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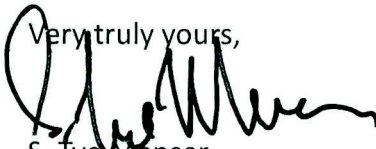
Board of Natural Resources  
111 Washington St SE  
Olympia, WA 98501

Dear Board of Natural Resources:

I am the Thurston County Commissioner representing the district where most of Thurston's part of Capital State Forest (CSF) is located. I ask that you cancel proposed CSF sales of "Carrot" and "Cabbage Patch" being considered by the Board of Natural Resources on January 3, 2024.

These two parcels were recently identified as of high importance to the residents of Thurston County and were included in our recent request to swap these mature, structurally-complex forest pieces for younger, newly-acquired lands, pursuant to the Legislature's Natural Climate Solutions proviso. (Exhibit A.) Although these parcels were not selected by DNR — indeed, none in our county were, despite our multiple requests — the letter informing us of that non-selection indicated that DNR would continue to work with Thurston County on use of several other "tools and their usefulness in managing county trust lands." (Exhibit B.) In addition, Commissioner Franz has repeatedly indicated her willingness to work with local communities on forest management issues, specifically related to the protection of mature, carbon-dense forestlands. (See, e.g., Exhibit C.) If the parcels at issue are cut before these discussions can take place, the assurances of goodwill and collaboration we have relied on from DNR would be compromised.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Although I write on behalf of myself and not the full Board --- because we are on a holiday break --- this request is very consistent with multiple previous requests from our entire Board of County Commissioners. Please let us know if we can provide any further information to assist you.

Very truly yours,  
  
S. Tye Menser

Thurston County Commissioner, District 3