

Letter to Braidwood Times re logging Corn Trail.

Dear Editor,

I was glad to see the piece on logging in compartment 517 of Buckenbowra State Forest adjacent to the Corn Trail. (Braidwood Times 16.1.2019) I imagine many in the local community will not be happy to learn that this destructive logging is taking place in the heart of Monga Buckenbowra, just up the slope from the Buckenbowra River and surrounded by magnificent wild country. Forestry Corporation will no doubt argue that protocols are being followed. This may be so but I wonder if most readers know that a large proportion of the timber harvested (and this includes large, mature Stringybark, Brownbarrel, Silvertop Ash and Bloodwood) is going for pulp (to the Eden chip mill) and for firewood and that very little is actually turned into higher value sawn timber. The Corn Trail is iconic in our community. Destruction caused by logging is currently visible from the bottom of the trail.

I urge anyone who feels strongly about this to contact their local and Federal members and demand Forestry Corporation cease logging activities in this area.

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