

September 21, 2021 GC3 Meeting Public Comment

Harry White:

I was a member of the GC3 science and technology working group and I just have a quick comment about forest and Connecticut. It seems to me that there's not a lot of attention being given to the greatest secret duration engine in existence, which is older forests. And that, if we're serious about doing all this other stuff to mitigate the problems of climate change in terms of infrastructure and all that. We should probably be looking at protecting the machine it's actually working to counter this right now, and that is again these older forests, so there is an absolute avalanche of peer reviewed science coming out right now that is proving that these old forests are the machines that give us a chance to actually save the planet. So what I'm saying is that we need to we should move this to the forefront of these discussions. Because everything else is going to really happen on slow timescales and if we keep laying waste to our forests, this being DPS state forests. Even logging into the state parks, which is like Dennis cell in Norfolk which is unbelievable Connecticut do tease roadside lagging which is basically clear cutting the roadside here in Northwest Connecticut. We should really be stopping that there should be a moratorium on that type of behavior and follow the science until the people who think that we should be cutting these forests down can show us solid peer review science and not the grey literature, but the actual peer reviewed white literature, that is the basis of all scientific research. We need to protect these forests and so I'll leave it at that. The science and technology working group took a beating and the GC3 process and our report was shuttled off to the back end of the report and forestry advocates really hurt us hard and I think that the State needs to look at this in a new dimension, and that may mean a refresh of the people that are involved in this or a new paradigm shift but something's got to be done, because these forests are the critical engines and again I just urge you all to go and look at the peer reviewed science, that is coming out today it is. Absolutely not controversial pro forestation, is the way of the future let's do this, thank you.