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I have been a resident of B.C for the last 25 years and a logger for 24 of them. I moved to the north island from Nova Scotia in 1994 in search of work and a chance to live in one of the most beautiful places on earth My family and I are avid outdoorsmen who enjoy the forests and waterways every spare moment we have. As a resident of the north island I have been employed by WFP as a logger and now part of the management team. Throughout my career Western Forest Products has taught me very valuable lessons in managing the forest and a diverse ecosystem. In coastal BC there are 8.4 million hectares of forested and 3.5 million of old growth the THLB on coastal BC is represented by 2.6 million hectares The remaining 5.8 million is unavailable for harvest due to legislative restrictions or physical and economical restraints

As a citizen of Port McNeill which is primarily a logging community we are dependent on only 30 percent of the forest land as loggers to make a living to raise our family's and be a healthy part of society to bring revenue to this province. There has been a steady decline in good jobs on the north island in my twenty plus years here and if we keep losing more and more there will just be more ghost towns

left in BC and less tax revenue for the province We can all work together to keep this province clean and healthy

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