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## Unit 17-1 VDT Commercial Prescription

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RE: Unit 17-1 VDT Commercial Prescription

Dear BLM,

I am a landowner at [REDACTED] Thompson Creek road, as are my son, daughter-in-law and two grand children at [REDACTED] Thompson Creek road and we sincerely object to the proposed helicopter logging of this site for a variety of sensible reasons and some being extremely critical in nature.

This section was already logged less than 15 years ago and is no longer a dense growth of forest by any standard, and presently represents a pretty idealistic spacing of trees. Therefore, the logic for the reduction of fuel for fire suppression is not reasonable. However, the real critical reasons for not removing more trees are that of water, air and soil preservation. Logging this area will create a gap of decades in the local ground water cycle, where we are already at a deficit. Removing trees will also increase erosion and interrupt the creation of new top soil. In addition, it will significantly reduce the moisture and oxygen given back into the air, which in turn, creates a greater fire hazard.

I realize that this is a relatively small project in the grand scheme however, we need to act locally in order to positively effect the global situation which is totally critical and rapidly deteriorating. At a time when over 1500 acres of worldwide forest land are becoming desert every hour, it seems to me that we should be preserving the forests that we have.

If there is one thing I wish I could do for my children and grandchildren, it would be to stop removing trees. Trees are *THE* vital link to the air, water and soil production on this planet and our future generations are at great risk without any one of these three vital elements. We have been taking for granted, the role that forests play in our ultimate survival and we are facing a very serious situation and need to take corrective measures now, before it gets much worse

Please consider our sincere objections to this proposal and the forest facts which are taken from "The Last Hours

Of Ancient Sunlight" by Thom Hartmann, an outstanding and vital book on the global situation in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, as you discuss and plan for your upcoming projects.

Thank you,

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