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Dear Mayor and Council,

I am a resident of Bowen Island, BC and am writing to you to express my disapproval regarding the proposed logging on Bowen by BC Timber Sales. Bowen is a small, community, where logging would not only affect our island identity but would also create numerous terrible side effects.

Any logging, and even the best logging, heavily damages the ecological functions of the cut forests. Wildlife habitat is lost. Recreational values can be compromised, or badly damaged. Road building intercepts natural runoff, focuses flow, increases erosion, and can lead to siltation in streams that affects water quality. Drinking water quality and stream habitat for fish and invertebrates can be damaged.

Logging operations create noise, whether by road construction, cutting and yarding timber, or hauling, that impacts residents, visitors, recreationalists and tourism operators.

Because all the proposed logging areas are on high and sloping ground, this noise will travel widely across the island. Likewise for visual impacts.

Clear cuts create visual scars on landscape, and many of the logged areas will be visible from many parts of the island, and nearby waters. Logging trucks will take space on the ferry, and sometimes that will be inconvenient for us. Our island brand, so much built around being a get-away and quiet place, is at risk.

I do not support ANY logging on Bowen Island.

Mary Lynn Machado

Resident of Bowen Island, BC.