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To whom it may concern

I am writing today to comment on the state of old growth management in BC. I was heartened to see the NDP government launch this strategic review; up to this point, its management of BC's natural resources had been a major disappointment for me. Despite a campaign promise to manage old growth through ecosystem-based management, felling of the provinces most productive forests has continued unabated under this governments tenure. I believe the province should institute a total ban on old growth logging, at least on the coast, and protect some existing high productivity old growth within parks so logging interests have no loopholes to exploit. My reasoning is fairly simple. Standing, these forests provide significant value to us as a province-they are habitat for wildlife, they sequester carbon, they are a tourist attraction, they are part of our provincial identity, they clean the air and water, they support salmon fisheries, and so on. This is significant value that is distributed amongst the public. Logging them represents transferring all of that public value into private profits. In most cases, this represents a net loss of value, but since the private profits are clear and monetary they are emphasized. However old growth is effectively a non renewable resource-in human time frames, at least. So we can stop logging them now and retain their significant public value, while suffering from minor economic hardship, or we can stop logging them when there are non left, at which point the forestry sector will suffer the same economic hardship but the public value will have disappeared. To me, this is a simple equation. That said, I do not believe forestry workers should be ignored; there will be a transition to make and the government should help with that. But we cannot keep destroying our natural heritage so wantonly.

Thanks for your time

Jack Hall