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Sent: Friday, August 20, 2021 7:26 AM

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Subject: Clearcutting the Young Growth

Unbelievable. Apparently, you still see the forest as a crop to be mowed down.

Man, I wish the Department of the Interior was running this show.

What a joke: maybe you should be highlighting the "transition" away from clearcutting as a practice: this is not Forestry; it is habitat destruction and deforestation.

Best from the N. Tongass,

~Gordon

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Subject: RE: [External Email]Thomas Bay Timber Sale

Good morning Gordon,
We are proposing to clearcut these stands.

Ben



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Great news for all of us.

Will this be a selective cut or a clear cut?

Thanks, and best to Ted!

~Gordon

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Hi Gordon, thank you for reaching out to us about the young-growth project. We sincerely appreciate the knowledge you bring to the table and it's really good to hear the positive feedback about the young-growth you've harvested! More information will be presented in our environmental review on the project but I think its safe to say the area provides a good opportunity for harvesting similar quality material.

The point in the process we're at now is getting the 835 acres of merchantable young-growth we've identified through the required environmental review. Sale packaging and advertisement(s) will follow this step.

Currently we have no plan as to the size of sales that will be offered from the project, nor do we have a particular market in mind. Our goal is to make the volume available to purchasers who have markets by offering sales that fit their needs.

As far as interest to date on the Thomas Bay project, both large and small operators have expressed interest.

Please don't hesitate to email or call me if you have further questions. I've also cc'd our district ranger, Ted Sandhofer, who's very knowledgeable about the area and timber in general.

Take care,
Ben



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Hi Ben,

Would you want to give Gordon a call to discuss, or send him an email?



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Hi Cary,

I was hoping you could answer a question I have.

We are on our third YG timber sale and have been testing the market with the resulting products: the quality is very good, indeed, and the timber beats any comparable stock in the lumber yards.

Our sales are pretty small I know, but my question is do you have a party(s) interested in such a large sale?

Viking or Alcan?

The forest might need thinning but is there interest and a market identified?

Thanks and best from the Sitka Ranger District,

~Gordon

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