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Dear legislators. Please understand how imperative it is to save and nurture what few forests we have remaining. We can no longer focus on sustainable but must focus on regenerating what forests we have lost. Forests must be realized for their many functions and not just for their timber. Forests are the lifeline for our climate, water, fish, wildlife and us, humans. I appreciate your dilemma to support the timber industry and to support the 'soft' industry of the natural world which is so much more difficult to put a price on. Impossible really. Our natural world is priceless. Please realize the necessity to preserve and expand what little forest ecosystems we have left. Thank you for your tireless work.