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Subject: Southern Forest Resource Assessment Comments

Mr. John Greis

Dear Mr. John Greis,

Thank you for providing the public with an opportunity to comment on the draft of the Southern Forest Resource Assessment (SFRA). I am writing to urge you to include a fuller analysis of ecological and socio-economic sustainability and to acknowledge the threat posed by the continued expansion of industrial forestry in the final version of the report.

The draft Assessment leaves the reader with too many questions unanswered. I hope you will rectify this oversight in the final version of the report, as well as provide appropriate attention to the threats generated by the increasingly intensive forest management in the South. The loss of forestland to sprawl poses a serious threat. But the impacts of over-harvesting and conversion to plantations are exacerbated by the cumulative effects of urbanization, as remaining natural forests become even more important to sustaining wildlife habitat, water quality, scenic beauty, recreation, tourism and the value-added wood products industry.

Sincerely,

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