

The FTLAC (Forest Trust Land Advisory Committee) does NOT reflect the economic, social, and environmental values that I, most of my community, and visitors to our area hold dear. The FTLAC proposals:

- Cutting older growth to prevent it from becoming habitat to endangered species is downright sinister. Older growth forests are essential for healthy salmon populations.
- Logging for MAXIMUM profit spells environmental degradation beyond anything we have seen yet. Coming from a watershed (Nehalem River) that is mostly under private industrial ownership, we have seen the horrendous results of logging for maximum profits. Safe drinking water, recreation, the healthy nature of wild land (versus tree farms) are all essential components of what we call "Forest." Our children and grandchildren will be ignorant of what it is to know and value a wild place, a wild forest.
- State forest lands should stay with the state and should not be returned to county "management".

We need greater protections of our forests, rivers and streams and soils.....not less

Please include my comments as testimony.

Regards,  
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