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Subject: regarding Southern Forest Resource Assessment

I have some comments about the recently released SFRA. I think the report grossly understates the impacts of the timber industry and industrial forestry practices on our southern forests. I think that the biggest threat to our forests is not urban/suburban sprawl but the practices of industrial forestry such as the doubling of the use of chemicals and the planting of single species. I think the report uses "sustainability" in reference to the availability of wood fiber content, not ecological sustainability. You do not take into account that greater wood fiber production/acre has impacts on long term soil productivity and species biodiversity because of heavy use of chemicals, genetically modified trees and monocropping of these trees. You make no references to the effects of the above on our bird populations and other species that are markers for forest health. You don't address the impacts of industrial logging, ditch digging, and wetland destruction. Let me point out that communities in which the paper industry is present are poorer than those in which forests are used for outdoor recreation purposes. Sincerely, Elena Day, 151 Buckingham Circle, Charlottesville, VA 22903.