

Forest Protection and Restoration Policy

The Sierra Club supports halting the destruction of forest ecosystems throughout the United States. We oppose all logging activities -- whether on federal, state, provincial, or private lands -- that are environmentally unsustainable, or that jeopardize fully functioning forest ecosystems. We support the immediate halt of: all logging in remaining old-growth or roadless areas, ecologically destructive clearcutting, and conversions to non-native species.

The Club supports restoring naturally self-sustaining networks of wild forests for every forest ecosystem. Where forests have been damaged or fragmented, we call for the restoration of the ecosystem with native plants and animals, and establishment of biological corridors to link isolated stands.

The Club supports dramatically reducing the consumption of virgin wood products through recycling, reuse, and the use of environmentally acceptable alternative materials. Phasing out logging on ecologically sensitive lands, regardless of ownership, is a high priority.

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