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Duane Emmons
Assistant Deputy Supervisor, State Uplands
Washington State Department of Natural Resources
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Olympia, WA 98504

CC: Board of Natural Resources

Dear Mr. Emmons,

Thank you for the time you spent with us discussing co-management of state-owned forestlands. We look forward to continued conversation regarding how we can meet our community's goal of protecting all 2,110 acres of unprotected pre-1945 forest on DNR-managed lands in Thurston County.

We are excited about the prospect of protecting many of those acres in your new program under the Climate Commitment Act. Pursuant to your invitation, the Thurston County Board of County Commissioners would like to request the following cuts/sales be considered for inclusion, in the following priority order:

- Starwagon
- Chai
- Juneau
- Carrot
- Evergreen Gold
- Cabbage Patch
- Bears

We request the preceding list of sales be evaluated by DNR for whether they contain mature stands that meet DNR's definition of "Maturation 1." If they do, Thurston County would like the acres of structurally complex stands within those sales be nominated for the 2,000 acres, in the priority listed above. In other words, if there are acres within any of these sales that don't contain structurally complex, mature forests, then they should not be nominated for the 2,000 acres. (In Cabbage Patch, for example, only units 4 and 5 contain structurally complex forest.)

We additionally request a pause on potential upcoming sales of Carrot and Cabbage Patch, as we would like the mature stands within those sales to be nominated for the 2,000 acres, as reflected on our priority list.

Thank you for your assistance and do not hesitate to contact us if we can provide any further information.

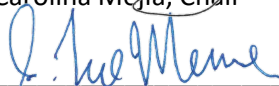
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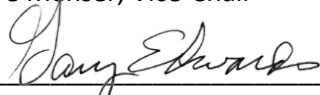
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