

VOICES OF THE UNINSURED

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I grew up four blocks from where I live now.
We had lots of Huck Finn moments then.
I'm a logger. I love what I do.

You know it's a lot easier to thin a forest
than fix the system: it's all wrapped up in, like,
kudzu, grapevine, bittersweet and greed.



I try to stay focused and block out the risk. I got hurt badly five years ago. Helmet saved my life. The boss raced me to the hospital. Woke up four days later.

Ironically, life is scarier when I step out of the woods. No coverage there. Recently I hurt my knee: meniscus tear. Nice doc gave me a cortisone shot and free advice: needs surgery. Be down for two weeks? That's not going to go over good. Surgery is not a transmission for your truck; it's a giant investment. So I keep working and babying that knee.

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