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Forestry deal bad for environment

After hearing Jim Irving ask during a radio interview to "bring it on" to people with opposing opinions, I decided to weigh into the huge deal offered the forestry companies (primarily Irving interests).

I enjoy what's left of our natural forests and am bewildered by the total destruction of clear-cuts and herbicide use. If anyone doesn't have an opinion, they should take a walk into a cut.

Some people will assume that these sterile plantations of evergreen or lush forests are nice. They must realize animals don't live there because there is nothing to eat and walk around it if they can. My father used to say that even a squirrel and crows would have to pack lunches to get through

Herbicide poison kills any plant that some poor creature would eat.

We already have tens of thousands of acres of this and growing. This agreement, regardless of what the forestry officials have to say, will effectively eliminate what's left of the old growth including mountains which are natural barriers to erosion.

I tend to believe the conservationists and biologists, ("Biologists, conservationists criticize forestry deal," March 19) who will not be filling their pockets with money because of their opinion.

It's a terrible deal for the environment, no matter how the spin doctors with money and political clout will say otherwise. Hard to fight big money.

I will agree that jobs are hard to find in New Brunswick and it's unfortunate the government didn't negotiate the banning of herbicide use and force the implementation of some sort of select cut program to at least try to save some of what's left before it's too late. That policy might create an extra job or two.

Thanks a lot, Premier Al-ward, for your wonderful negotiation skills. I think you sold the farm.

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