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A letter on the probable logging of Pisgah and Nantahala National Forests

Dear Kristin Bail, USFS North Carolina Forest Supervisor,

My name is Byron Benter, and I am from Fort Collins, Colorado. I am contacting in regard to the recent proposal to allow logging on a large scale in Pisgah National Forest.

I have only spent a few summers in Pisgah National Forest as a summer camp counselor, but I know that the area is a special place to many who live in the area. And, although I do not live in the state, it has become improbably important to me.

I'm a rationalist - but there is something ephemeral about the existence and sanctity of a forest in the midst of civilization. The possible logging of the area is not just a matter of immediate and physical utility - it creates a psychological effect on a population. The logging of a place that is set aside as untouchable is like graffitng a church: the act would disgrace a location we hold dear, both logically and psychologically.

I hope that you will consider leaving Pisgah National Forest untouched - both for the benefit of the forest and the people that love it so.

Sincerely,

Byron Benter