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Dear Al Gorely and Garry Merkel,

Yes the forest industry has been a major contributor to the economy. However like many other industries it has to adjust to the 21st century. Cutting old-growth must cease and harvesting within a kilometer of any water course must cease as well. The wood harvest industry has been the direct cause of both river pollution and landslides.

The old-growth is the heart of a forest not only in sustaining its particular varieties but providing the resources for the rest of the forest's families be they animal, insect or vegetation.

The industry can still contribute but it must do so to by becoming a full partner both vertically and horizontally in the full management of our forest resources. The industry must convert to "engineered lumber" and move itself into a growth system similar to an agriculture mode.

Additionally the industry must cease spraying reforested plantings with chemicals that cull out "unwanted " varieties as well the planting of non- indigenous varieties must cease.

Yes these suggestions will result in some communities ceasing to exist, but they are simply one industry communities whose life was never going to exist economically beyond a given date.

In closing, the industry has caused its own demise through greed. Yes the investors need a return, but the management failed in the long run to conduct the industry in a proper fiduciary manner.

Sincerely,

William Taylor