

December 19, 2008

Via Postal and Email

3414 ½ Fremont North
Seattle, Washington 98103

Chris Lipton
Washington State Manager
Longview Timber Corporation
Box 667
Longview, Washington 98632

Re: Longview Timberlands' Properties in King, Snohomish & Chelan Counties

Dear Mr. Lipton,

Some of the lands owned by Longview Timberlands in Washington State have significant environmental values, such as natural unroaded areas, old growth forests, remote lakes and wild rivers. Portions are very steep or high elevation. Several are in the Skykomish Valley in King and Snohomish Counties, and the Wenatchee River valley in Chelan County. These parcels are surrounded by national forest lands. Several of these parcels are adjacent to existing federal wilderness areas and are eligible for inclusion in those protected areas. Others are along streams that have been recommended for inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System. The organizations listed below believe these lands should be permanently protected, and we would like to work with you on options for protection.

Earlier this year, Longview began building roads and logging on these sensitive lands in the Skykomish valley. Recently some of Longview's lands in Chelan County have been put up for sale in blocks that invite developers, not timber managers. We would like to meet with you to discuss possible alternatives and explore paths for permanent protection of these sensitive lands. Our organizations have contributed to the acquisition of selected Longview lands, including several parcels in Chelan County along Negro Creek and Icicle Ridge, and parcels in the Wallace River and North Fork Skykomish valleys.

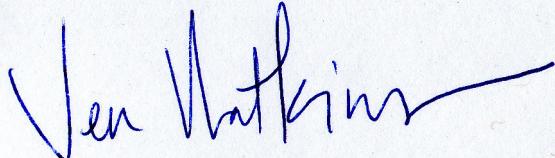
Listed below are the key parcels in the Skykomish valley that we would like to review with you. Until such time that we have had a chance to fully explore alternatives, we ask that you defer road building, logging, and other ground disturbing activities.

- Embro Lake - T26N, R13E, S17 - 640 acres
- Windy Ridge/Iron Goat- T26N, R13E, S09 640 acres
- Grotto Mountain - T26N, R11E, S09 320 acres
- Maloney Creek - T26N, R11E, S35 - 320 acres
- River Shores and Other Sensitive Areas - Several parcels along the Miller, Beckler and Tye Rivers and near Lake Serene, Mt. Persis and Index and Deception Creeks.

Members of our community are reviewing the Chelan County tracts to identify those of particular environmental sensitivity to discuss at our meeting as well.

We wish to meet with you at your earliest convenience. Please contact Jen Watkins at 206-675-9747 or jwatkins@conservationnw.org to arrange a meeting. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jen Watkins". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Jen" on the left and "Watkins" on the right, connected by a horizontal line.

Jen Watkins, signed on behalf of:

Alpine Lakes Protection Society

American Whitewater

Conservation Northwest

Friends of the Wild Sky

The Mountaineers

North Cascades Conservation Council

Sierra Club

Volunteers for Outdoor Washington

Washington Wilderness Coalition

cc: Blake Rowe, President, Longview Timberlands
Ron Simon, Longview Timberlands