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Plan Revision Team Leader,

I am an author and freelance writer with two books and several articles in my archive regarding old growth forests. I have also nominated a handful of record specimens, and field checked remote champion trees American Forests. My concerns today surround plans to log forests at Brushy Mountain and Granite City.

In our redwood forests of the West Coast, arguably the greatest forest known to mankind, we are left with less than 5% of the old growth that existed prior to colonization. Wouldn't preserving 25% or even 10% of this impressive cloak have been a reasonable compromise to the needs of a developing civilization?

In the southern Appalachians, there is even less old growth remaining. Any old growth, or even nascent old growth, should be managed for protection. I urge you to carefully consider the ramifications of logging at Brushy Mountain. Your legacy is at stake.

Sincerely,

Tyler Williams

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