

Thank you,

Here is my comment, applying to the Use Value Appraisal Program and efforts to update it:

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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