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Subject: Acknowledge Unsustainable Timber Industry in SFRA

Dear Mr. Sargent,

Dear Mr. Greis and Mr. Wear,

Thank you for being so balanced and objective in the Southern Forest Resource Assessment. Some people are saying that 270 million acres will be cut by the timber industry, whereas 30 million will be lost to sprawl. I do not understand this statement! I understand that 270 million acres will be harvested, but what if they are reforested? Would it not be better to harvest 270 million acres and reforest them than to lose 30 million acres to urbanization. I believe the best land use for the south is forestry, any way it comes. It could be natural or planted, but it is lightyears better than malls and Home Depots! Thank you for letting us know the truth about our southern forests. Do not over react and change the outcome of your report because of political decisions.

Thank you for your time,

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Sincerely,

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