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Protection of Big Ivy

I live on the side of Snowball Mountain. I moved here, one of the final pieces of private property bordered by Pisgah on three sides, with a very specific intent. I am here to steward and protect what I have decided is one of the singular important ecosystems in the world.

I say this as a conservation ecologist, working in this region and all over the world for 15 years. This watershed with the rare and endangered Southern Appalachian montane and spruce-fir ecosystems and equally priceless and rare rich cove ecosystems create an unique environment that occurs no where else.

The opportunity for cliffside trail systems, educational forest areas and recreational activities is unparalleled. This is part of Buncombe county's limited forest resources. With the burgeoning growth of the urban areas and the rapid expansion oit ot is more important than ever to protect the forests and leverage their recreational value.

Seriously look at the urban growth of Buncome County and project forward 5, 10, 20 years. Whatever nominal value recieved by lumber from these woods would be wasted on the greatwr opportunity of a mature multi-purpose forest.

I am here to do my oaet protecting what I have isolated as one of the moat important ecosystems in the country. I honed in on this spot for this reason. Let's work together to ensure this forest stays in tact and its real value can be enjoyed for generations to come.

Please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

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