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I am writing out of concern for the National Environmental Policy Act, which was passed in 1970 to ensure that impacts on proposed project would be assessed and detailed. This law was passed for the protection of our environment, public health, and for our nation's wildlife. If the Act is gutted, as many of our nation's environmental protection laws have been under the Bush Administration, our valuable lands would suffer another terrible loss.

Since the Bush Administration took office, we have seen numerous environmental protection laws, policies, and efforts be dismantled in favor of developers, loggers, miners, and other industries. Laws such as NEPA require that these industries follow rules and regulations that protect public health and the future of our natural resources. The only changes that would be made on a study by President Bush's council will no doubt favor industry and cause more setbacks in progress towards land stewardship. I ask that you consider the consequences of allowing developers to do as they wish on our lands, as we are faced with enormous problems already.

I write on behalf of those who worked on passing this critical act in 1970. I write on behalf of the present population who is very concerned about President Bush's horrific stance on the environment. I write on behalf of our future generations who will suffer greatly if laws such as NEPA are not enforced. I am greatly concerned that changes made to NEPA will harm our land and the health of our natural resources.

What we need are stricter laws that focus on improving the health of our lands, not rollbacks on laws that help protect endangered species, watersheds, and forests. We need NEPA to ensure that standards are followed and impacts are minimal.

Sincerely,

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