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Kim Titus
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Re: Yaka EA Timber Sales

Dear Ms. Titus:

I am writing to express serious concern over blowdown on the four Yaka EA timber sales, individually known as Yaka, Yaka 22/23, Chee & Stick.

Recently I was walking the logged units of the Yaka sale and I noticed a substantial amount of blowdown in the logged units. As you are no doubt aware, logging is not yet complete on Yaka, and logging commenced only last year. Thus, in less than one year, several hundred trees have blown down in the logged units of the sale. More will undoubtedly follow since some units have only just been logged.

Upon reviewing the Yaka EA and associated analysis files, I do not even find the word "blowdown," let alone an analysis of blowdown effects.

Due to this substantial unforeseen environmental impact, Bark requests that you prepare a Supplemental EA on the remaining Yaka EA sales: Yaka 22/23, Chee & Stick.

I would be happy to meet to further discuss this matter, perhaps by conducting a joint field trip to the Yaka sale to look at the extensive blowdown. I look forward to your response on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Gregory J. Dyson,
Bark

cc: Senator Ron Wyden