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I am writing to you as the above matter is of great personal concern to me and fellow Bowen islanders. We are a small island community which cannot support the impact of industrial logging.

Sensitive watersheds are located in each of the five areas selected for potential logging, and these watersheds directly supply the requirements for each nearby neighbourhood. They are in areas set aside for recreational development with hiking trails and parkland, and in some places directly adjoin nature and ecological reserves.

The affects of logging have already been unhappily seen on the island with the development of Cape Roger Curtis, with huge trucks endlessly clogging the roads and dispersing other vehicles on a limited ferry service. The roads have deteriorated and one of the heaviest costs faced by a small municipality is road maintenance. We cannot afford these costs in future. However, damage to the natural landscape is even greater in terms of habitat loss and erosion to stream beds, forest slopes and, as all areas selected for logging are on sloped areas, there is no way damage could be minimal.

With increasing population growth in the lower mainland, there are fewer and fewer green and natural spaces kept intact. Bowen Island is recognized and valued as a special place, close to industrialized towns, where people can wander in the parks and trails, hike the mountains, relax on the shorelines and restore their souls. Tourists are not here to enjoy the sounds, smells and sights of industrial logging. It is so important to keep safe, as much as possible, one of the best natural assets in this part of the world.

Please work to ensure that there is no further logging on Bowen Island.

Thank you.

Allene Drake