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Question1: I speak as a tree farmer in Vermont as well as owner operator of a 60 yr old family wood products manufactureing business.

Our company is struggling to compete against low cost Asian wood products often made of New England hardwood . High price and limited supply of lumber is a problem. We employ 60 people and convert over 3 million feet of raw hardwood lumber into consumer product annually. We need funds and programs that educate private landowners in New England (where their is little federaly owned land)about good forest management practices so that we will have an ongoing supply of reasonably priced raw material. Most of my competition has given up making products in New England and now source the products they need in China. The economic incentive to follow suit are strong. Sincerely,

Malcolm Cooper

President

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Question2: see above

Question3: see above

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Question5: see above

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