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Honourable elected members, officials and stewards of our peoples and land,

As a community member of Nexwlexm (Bowen Island), I am dismayed to hear that a timber license has been granted to log parcels of Bowen Island.

Logging on a commercial scale cannot happen here for a number of reasons including harm to wildlife, habitat, our water systems and watersheds, ecological and economic values. We are a small island with a growing population. Many of us have traversed the back woods and forests, leaned against the trees, picked wild berries, watched squirrels and other wildlife forage food, listened to the birds converse. We live here for the intact ecosystems that support our physical, mental and spiritual wellbeing.

Logging would disrupt that in irreparable ways. I don't believe I am speaking dramatically when I express concern over the scarred landscapes, wrecked habitats, noise, pollution, silted watersheds, and increased industrial traffic that logging would bring to and overwhelm our small island. Others in our community can speak to the ways it would harm the economy as Bowen continues to provide a haven for Bowen Islanders, tourists and others seeking a natural respite from an increasingly crowded and urban environment.

The forests are our medicine.

Please help us in protecting this land and forests on this beautiful island for current and future generations.

All my relations
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