

Dear [Thurston County Commissioner's Name],

**I support your efforts to stop the DNR's proposed logging in the Capitol Forest.**

The area, formerly named Bears U1 & U2, overlooks the McLane Creek and Nature Trail. It's one of Thurston County's **best, accessible hikes** where you can soak in the natural beauty of our evergreen state.

The area is home to elk, deer, ducks, salmon, salamanders, and a wide variety of birds, among other wildlife. It's a calming view where you can put noisy city-life behind. Turning the horizon into a logging wasteland of tree stumps, logging debris, and spindly leave-trees would be heartbreaking. It's such a beautiful ecosystem!

Additionally, these woods contain more than 7 acres of older-growth trees in a structurally complex forest, serve as a key carbon capture for the well-populated Olympia and Tumwater area. We owe it to future residents to protect it.

Instead of auctioning this resource, please fight for it. Encourage the DNR to take Bears U1 and U2 off the chopping block. **Save McLane!**

Thank you for advocating for our county and taking my concerns to heart.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]