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Dear CRB:

As you probably know, there is an increasing trend towards logging in areas covered by protections under the LRMP and SRMP. PIR's current proposal to amend the Forest Stewardship plan is up for public comment and I intend to submit a comment about that separately.

What I am writing you about at this time is the logging that is going on in the WHMA that lies between Ganowkwa and Canyon Creeks near their confluence. Logging has already begun within or at the borders of this area and it is my understanding that the plan includes logging within the WHMA. Under Sec. 6.3 of the SRMP, such logging can only occur where it is: "appropriate and compatible with wildlife and habitat conservation objectives."

I am not sure what habitat or wildlife conservation objective is being served by what appears to be a commercial logging enterprise. My concern is heightened by the fact that my property on Jollymore lies in close proximity to two WHMAs and I view their existence as lending significant value to my quality of life. They provide a reservoir of intact forest and wildlife habitat that I would hate to see destroyed. With logging going on in a nearby WHMA, I am concerned that nothing prevents the spread of such activities to all WHMAs regardless of the terms of the SRMP.

I would welcome a response at your earliest convenience.

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