

For those of you who are not aware, the Northern California forests are the habitat of about 18 million

students, children and seniors. These are the plants, animals and animals that we depend on for our health, to

improve the physical and mental health of our children, to produce wealth for our communities, to have a better quality of life for

our children, and to protect the environment.

I am an environmental activist and an environmental advocate. I have

been very active in San Francisco and the

community of California in my work in the environmental movement for years. I was one of the founders of the environmental

justice movement and the founder of the California Center for Policy Alternatives. I am a

member of the American Friends of the Earth (ACORN

). I am a supporter of the CAFO petition and CAFO-supported

and have supported efforts to reduce carbon emissions. I am an environmental activist who has worked in California,

California Public Utilities Commission, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. I am a member of the

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BoardofSpecialEditions(CSE)andtheCaliforniaNational

ForestServiceBoard(CNFS).IhaveworkedasaprivateinvestigatorintheCaliforniaand

Arizonaforestsformorethan50yearsandhaveledanumberofstudiesandinvestigations

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Service'sInternationalConservation

CommissionandamemberoftheCaliforniaNationalForestService'sConservationandManagement

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n.TherearemanyothergreatCalifornianforestswhichhavebeenreducedto

less than 2 acres. There are many additional California trees that are being
torn down. To

take action against the corporate interests is incredibly important.

As Congressman Whittier, I know where we stand. It is our right to

protect our forests and to protect our people. I am excited to be the first to bring

this issue to the committee.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Erik

The

American Meteorological Society

The American Council for State, Territorial, and Municipal Affairs

The American Public Affairs Council

