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Subject: Old Growth Strategic Review written submission

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 first generation timber harvesting contractor, owner of TimberCraft Contracting Ltd. and Integrated Operations Group Inc and have been in business for 38/10 years respectively. My companies harvest old growth timber from the coastal working forest. Access to this working forest is critical to my company's future and success.

I value old growth because my company creates on average 15 local, stable, well-paid jobs in Campbell River, Duncan & Port Alberni. These jobs allow people to work where they live and be part of the local community. Additionally, my company buys locally from a variety of some 30 local suppliers!

2. Your government website detailing a summary of OG creates a great perspective on how old growth is currently being managed - and yet it misses a critical point for anyone with an interest in OG. How much OG is currently reserved in parks and other tenure/management structures! This messaging must get to the people that own this resource - it is GOOD NEWS!
Old growth is sustainably managed now because it considers environmental, social, cultural and economic interests together. We the people through you the government need to make tough decisions. Decisions that are intended to be what is best for the environment, people & society. Not best for few that make great use of social media to manipulate perceptions and have an unexamined real impact on people.

Best Regards
Sig Kemmler.