

# **Why Logging The Los Gatos Creek Watershed Is Wrong**

## **Fire Danger**

- Forest canopy will be opened. The forest floor will dry out. Invasive species will spread. Fires will spread more rapidly.
- Largest, most fire-resistant trees will be removed. There will be rapid growth of saplings and ladder fuels.
- Dried out, flammable logging slash will cover the forest floor.

## **Drinking Water**

- Sediment is introduced into streams by logging and road-building.
- Aldercroft Heights and Chemeketa Park water intakes are in Los Gatos Creek - downstream from sediment produced by logging.
- SJWC water intake is below surface of Lake Elzman at upstream end of logging zone.
- Logging is prohibited in watersheds for San Francisco, Marin, Santa Cruz, East Bay of SF, Portland and Seattle but not in the Santa Clara County watershed.

## **Quality of Life**

- Thousands of lives will be affected by noise and traffic from chain saws, logging trucks and helicopters.
- Four schools and day care centers border the logging area.
- Mountain lions and coyotes will migrate into neighborhoods.
- Habitat for threatened or endangered species will be put at risk.
- Open space lands enjoyed by thousands borders the logging area.
- One of the largest stands of redwoods in the county deserves protection.

## **Property Values**

- Logging will be in perpetuity.
- Steep slopes below houses will be subject to landslides.
- Homeowners are obliged to tell potential homebuyers.
- Profits for SJWC should not occur at expense of residents.

