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Hi Ben

My name is Sterling C Chew.

My company is Second Growth Homes.

We are founded on the Sustainable Harvest of Second Growth Timber in Southeast Alaska.

I harvest Second Growth Timber. I am extremely pleased to hear the Forest Service is moving forward with Second Growth Timber sales in Southeast Alaska.

It has long been my personal worry that when the Forest Service begins to transition to Second Growth Timber harvest in the Tongass; that they will make the same exact mistakes they made in the past harvest of this region.

The over commercialization and clearcutting of endless stands of healthy timber is the mistake that has been made, these actions have long term negative effects on our Local environment and Local communities.

I am Appalled. That the Forest Service's next big step in the Harvest of Second Growth is planning to Clear Cut 835 Acres?

This is appalling. This is not the way to harvest this Timber.

Second Growth Homes will stand Strong in the coming months for the Sustainable Harvest of Second Growth Timber in Southeast Alaska.

We do not support the Clear Cutting of 835 Acres.

These stands should be properly harvested, to leave a stand of timber that benefits the natural wildlife. That creates Improved wildlife habitat, after we are complete with our harvest .

I personally am looking forward to guiding the formation of a new, sustainable, Second Growth Timber Industry in Southeast Alaska.

Please forward my letter to the appropriate parties.

Thank You Ben

Sincerely,

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