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RE: H 5607

RI Legislature  
House Environmental Natural Resources

Dear Committee Members,

We strongly urge you to oppose H 5607. As a retiree who regularly walks in our State Management lands, I am appalled by the recent logging activity in Arcadia Management Area and its destruction of our State land. It is being made into a habitat for forest fires, large trees harvested and slash and branches left to dry out in the sun and feed fires. There is no attention being paid to existing hiking and mountain bike trails which are cut off by the destruction. This destruction is not forestry management, it is clear cutting, and destroys old growth. Our woods are in jeopardy.

Our state forest should not be considered a tree farm or a crop. Why aren't we protecting the limited forested space that is State owned? Why isn't our state following good science when it comes to managing our forests.

I urge you to vote against this bill and oppose any further logging on our State land. It is the most valuable resource for the people who live here!

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