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Good morning Garry & Al,

I know this is a last minute plea as the court is due to issue an injunction against protestors today, but I just found out that The Clack Creek forest here on the Sunshine Coast is about to be slashed for...plywood. 10,000 mature and old growth trees are about to be destroyed for...plywood. How on earth, in good conscious, could our government allow this situation to proceed? Being 30 Hectares in size, it is 3/4 the size of Vancouver's Stanley Park! That's a lot of mature forest about to be clear cut and a whole lot of wildlife displaced or destroyed. For plywood? Black Mount Loggers from Squamish are going to cut it all down...for plywood? Bizarre and ridiculous human activity to be sure.

When considering the level of destruction, habitat loss, species transformed into environmental refugees, climate change, let alone the sheer quantity of industrial waste that is branded and celebrated as 'The West Coast Experience', 'The Best Place on Earth' and 'Super Natural British Columbia' It makes the idea of banning plastic straws simply another strategic PR bone thrown by Industry to make us feel we are doing our part to save the planet.

Here is a partial list of species who will pay the real price of our greed and unconsciousness.

Roosevelt Elk, Black-tail deer, Coastal Wolf, Bobcat, Marmot, Weasel, Douglas squirrel, Flying Squirrel, Winter Wren, Pilated Woodpecker, Red Headed Woodpecker, Barred Owl, Red Legged Frog, Coastal-tailed Frog, Ensantina Salamander, Rough-skinned Newt, Pacific Tree Frog, Long-tailed Salamander, Cutthroat Trout, Dolly Varden, Red-breasted Sapsucker, Hammond's Flycatcher, Pacific Slope Flycatcher, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Brown Creeper, Vagrant Shrew, Red-breasted Vole, Deer Mouse, Long-tailed Vole, Gnome Plant, Pinesap, Candystick, Indian Pipe, Western Coral Root, Western Red Cedar, Douglas-fir, Western White Pine, Western Hemlock, Flat Moss, Step Moss, Sword Fern, Lady's Fern, Salal, Oregon Grape, and Common Raven.

Also, 165 species of fungi found documented across the wider Elphinstone Forest Park expansion area, including edibles such as Winter and Summer Chanterelle, Cauliflower, Pine, Liquorice Fern, Black Bear, and Crow.

In my view, it's unfathomable that the Provincial Government Of B.C. could consider for even a

second, allowing any forest region that even remotely resembles a mature forest or an Old Growth Forest...to be slashed and hauled away for profit and or stumpage fees.

Thank you both for the work you're currently doing to come up with a new Old Growth forestry plan. I hope your suggestions are taken seriously and to the letter, and I hope the information I've provided here about Clack Creek, will be of use.

Gary Sean Loewen