

It is essential that the perspective of maintaining healthy ecology and sustainable environment be the over-arching principle to now apply for all planning and decisions made about Crown lands and privately owned forested lands.

In discussions in our community we have noted that clean water in our rivers, streams, and lakes, healthy habitat for fish, riparian areas, beaver dams, swamps, appeal to tourism, provision for wild crafting, areas for cultural purposes, recreation, and other forest uses besides logging all can come into balance seen through this lens.

An immediate moratorium on all logging of old growth forest will give us time to reassess intelligently, preserving important biodiversity, watersheds and wildlife habitat, while addressing climate change the most effective way BC has to offer by sequestering the most carbon possible in forested areas.

Thank you,  
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