



THE WILDERNESS SOCIETY

Dear Friend of Wilderness:

This is a Lodgepole Pine. Sixty-five feet tall.

It has grown for nearly 100 years in Idaho's Targhee National Forest.

A timber company can buy this tree from the U.S. Forest Service for about a \$1.

Yes, a dollar.

But before the Forest Service sells trees like this, it will spend two times that amount to make the sale possible — to build a logging road to reach the tree, to survey the tract that contains the tree, to draw up the legal documents for the sale.

That's right. The U.S. Forest Service is actually losing money — an average of 50 cents on the dollar — in order to clearcut a forest which protects Yellowstone National Park's western border and is home to the endangered peregrine falcon and bald eagle, and the threatened grizzly bear.

Outrageous. But true. In 1989, logging in the Targhee cost taxpayers nearly \$3 million.

Across the country, losses like this in our National Forests have averaged \$343 million a year over the last eleven years! And taxpayers like you and me subsidize these losses!

Our National Forests are a treasury of rare and precious resources. Carefully managed, they offer wilderness, pristine rivers, recreation, wildlife and breathtaking scenic beauty.

But the U.S. Forest Service is selling off the vast natural inheritance that lies within our National Forests -- and losing millions of dollars of taxpayer money in the process.

You can help stop this senseless destruction of our National Forests by: (1) signing the enclosed protest; and (2) joining The Wilderness Society today.

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