Our beloved forests - from the central Sierra Nevada to Mt. Shasta in the Cascades, to the Coastal Redwoods - are being rapidly clearcut by wealthy timber barons.

Clearcutting is a destructive form of logging that pollutes our water with muddy runoff and toxic herbicides. It destroys natural forests and the wildlife they shelter including:

**The American Marten** -- a small, furry mammal about the size of a cat. It lives in diverse, old-growth forests that have lots of places to hide, hunt and make dens. Martens have a hard time finding food in clearcut areas, which is why populations are declining.

**The Northern Flying Squirrel**-- a tiny little squirrel that lives in small groups. It sleeps in trees during the day and only comes out at night to eat. Its favorite meal is mushrooms and lichens. It also eats acorns, sap, and insects. A parachute-like flap of skin between its legs and body allows it to “fly” from tree to tree.

**The Sierra Nevada Red Fox** -- one of the most endangered species in America. People hunted it for its fur up until the 1980s. No longer threatened by hunting, it now faces losing its home to clearcut logging.

**The Chinook Salmon aka King Salmon**-- the largest North American salmon. It can grow to be five feet long. The Chinook salmon develops a hooked jaw and bright coloring when it spawns in Sierra Nevada rivers. It is threatened by human activities like logging, which can release mud into sensitive spawning grounds where salmon lay their eggs. Salmon numbers have dwindled.

**The Pileated Woodpecker** -- the largest American woodpecker left, it drills holes in trees and stumps to find insects for dinner.
These red-headed birds nest in big old trees and live in old-growth forests, which are being rapidly destroyed.

**The California Spotted Owl** -- a bird that lives in cool, old-growth forests at the top of broken trees. It hunts small rodents at night. Spotted owl populations are declining rapidly due to the loss of habitat from logging and other activities.

Forests are essential for wildlife, but they are also important for our communities. They absorb carbon pollution and exhale clean, fresh air. They trap, filter and store water. California’s forests provide 75% of our water supply. Cities like Los Angeles and Oakland depend on healthy Sierra Nevada forests for their drinking water.

California’s forests sustain thousands of jobs in the recreation, boating, fishing, hunting and sustainable logging industries - but not if they are clearcut.

Join Sierra Club’s campaign to stop clearcutting California’s forests. With your help, we can protect our majestic forests for our children and future generations.

Tell Governor Brown to protect California’s forests - the source of our clean water, fresh air, and economic vitality, and home to amazing wildlife. Our forests and watersheds need better protection, not more destructive clearcuts.

Sign our petition: action.sierraclub.org/forestguard

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