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1 TO THE HONORABLE GEORGE BUSH, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, AND
2 TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF
3 REPRESENTATIVES, AND TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 UNITED STATES, IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED, AND TO THE UNITED STATES FOREST
5 SERVICE:

6 We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of
7 the State of Washington, in legislative session assembled, respectfully
8 represent and petition as follows:

9 WHEREAS, The timber industry in the State of Washington is in
10 serious economic decline; and

11 WHEREAS, Timber jobs, which support the communities, families, and
12 related businesses, are in jeopardy due to altered policies caused by
13 the program for the protection of the spotted owl and changes in the
14 timber industry; and

1 WHEREAS, Timber which has been blown down in several national
2 forests in this state can be salvaged and consists of an estimated
3 total of seventy million one hundred thirty thousand board feet; and

4 WHEREAS, A carefully supervised removal of downed trees using
5 environmentally sound silviculture methods can produce timber for local
6 mills while at the same time leaving an undamaged old growth forest;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Some logs can be left to decay and contribute to rich,
9 fresh soil; and

10 WHEREAS, Careful removal of the timber using existing roads will
11 reduce the potential for extensive bug infestation that could damage
12 the forest; and

13 WHEREAS, Salvage sales could provide fifteen to twenty jobs per
14 million board feet of salvaged timber; and

15 WHEREAS, The sales are supported by the Governor's Timber Policy
16 Team as well as the legislature;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the
18 President and Congress pass legislation authorizing the United States
19 Forest Service to offer salvage sales of blown down timber in the
20 Pacific Northwest National Forests allowing the state to reap the
21 economic and environmental benefits.

22 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
23 transmitted to the Honorable George Bush, President of the United
24 States, the United States Forest Service, the President of the United
25 States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and to each
26 member of Congress from the State of Washington.