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Instead of taxing the "Forestry Exotic" why not tax every vehicle that travels on your roads by weight.

We in Colorado have a "gas tax" that was supposed to maintain our roads. That wasn't enough, especially with electric vehicles becoming popular, so they also included a weight tax when registering for your license plate. A different rate for each set of weight ranges. And our county is also considering a milage tax because those who use the road the most, should help pay for the maintenance....ie going to work every day over the same roads causes wear and tear maybe more so then a logging truck going over that same road once or twice a week or every day for a few weeks out of the year.

Something to consider rather than taxing the industry that employs, feeds and houses so many in your community, and especially at such a debilitating rate.

Imagine your communities without the jobs the forest industry provides....

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