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Esteemed official,

I am writing in support of the forest plan. I believe that the national forest should be the land of many uses. This includes logging to supply the small mill industry of which I am part. I believe that this can be done with proper management so as to limit impact on tourism and fisheries throughout the central Tongass.

We need access to high quality old growth in small quantities to provide the wood we supply to boat builders, artists and airplane restorers. I have supplied wood from the central and southern Tongass that has been used in many high quality art installations all over the US and world. There is a sculpture in Sun Valley Idaho, on the Microsoft campus, at the Portland state school of business, and upcoming ones in Sea Tac airport and the US consulate in Guatemala to name a few. These would not be possible without access to a small amount of old growth, much from salvage, that we need for these projects.

As I have had limited supply I have had to source material from POW to fill many of these orders but would like to be able to fill them closer to home to put more money in our local economy. I urge you to make sure your plans include the small local mills and provide us access to the timber we need. The second growth needs more time to mature with proper management to provide the high quality wood that makes a small mill operation profitable. We need to be growing old growth.

Thank you for your time in reading this.

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