

PLEASE TAKE ACTION NOW TO SAVE MASSACHUSETTS' FORESTS AND WATERSHEDS

See www.maforests.org & www.maforests.org/QUABBIN.pdf to learn about the issues.

1. Contact Governor Patrick www.mass.gov/?pageID=gov3utilities&sid=Agov3&U=Agov3_contact_us **and your Representative** www.mass.gov/legis/city_town.htm and ask them to:

- a. Prohibit Commercial Logging in State Public Forests and Watersheds
- b. Stop Permitting New Wood Burning Biomass Plants and Exclude Them from Getting “Green Energy” Subsidies. Remind Them That Burning Forests Is Not “Green” Energy.

2. Get the word out. Send this link to your contacts

3. Sign up to receive action alerts: www.maforests.org/signup.pdf

4. Hold “green” groups accountable: Contact Massachusetts “green” groups to which you belong to and ask them to enlist their membership into action to protect our state public forests and watersheds. Also, support Environment Massachusetts’ effort to protect the Quabbin: www.environmentmassachusetts.org/action/preservation/stand-up-for-the-quabbin

5. Contact Senator John Kerry, ask him to remove biomass burning from eligibility for federal “clean” energy subsidies. www.johnkerry.com/page/s/contact

There is no good reason for any commercial logging of state public lands:

- State public forests, watersheds and parks comprise only 11% of Massachusetts land area and 17% of its forests and represent our best chance to preserve and protect wilderness areas, fish and wildlife habitat, clean water, clean air, tourism income, carbon sequestration, scenic beauty and recreational opportunities in this 3rd most densely populated state of 6 million residents.
- The \$14 billion tourist industry depends heavily upon protected public forests.
- According to the FSC peer review, the public “overwhelmingly” prefers no commercial logging on public lands.
- Most of the wood is sent out of state to Quebec and 90% of Massachusetts logging occurs on private lands.
- The timber program loses money, taxpayers pay to cut down their own forests.
- Massachusetts can be a leader in forest protection to help reduce global warming and to avoid valid claims of hypocrisy when admonishing third world countries to set aside 25-50% of their forests in reserves protected from logging.

Our State Forests, Watersheds and Parks Need Your Voice Now!

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