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**From:** Dora Stroud <strouddora007@gmail.com>  
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To: BC Old Growth Strategic Review Panel

It is with great concern for the province and the planet, and with a sad heart, that I see evidence of old-growth logging continuing to be supported by our Provincial government.

I have lived in BC since childhood and now am retired from the Information Technology sector of the Provincial Government. In addition to my IT education I have over 7 years supporting BC's Carbon Neutral government program and Climate Action Secretariat, specifically implementing and supporting SMARTTEC and SMARTTool in the ministries, SUCH and in Local Governments. Through this program I have had many opportunities to attend formal and informal courses and seminars to study climate change, mitigation and adaptation and earned a Carbon and Energy Leadership certificate from Royal Roads. I have had the great honor of engaging with environment and climate professionals both in and out of the public service.

On a more personal level I have gratefully experienced some of BC's wonderful old-growth forests, not only on Vancouver Island, but on the mainland and recently visited the Great Bear Rainforest. I have walked with friends through paths marked only by flagged tape a few years back, to experience the old growth forest called "Avatar Grove" near Port Renfrew, before boardwalks were built there. I have driven to Cathedral Grove with visitors from Ontario and remember the awe from all as we walked the well-worn paths and experienced the immense trees with their unique ecosystem.

The ancient forests are **treasures** – not only because of the trees themselves, but for the plants, fungi and animals that thrive within their unique and diverse habitat. The old-growth trees and their understory provide a wonderful carbon sink which in the current climate crisis would be foolish to release. Logging and development will release this stored carbon dioxide into the atmosphere, as well as threaten water sheds, salmon spawning grounds and inhibit the biodiversity of these ancient forests. These forests also provide incredible tourism and recreational opportunities and are integral to Indigenous cultures and important to all who live in BC. Old growth forests are not able to be replaced by second growth forest and must be kept intact to retain their incredible value for all generations.

I encourage the logging industry to become a sustainable 2<sup>nd</sup> growth industry which does not resort to removing old growth trees and habitat.

I encourage the BC Government to show strong leadership in 2020 to make changes to the Forest Range practices as identified in the Joint ENGO Submission on Forest and Range Practices Act Phase II Changes. (Available here <https://www.wcel.org/publication/joint-engosubmission-forest-and-range-practices-act-phase-ii-changes>)

The ancient forests left standing are invaluable to the world – much more valuable standing than to be auctioned and felled for economic gain.

With Regard,  
Dora Stroud

On Wed, 11 Dec 2019 at 12:46, FLNR Old Growth BC FLNR:EX <[Oldgrowthbc@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Oldgrowthbc@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Thanks for your interest to meet in person with the Old Growth Strategic Review Panel.

We have received more requests than we are able to accommodate, and unfortunately will not be able to meet with you and/or your group.

Please visit our website for additional opportunities to contribute to the review, including providing a written submission to the panel, taking a survey, and signing up for review updates.

Regards  
Steve

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