

Hello,

I am a VT land owner currently enrolled in the Use value program...

And have been, Since it's inception in the 1980's.

I support updating the Use Value Appraisal Program to include designation of areas as wild or unmanaged.

It steers forest lands in the direction of greater overall biodiversity to have blocks of old-growth not only acknowledged but also sustained and supported. Some percentage of conserved lands should certainly receive old-growth, unmanaged designation.

Such action should be jointly decided by landowners and their advising foresters / watershed consultants.

Thank you,

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