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I'm Don Ogden from the Enviro Show broadcasting and podcasting from WMass.

There is no mitigation for destroying natural carbon capturing forests and allowing all the stored carbon to reenter the atmosphere. There is no minimization for such unnecessary destruction which literally endangers the public and future generations.

As we have been saying and testifying for years now, forests and trees are some of the few natural solutions to the Climate Crisis available to us. They capture CO2 and other emissions daily, year after year after year for free and store the carbon safely away for the life of the forest. They are the biotic pump that literally regulate weather, water flow, and heat.

Why on Earth, in the midst of the Climate Crisis, would anyone want to destroy trees and forests? Why would anyone want to make future generations' world less livable? Solar power collection must be installed in the built environment, not on deforested land. It's as simple as that.

Let me just say in closing: Future generations will look back in horror when they discover we clearcut forests for short lived solar arrays.

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