

Having lived here on the North Oregon Coast for almost 28 years, I have seen the alarming results of "legal" logging practices on the forests, slopes, and waters all around me. I can't believe that Oregon continues to sanction such archaic practices including the lack of adequate buffers along streams, huge clearcuts, the failure to protect steep slopes, and the indiscriminate use of poisons with minimal consideration of people and drinking water.

I have worked for years with the local Watershed Council and Land Trust in the hope of improving communications and minimizing harm. Alas the Forest Practices Act is nearly useless. The impacts here have grown far worse with the accelerating exports to China. We have become a colony of China with few benefits from the trade and great harm.

Somehow we have lagged far behind California and Washington in our forest practices. Here on the north coast, it has only gotten worse as ownership has steadily shifted to ever larger and less local corporations.

I appreciate any help you can offer.

Regards,
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