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UVIC Law report re: logging and climate impact

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Hello friends,

Save Our Holmes Society in Youbou, BC is one of the many communities that borders privately managed forest land. As the effects of the climate emergency accelerate and deepen, with forest fires and droughts becoming more frequent and severe, we asked the Environmental Law Centre at the University of Victoria to answer this question: “What does *due diligence* mean in the era of climate change as it relates to The Private Managed Forest Land Act?”

We are so grateful they felt this question was worth the time and effort it took to research and respond to.

What actions should private managed forest land owners take to prevent the foreseeable impacts of climate change? How should the government change regulations to protect habitat and prevent biodiversity loss?

Although we are thankful that approximately 1,000 hectares of the forest above our community were sequestered in Mosaic Forest Management’s carbon credit program, we remain convinced that the owners of hundreds of thousands of hectares of forests on Vancouver Island have an obligation to future proof this precious natural asset.

This document, we feel, shows us a path forward.

Sincerely,

Dee Watt

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Document pages of interest

Climate projections for the Cowichan Valley Region (GeoHazard Survey) **Page 7 2.2.1**

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Advocates for the forests of Youbou/Meade Creek and everything that thrives within it.



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