

Clayoquot Sound: Last Valleys Standing

Remaining unlogged watersheds on Vancouver Island

Background:

This map shows the remaining intact (i.e. unlogged) watersheds larger than 3,000 hectares on Vancouver Island, and the "intact valleys" of Clayoquot Sound. The latter were identified in preparation for a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between First Nations and environmental organizations in 1999 in which the two parties agreed that intact valleys under control of the First Nations company, lisaak, should not be logged.

Note that the Clayoquot Sound analysis used different criteria for intactness and size than the current analysis for areas outside of Clayoquot Sound. While some Clayoquot watersheds are fully undisturbed from logging and over 3,000 hectares, others have seen minor logging in the past and many are under 3,000 hectares. However, the unlogged watersheds of Clayoquot Sound represent by far the largest remaining cluster of intact rainforest on Vancouver Island. More than 60,000 hectares of Clayoquot's intact watersheds are still without legal protection.

Legend

- Main Road
- Clayoquot Sound

Intact Watersheds on Vancouver Island (over 3,000 hectares)

- Protected
- Unprotected
- Other Protected Areas

Intact Valleys of Clayoquot Sound

- Protected
- Unprotected
- Other Protected Areas



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