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**Subject:** Requesting comment for Mongabay story on biomass energy

Hello

I'm an editor with the international conservation news site Mongabay, and we're developing a story examining the impacts of EU biomass sourcing from southern U.S. forests. The story draws from interviews with representatives at conservation and research organizations who say that wood pellets used by the EU and produced in the U.S. often come from logged wetland forests. It also discusses research indicating that the use of wood pellets for energy may not be carbon neutral and recent moves by the U.S. government that designates it as such.

<https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/administrator-pruitt-promotes-environmental-stewardship-forestry-leaders-and-students>

<https://www.ucsus.org/press/2018/epa-falsely-deems-wood-burning-electricity-carbon-neutral#.Wvdj4pPwZsN>

What is the EPA's response to this? How was the decision to label biomass energy as carbon neutral reached? How will the EPA ensure wood pellets aren't sourced from natural forest?

We will wait to publish until Friday (June 8) 11am Central Time to give you a chance to respond.

Thanks for your help with this. I hope you're having a nice week.

Cheers  
Morgan

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