



Redwood forest defenders occupy tree - sit platform in the strawberry rock timber harvest plan

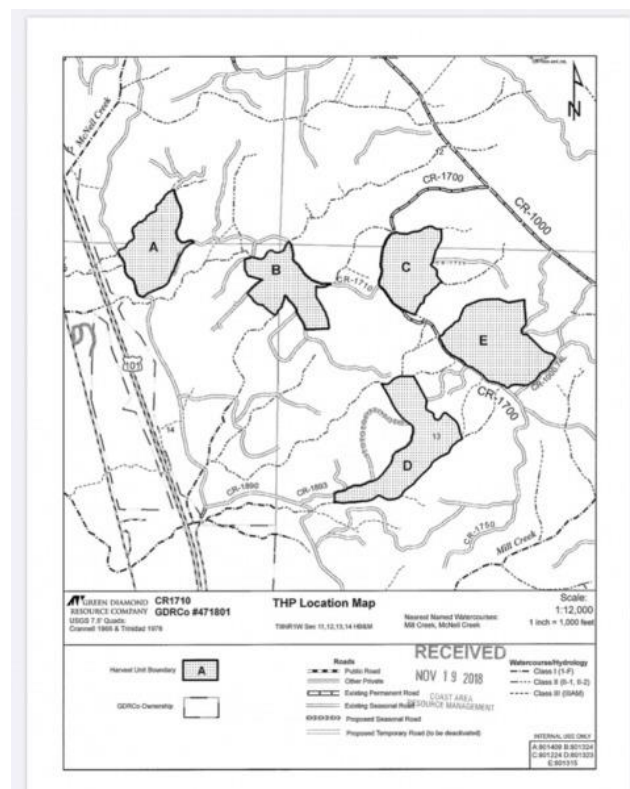
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According to Redwood Forest Defense, this photo documents Green Diamond Resource Company's "even-aged" management of areas up to 30 acres. The term "even-aged" was adopted after contention around "clearcut" forestry tactics occurred. Both forestry practices destroy canopy-connectivity, as evidenced in this photo, an element essential for maintaining much needed wildlife habitat.

The forest defenders cite new scientific studies detailed in the journal, Scientific American, among other sources, that claim destroyed habitat creates the perfect conditions for viruses, like the coronavirus, to emerge. “The coronavirus outbreak is part of the climate crisis. Green Diamond is directly responsible for destroying forest habitat and forcing animal populations to seek out human-dominated spaces, thus exposing humans to new strains of virus and disease,” says Dyer.

Logging in the Strawberry Rock area has a long history of resistance. Beginning in 2012, logging operations were successfully stopped by forest defense tactics until the timber harvest plan expired in 2018. The company is now attempting to log the area under a new plan which was approved, after more than a year of delay, in November 2019. “We intend to occupy and protect this area until Green Diamond agrees to stop cutting here in perpetuity.”



Green Diamond Resource Company's Timber Harvest Plan map (THP 1-18-00157-HUM). The unit labeled "A" is currently being occupied by forest defenders.



The redwood forest in Unit A is currently under threat of logging. Trees in the area are up to a few hundred years old, many are labeled as “wildlife” trees.



Another photo of “even-aged” management.

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