

IF YOU'D LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT:
FRIENDS OF THE CARBON CANYON :

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Our only purpose is to protect this valley and it's wildlife. We are a watch-group of locals that are keeping current on land issues up here, to save all we can for our kids and their kids, etc....

The wildlife in our valley is gone!!!! In the rush to beat the salmon sanctions, the timber industry has logged too fast. They have clear-cut all the wildlife corridors, and sprayed pesticide/herbicide mixed with deisel fuel over thousands of acres that kill EVERY living thing..... every single plant, bugs, animals, insects, etc.

The winter apples lay uneaten down along the river. We don't even hear coyotes anymore. Our valley is dead and dried-out and sterile.

We only have a couple of parcels of public land left, everything else is tree farms. Our native plants and animals cannot live in tree farms. We must save what we have left!!!!

At the end of our valley is a virgin, inland, temperate rainforest!!!! And yet right over that line, there are clear-cuts. They are logging right up to the border of the National Park!!!! This valley is/was a rainforest, and it could be again in the future.

IS A RAINFOREST STILL A RAINFOREST AFTER IT IS CLEAR-CUT????

BRIEF HISTORY OF 'FRIENDS OF THE CARBON CANYON':

In 1996, mudslides took out our highway in three places through the canyon. They just missed the loaded schoolbus and several locals, and trapped some people between slides. At that time, 15-20 locals protested at the worst site for five weekends in a row. We wanted to make sure they wouldn't do it again. They met with a reporter from the Tacoma News Tribune and sent the word back to us through him, that they wouldn't log on the steep slopes above the road anymore.

In 1998, they logged a steeper, wetter slope DIRECTLY above the Fairfax Bridge. FOR THIRTY ACRES OF TIMBER, THEY ARE WILLING TO GAMBLE ALL OUR LIVES FOR A COUPLE OF DECADES!!!! We were dumbfounded!!! But it did make us get involved. As it turns out, it was just the tip of the iceberg of greed. (Their justification for that cut was, "Well, that hill has always been bad.") They've proceeded to leave the "clumped leave trees" right above the highway so they can fall on us; have continued to spray their poisons around our houses; they are logging right above five houses and their water supplies right now, in a place that has a long history of slides, the list goes on and on.....

On New Year's Eve, 1998, we officially called all the residents together to talk about the logging up here. We agreed to write letters, exchanged phone numbers and began complaining.

However, spring of 1999, we got them not to cut all the trees on each side of the road from Carbonado to the bridge (the winding section with moss-covered stone walls that goes through the canyon). With that we came up with the name "Friends of the Carbon Canyon" and the name has stuck. We then got the county council to drop a trade with PlumCreek for over half a square mile of our county trust land, and may have stopped a trade of half a square mile of DNR property around Fairfax. Now we've asked them for a one-mile no-spray zone around our houses

1. Mission: Preserve this valley for our kids and grandkids.
2. Purpose: Help everyone become involved and keep them aware of what is happening up here.
3. Motive: Ultimately, to do what is best for this valley and it's wildlife.
4. Intent: To share our information with people from other areas as tools for being heard.
Protect the virgin rainforest by preserving and restoring the rainforest of our valley.