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This issue of *Forest Voice*, a publication of the Native Forest Council, showcases the work of the NFC, of other activist groups, and of citizens to investigate legal action on forest plans. It focuses on Congress efforts to sneak unlimited "salvage" logging past the law and the people. Victor Rozek draws a connection between inflammatory rhetoric and violence. In his column, Howie Wolke reflects on the large-scale grassroots "uprising" as a strategy for conservation groups dealing with politicians.

> The flaw of the free market, as it has devolved in our time, is that it is fundamentally undemocratic and anything but free. Where they clash, agendas of corporations will always supersede the interests of the citizenry when weighed by a corrupt government. As applied to the forest issue, the power of money has rendered laws, science, the public welfare, and economic accountability, meaningless. The forests have already, in effect, been privatized, with the timber industry reaping all of the benefits but none of the responsibilities of ownership.

—Tim Hermach

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