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To whom it may concern:

I am writing this letter to add my voice to the many thousands urging you to leave the last of our ancient forests alone. In this day and age of rapidly escalating global warming, where we know that only about five percent of the virgin forests in the U. S. remain, for the life of me I cannot understand how anyone with a functioning brain can possibly think that to clearcut the last remnants of these wondrous trees is sound policy.

Timber corporations revel in declaring "trees are America's renewable resource..." Fine: let them go back to the forests they clearcut 40 or 50 or even 100 years ago, and cut once again. If their previous cuts have truly been sustainable, they should have no problem in cutting the timber they now seek. If those cuts have in fact not regenerated successfully, then they should not be permitted at all to work their folly on what remains of our forests.

For those of you in positions of power who can say "yes" or "no" to these clearcuts: I urge you to go walk

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in a 40 year old clearcut - they are not hard to find,
in Oregon - and then to walk in one of the last bits
of our ancient forests, and to search your conscience.
As the destruction in that clearcut the legacy you want
to leave your grandchildren's children? Can you
really feel that clearcuts have no effect on global warm-
ing? Is corporate profit more important than pre-
serving what is left of the ancient forests? Or
will you use your power to aid and abet those who care
only for money as they continue the rape of our beautiful
Mother Earth? If, indeed, to aid and abet the uncaring
greedy is your choice, I can only hope that God has
the wisdom to see to it that you spend Eternity in
one of those clearcuts for which you will be responsible.
I could not be more sincere, and I welcome your response.

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