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Hello,

I am a volunteer with Search and Rescue on Vancouver Island who has the privilege of getting to spend time in old growth forest. Yet I spend a great deal more time in clearcuts and 2nd or 3rd growth approximations of forest. These 'managed ecosystems' share little in common with the old growth ancestral lands.

I would respectfully ask for a mandated immediate halt to ALL old-growth logging on both public AND private lands in BC.

I would respectfully ask for public monies to be set aside for the following actions:

- 1 - enforcement costs for a ban on all old-growth logging
- 2 - survey work to identify and map remaining old growth stands on public and private lands
- 3 - a land acquisition fund to purchase stands of old-growth from private companies

Furthermore, I firmly believe that it is imperative that any legislation banning or prohibiting logging of old growth forests in BC must have TEETH. It is not enough just to declare such logging prohibited. There must also be enforcement provisions in any such act that make actions contravening the prohibition not just criminal, but COSTLY. We have seen over and over again individuals and corporations all too gladly choose to contravene inconvenient laws in exchange for a slap-on-the-wrist or a small fine when the costs of breaking the law are so much less than the profits to be gained by doing so.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak on behalf of our last old-growth stands.

Respectfully,  
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