

E-Mail of 3-12-14

I understand that some further action is possible on S.100, the forest fragmentation bill, via an amended version shared only yesterday, and with possible action as early as today.

I attach my handwritten comments on the present bill. I would add that Mark Doty's excellent comments on the definition of forest fragmentation merit serious attention. Also, as others have pointed out, construction and use of recreational roads and trails (non-motorized and motorized) should not be considered to cause fragmentation.

Given the last minute rush imposed, these comments have been dashed off quickly. I also urge the senators to review my prior comments, which I again attach for your convenience. I ask the senators to reflect on my comments and the comments of other landowners and professionals in the forest products industry.

The altered bill remains flawed, with ambiguities in what the terms and phrases mean. There remains serious potential for unintended consequences, and I would continue to advocate a vote against this bill.

Best regards,

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