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Comments: Hi,

I am very impressed with the EIS and appreciate the concessions made in the options 2 and 3 over what could have been. Compared to the days of Alasaka Pulp, this shows remarkable progress, imagination and intelligence. Something that jumps out at me from the report is the lack of Wilderness areas on many of the hardest hit of the islands. Wrangell and Zarembo, for instance, have no dedicated Conservation areas comparable to South Etolin. I was thinking that as parts of an island (or mainland area) are given over to logging that as mitigation, an area of old growth and value of some similar size be given over to permanent protection. This would have many benefits, adding value to the areas to be logged and making these plans much more palatable to conservationists.

Earnest Sound is an area where I would like to see little or no impact. The plans for Frosty Bay - while hidden from view, would require quite a lot of traffic across the Sound and most certainly interfere with the Crossings program and the excellent work they have been doing with at-risk youth. The bear observatory at Anan Creek as well as the fishing and crabbing that go on in the area would also be adversely impacted.

The depth and detail of the EIS is really the best argument for option 1, to do nothing. There is no way that logging will have a positive effect on the environment. The more roads, rock pits and watershed crossings there are, the more spilled hydraulic oil and diesel fumes there will be. Fishing will suffer and greenhouse gasses will be released. Habitat for virtually everything in the forest and downstream will be wounded or destroyed.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.