



THE LAST STANDS ON THE COAST

What does a **Green Recovery** look like for our forests?

Our province is experiencing a climate and biodiversity crisis. Protecting our last natural forests on the Sunshine Coast is critical to wildlife habitat as well as our own life-support systems. There are more plans for an unprecedented level of logging in our remaining local forests, further fragmenting and degrading what little is left. Logging should be restricted to previously logged second growth forests only.

We need intact natural forests to stabilize our climate, ensure the survival of native species, secure our water supply, support our economy through tourism, enrich our community well-being and more. Please help protect them.

It's time to stand up for Sunshine Coast forests.

NATURAL FORESTS ON OUR COAST THAT ARE SCHEDULED TO BE LOGGED IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS:

Dakota Bear Sanctuary	Egmont Peninsula Forests	Halfmoon Bay Mushroom Forest	Mount Elphinstone	Above Gibsons	McNair & Rainy River
Ancient and old growth forest, bear dens and culturally modified trees	Around Klein Lake, North Lake, Waugh Lake, Ruby Lake	In the interurban forest zone	Overlapping the proposed Mt. Elphinstone Park expansion area	Within Gibsons' Aquifer Recharge Zone	The Howe Sound
SAVED!	2 TIMBER SALES W/ ~17 CUTBLOCKS	2 TIMBER SALES W/ ~5 CUTBLOCKS	3 TIMBER SALES W/ ~15 CUTBLOCKS	3 TIMBER SALES W/ ~7 CUTBLOCKS	10 TIMBER SALES W/ ~20 CUTBLOCKS

WHAT'S AT STAKE?

<p>MARCH 1, 2021: Squamish Nation and Province of BC sign agreement to protect the Dakota Bear Sanctuary bringing an eight year campaign to an end*.</p> <p><i>*Elphinstone Logging Focus sponsored bear den study by McCrory Wildlife Services recommends protection of 450 ha of continuous forest in surrounding area.</i></p>	<p>Negative impacts to the visual integrity of surrounding tourism sites.</p> <p>Drinking water quality compromised.</p> <p>Local habitat loss for elk, cougars, wolf, bears, turtles and rare plants.</p> <p>Safety risk due to poor highway conditions (such as sight lines, sinking pavement).</p>	<p>Prime mushroom harvesting site.</p> <p>Rare red-listed (endangered) plant community.</p> <p>Loss of the 1% remaining old-growth in the area.</p> <p>Possible loss of First Nations culturally modified trees (needs assessment).</p>	<p>Last and only opportunity to protect a substantial low elevation natural forest on the lower Sunshine Coast.</p> <p>Loss of established trails in high use recreational area.</p> <p>Loss of First Nations traditional medicines and foods.</p> <p>Wildlife habitat fragmented for several species.</p> <p>Increased fire risk from clearcuts and plantations.</p>	<p>Loss of forest cover in the Aquifer Recharge Zone.</p> <p>Habitat loss for bear and deer species.</p> <p>Increased fire risk to nearby communities with the conversion of natural forests to conifer plantations.</p>	<p>Loss of connectivity from alpine to shoreline.</p> <p>Wildlife habitat fragmented.</p> <p>Impact to future SCRD water supply.</p> <p>Opportunity loss for emerging eco-tourism.</p>
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7 THINGS YOU CAN DO RIGHT NOW TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE:

- 1. LEARN ABOUT THE ISSUES**, visit:
www.loggingfocus.org (ELF)
www.livingforestinstitute.ca (LFI)
sunshinecoastlakedistrict.wordpress.com
- 2. SHARE** this handout. Take a photo and upload it to your social media.
- 3. FOLLOW** Living Forest Institute, Elphinstone Logging Focus and 'Save the Sunshine Coast Lake District' on social media.
- 4. SUBSCRIBE** to the LFI and ELF e-newsletters to stay informed on projects and calls to action.
- 5. MAKE A DONATION** to support organizations advocating for the preservation of our natural world.
- 6. WRITE** to the decision makers. Make your voice heard. See livingforestinstitute.ca/influencers for contact info for Provincial Ministers, First Nations leaders, and BC Timber Sales.
- 7. SIGN** our petition at chng.it/gVxknsCTBS