

Written communication has been identified as a key knowledge, skill and ability area for this position. Please draft a written response letter to the mock letter below and attach with your application. The information you provide in this written exercise will be reviewed as a part of the selection process for this interview. Please limit your response to approximately 300 words or less.

RE: Clearcutting beloved trees

March 8, 2023

Tracy Homeowner
345 Forest Road
Northern, MI 49123

Dear Forestry Division:

I moved to this area from the city 3 years ago for the sole purpose of having quiet, undisturbed forest right outside my back door. I was so excited to find a home with state land behind it so that I could ride snowmobiles in the winter, ride my side by side in the summer, and watch wildlife year-round. I love seeing and hearing the birds and watching the deer frolic through the trees. These are things I will never get to do or see again after you clearcut. The trails I've built will be ruined and I'll look out my window now only to see a completely destroyed forest. I will never have anything I love behind me again after you cut it all down.

Even if you don't like nature, even if you just want to cut down trees for money, I beg you to find someplace else to do it besides my back yard. I will never see big trees here again. The giant oaks will no longer be there to produce acorns or provide shelter for squirrels. What about the fresh air being produced? We need trees to live! It's a crime to call what you do "management" and think that it's the best way to make a dollar. 'Butcher' is more the word for the things you do! Everyone I know agrees with me. Please consider the wildlife you'll displace, the trees that took a hundred years to grow so big, and the people who use and love the forest just the way it is. Please don't cut down my trees.

I'm starting a Facebook page and a petition to put an end to this type of money driven cutting and will be contacting my State Representative soon.

Sincerely,

Tracy Homeowner