

I HOPE THAT THIS REGION MAY FIND A PATH OF REGENERATION

Numerous times since 2003, I have lamented the absence of the *Northern Forest Forum*. The broad themes it addressed continue to resonate and unfold today. The disparate voices united on its pages articulated a future where the ecology of the bioregion could be foremost in our economic and cultural lives. Trumpism, with its attendant frustrations and divisions, was a logical if fruitless enticement for attempting to replace manufacturing and extraction with god knows what.

Just a quick look across the region today reflects the need for an ecological vision. The region like the world is at the precipice of the radical and unknown changes of a climate pushed past endurance, with numerous ramifications we are likely ill-prepared to meet and certainly need to spell out.

We have, to understate the case, not quite figured out how to live on planet Earth. In many ways we have come to accept the disintegration of the natural world or at best place our technology in the center of attempts to save it. Maybe there is no possibility of a truly radical ecological future. Perhaps technology and Nature must be reconciled for humanity to survive or starker yet, human artifice replaces Nature and Wildness everywhere. I hope however that this region may find a path of regeneration that the *Forum* optimistically sought to frame and that our common descendants may find sustenance here within the terms of Nature.

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