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Ms. Carla McConnell
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Denver Service Center Planning
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Dear Ms. McConnell:

In September 2004, Interfor Pacific Inc. purchased a sawmill from Crown Pacific, which is located in Clallam County, at milepost 243701 Highway 101 West, Port Angeles, WA.

Interfor Pacific Inc. completed the acquisition of this mill with the belief there was an adequate private timber supply to sustain its investment. Interfor Pacific is now in the process of a \$20 million dollar upgrade to the Port Angeles facility. When the upgrade is complete, the mill will employ approximately 113 people. This is an increase from 88 current employees who maintain family-wage jobs, with excellent benefits.

Several timber companies have made major capital investments in Olympic Peninsula area facilities. The companies include Interfor Pacific, Simpson Timber, Sierra Pacific, and Mason County as well. They all survive because of private timberlands; not government timber.

In 2005, Interfor Pacific purchased logs delivered directly from the following landowner tree farms:

Rayonier	9,109,000 bf
Green Grow, Cascade Timberlands	15,252,000 bf
Merrill & Ring	<u>5,921,000 bf</u>
Total	30,282,000 bf

In addition, Interfor Pacific purchased in excess of 20 million board feet from the above tree farms in the form of timber sales sold by those tree farms, and delivered to Interfor Pacific by way of small independent loggers.

Our facility processes logs with a maximum butt diameter of 16 inches, and a minimum top diameter of 5 inches; second and third growth only. These are 30 to 50 year old sustainable forests with a short rotation age; exactly what you would take away from the current owners and our timber supply, now, and in the future.

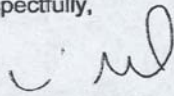
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In closing, Interfor Pacific is against any expansion or alternative plan that changes the Olympic National Park. We would be in favor of a reduction of the Park so their current budget would be adequate. However, please keep in mind any reduction in acreage available for timber harvesting from our working circle puts Interfor Pacific and its employees in serious jeopardy.

Thank you for taking our concerns into consideration.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 360-791-7058.

Respectfully,



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Interfor Pacific Inc.