

PLEASE TAKE ACTION NOW TO SAVE OUR FORESTS, WATERSHEDS AND PARKS

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 call on them to:

- a. Halt Logging in State Public Forests, Watersheds and Parks
- b. Stop Permitting New Wood Burning Biomass Plants and Exclude Them From the “Renewable Portfolio Standard.” Remind Them That Burning Forests Is Not “Green” Energy.

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

3. Get the word out. Forward the website www.maforests.org to the media and ask them to report on the issue and to your contacts and ask them to contact Governor Patrick.

4. Sign up to receive action alerts: www.maforests.org/input1.htm

5. 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, watersheds and parks.

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 fully 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 30-50% of their forests in reserves protected from logging.

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

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