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Subj: Forest Management conflicts, green jobs and energy conservation

Ref A: A Chase, in a dark wood, the fight over forests and the rising tyranny of ecology, Houghton Mifflin 1995 (333.75 C)

Ref B: G. McNamee, Careers in Renewable Energy, PixyJack Press 2008 (650.14 M)

Ref C: B. Harley, Cut Your Energy Bills Now, Taunton Press 2008 (644 H)

Ref D: L. Hunter Lovins, Energy and Resources, the business case for sustainability, Research Channel 9400, 4/26/09, 6-7:30 PM

Forest Management: Ref A provides the semantic, philosophic and scientific tools for analyzing conflicts between loggers/silviculturists, environmentalists and activists of many stripes. The Quincy Library Group is offered as a model for resolving many conflicts that is useful for Butte County. Fire management is a major forcing function along with an enlightened selective thinning policy. The policies generated by this group eventually covered 1.6 mac of Plumas, Lassen and the Sierraville district of Tahoe National Forest. Plumas County supervisor Bill Coates, Tom Nelson with a local logging company and Michael Jackson a town environmentalists started the ball rolling. When I visited a meeting of this group I was impressed by the depth of the key players and contact with congress staff members.

Careers in Renewable Energy: We need to encourage Butte County students, marginally employed stakeholders and local schools to review Ref B.

Cutting Energy Bills: Ref C examines energy efficiency approaches for residences that are up to date.

Energy Sustainability: Ref D provides an overview of energy and resources. A national energy standard is in the works that may eliminate the need for AB32 and similar state legislation.