believe that banning Old Growth logging altogether from the annual allowable cut will create an imbalance in our forest future as well as a catastrophic impact to the future of the families and communities that depend on forestry to maintain their livelihoods.

Regards

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