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To whom it may concern,

My name is Joel Fonner, I am a resident of the Elk River community.

As I sit to write this letter the road has flooded, and the river is rising at two feet per hour or more. I am not able to drive out if needed. This concerns me because I have kids.

I am new to this area and have already experienced three floods in less than two months of being here.

It seems to be an accepted fact that widespread logging in the area has adversely affected the health of the river, with sediment run-off and associated problems.

I am no expert, but it seems that continued logging will adversely affect the river even more.

It is my opinion that the water quality board should focus more on getting the river healthy first, then address future logging projects. I am not against logging, but wish to see the Elk River be a healthy system, for my kids and future grandkids. I know with the right vision, and cooperation of interested parties this can be accomplished.

Sincerely,

Joel Fonner
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