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It's good that we meet in the woods because you never know how long America will have such a thing. If there is a pound of coal under it, it will be gone tomorrow. If there is a pint of water under it, it will be drained and sold tomorrow and the trees will die. If there is a Wal-Mart that needs a home, the home will be provided here with the help of bulldozers. And if the air is poisoned and the water poisoned and the very atmosphere ruined, well, that's too bad.

No, we will keep that evil away. We will find the strength and the optimism and the creative courage to win our battles against the greedy termites who pose as our fellow humans. Oh, yes, we must love them for they are our brothers, but we must destroy their plans to harm us all.

We are moving into a great time, when our nation is divided and our politics are dramatically important and harsh.

I am glad of that. I am glad we are coming to the fight for the planet. The fight for democracy. The fight for our souls as a free people on a planet that sustains us. I'm glad I have lived long enough to see the battle for planet earth, for American democracy, for our souls as a loving people. I am glad I have lived long enough

and am yet strong enough to take my part in this battle. *I PREDICT WE WILL SUCCEED WE HAVE NO ROOM TO DO OTHERWISE.* It won't be sufficient, of course, to just get Bush out of the White House and swing the Congress a bit. But that is where we must begin.

I hope all of you will urge all your friends and *family* ~~members~~ to get involved in the election early this time. They can sign up to work in an important swing district or state by going to my website, swingstate.org.

We have students working hard ~~on~~ to organize this program, and we now have volunteers in every state —people of every age, race and income. They are preparing to do the door-to-door voter education work on key issues, and they are preparing to do voter registration and get-out-the-vote work. They are prepared to go wherever we ask them to go.

We all have to work in our own neighborhoods and work in at least one other area --a swing area -- if we are to tip the balance our way.

What a great fight it will be. Help me get the volunteers for this, will you?

Thank you very much. I love you all very much.