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Hi:

Thank you for your reply and the attached material. I appreciate the effort to reach out and inform, however, I did not find anything in it to justify the proposed logging. The word "balance" is used too many times in the powerpoint presentation, the same very "balance" which is so glaringly absent to me witnessing the diminishing and sick forest around me.

One important point to remember is that LRMPs were instituted because of the perceived "never ending" agenda of environmentalists asking for more areas to preserve. It was to establish a clear working forest base which would allow planning. I am appalled at seeing this eroded, with logging in WHMA (across Canyon Creek), logging accepted by the recent Task Force for protected area and the list goes on...documenting the never ending agenda of forest cutting from oversized cut allocations and concurrent oversized mills.

I just closed Andrew Nikiforuk's book "the Empire of the Beetle" which fuels my need to speak out. From it I understand that "salvage" logging is an added tragedy to the infestation and the fire risks are grossly exaggerated. I will only mention the "man made" aspect of the infestation from fire protection to climate warming which does not shed a hopeful light on human interventions clad under "management".

I am opposed to dismantling the LRMP core ecosystem protection starting with the Quick ecosystem. In my view it is unnecessary, particularly when the BV Timber Supply is coming up for review. I do not wish to see it set as a precedent. I assumed that it also had been set aside to establish wildlife corridors which are so important for their survival.

Thank you for allowing me to present my comments.

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