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## This is real estate they aren't making anymore

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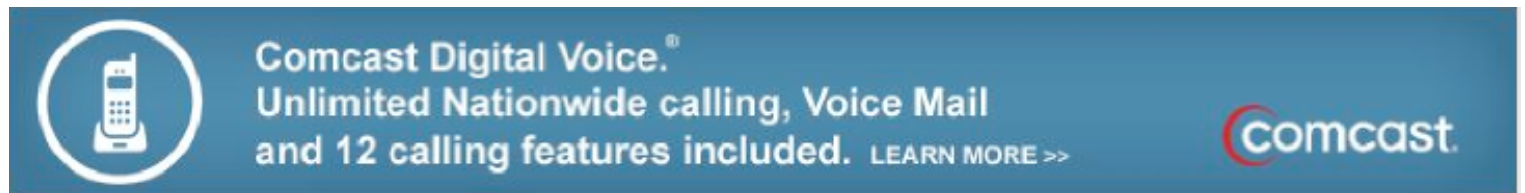
In her letter to the editor of Oct. 1, Sara Upton advocates selling off Ocean Shores' natural treasure, the Weatherwax forest tract. Her argument is that the money is needed to repair public buildings or to build more of them.

Every city faces the problem of generating revenues for public purposes and most do so while preserving important assets such as the Weatherwax. This 120-acre tract of old growth forest provides habitat for wildlife and a wooded wonderland for those who walk its many captivating trails. It is an oasis of nature in the midst of a rapidly developing community.


It would be the height of civic irresponsibility to sell off pieces of the Weatherwax to pay for routine city improvements.

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Ocean Shores



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