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**To:** [Lauren Whybrew](#)  
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Dear Ms. Whybrew,

I am writing to say I am very concerned about the proposed wood pellet mill in Hoquiam. The proposal misleads you on wood sourcing. Wood pellet plants can't remain profitable without buying whole trees. A mill has to process almost 900,000 tons of wet wood in order to produce 440,000 tons of dry pellets for export. That's 900,000 tons of induced logging demand. PNWRE claims it is going to source that material from mill waste and 'forest slash'; however, real-world experience shows that wood pellet plants inevitably increase the demand for wood fiber, which results in increased logging, clearance of forest areas, and degradation of the remaining forest stock for export.

Please do not issue a permit on this facility.

Sincerely,  
Kate Lunceford

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"Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better." Maya Angelou

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