THE LORAX TAKES A TRIP

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If we could talk with The Lorax, he would remind us that we shouldn't wait until we've totally decimated our forests before realizing we need trees to sustain our own lives. He would remind us about the fate of those once-awesome "Truffula Trees!" Image of endangered Sumatran orangutans, online via the BBC.

The Lorax is worried
He feels really blue;
He's looking for helpers
Could one be you?

In bright Madagascar
He sees Baobab Trees;
But the land growing forests
Is oft-swept to the sea.

In the land called Brazil
A great rain forest grows;
But where once stood tall trees
He sees sugar cane rows.

In the mountains of China
Where red pandas thrive;
We see dams up the river...
Will the pandas survive?

In fair Indonesia
Where orangutans live;
People wanted the palm oil
Not the gifts their trees give.

In America forests
Used to fill-up the land;
But those trees were needed
To fulfill other plans.

The Lorax's still worried
But he's no longer blue;
He went searching for helpers
He's just thrilled he found you!

Poem by Carole D. Bos

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Deforestation Kills More Than Trees

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In this image, we see an endangered species—the Sumatran orangutan—whose population has been significantly impacted by deforestation. Dr. Ian Singleton calls these animals "refugees of the lost rainforest."

Dr. Singleton also says this:
The biggest threat to most species right now is not hunting and collection, it's loss of entire eco-systems and by destroying them you lose your water sources, your climate regulation and a host of other resources.
In other words ... the ripple effect, of deforestation, negatively impacts many things that we take for granted today. To live our own lives, as well as we can, we also need to protect the forests which still exist.
Why? Because ... "deforestation kills more than trees."
Image of Sumatran Orangutans online via the BBC.
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