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Dave Upthegrove, Commissioner of Public Lands
Department of Natural Resources
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Dear Commissioner Upthegrove,

The Clark County Council is writing to you today to urge you to utilize any and all of your capabilities as the Commissioner of Public Lands or that otherwise exist within the Department of Natural Resources to pause any harvest of the Dabbler timber sale area until DNR is able to engage with the Council next week to review the Council's priorities and discuss options to create a framework for conserving older growth forests throughout Clark County.

Clark County contains very few remaining legacy forest resources and older tree areas. The Dabbler sale area contains structurally complex naturally regenerated forests that are approaching old growth and therefore highly valued by our community. Not only do these remnants of our original forests provide wildlife habitat, promote watershed health, and mitigate climate impacts, but they provide public recreation and economic opportunities beyond the dollars generated through harvest alone. We would like to work with you to create a policy framework for harvest in our County that promotes these older forests for conservation.

The Clark County Council looks forward to engaging with DNR next week and would greatly appreciate anything that you can do to take immediate action to pause any logging or harvesting activities until after that discussion. We welcome the opportunity to connect with the Department of Natural Resources to collaboratively consider the future of the valuable forest resources that DNR manages on behalf of our County.

Sincerely,

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