

Subsistence activities will be negatively affected with Alternatives 2 and 3. On page 317 and 346 the DEIS states that a risk to deer and salmon would be posed and that deer habitat would be reduced. This is not acceptable. Habitat alterations affecting deer wintering grounds should be avoided not pursued.

The DEIS did not successfully respond to issues raised during the Scoping Process. Section 5 of summary does not include issues about reducing or eliminating old growth logging, halting road construction or negative impacts of relaxing the rules regarding SIO. These are not addressed as important issues in Section 5. Attached is a copy of my comments for that Scoping Process. These important issues were raised but not discussed in the DEIS summary.

There is not an action alternative without Old Growth Commercial Round Log Harvest. This is not adequate. There needs to be an action alternative that puts forth the best science and eliminates Old Growth Logging. This needs to be presented Now and should have been an action alternative in this DEIS. Leaving No Action Alternative, the only choice.

In light of the present crisis of Climate Change and the dire need for Carbon Sequestration it is irrational and folly for the CTP not to be fully vested in every attempt to mitigate this global crisis.

There should not be any "relaxing" of the SIOS. Especially for Portage Bay TAA, Zarembo TAA, or the Mitkof TAA (see the document What is the Central Tongass Project, August 2018 – p 17). Also see: Southeast Conference document: Southeast by the numbers, 2016 see page 4, see chart 2015 SE employment related earnings. The visitor industry is ranked 3rd and logging 13th. Do not degrade the scenic possibilities, for employment, and economic possibilities of SE by continuing Old Growth Logging.

The Vegetation Management part of the DEIS will be counter productive to the purpose and need. Logging these Old Growth Stands will not improve habitat for wildlife and fish p. 5 Fragmenting further is not acceptable it will be detrimental. Roding and Commercial Old Growth logging will continue to degrade an already impacted forest.

The area around the Outlook Sale should not be included. It was invalidated in a Federal Court in 2018

NO ACTION ALTERNATIVE is the only acceptable alternative.

Thank you for taking my comments.

Sincerely,

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