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Comments: Logging National Forest without concern or good management is un-warranted and unnecessary. The National Forests should be protected and managed appropriately. At a time when the call is for planting more trees to help reduce CO2, The last thing that we should be doing is cutting down a large resource of CO2 reclamation.

My major concern is the potential for exploitation of resources that are national resources. Logging in National Forests would provide an opening for other forms of development, destroying the natural resources we are trying to protect. Once logging becomes allowed, it would be easier for operations such as strip mining, to also be allowed.

It is also of concern where the profits from such operations are going to be used. It is worry-some that monies gained from logging National Forest would not be properly allocated back to maintaining and providing for those same resources. These properties are held in public trust, ultimately the long term benefits should be for the public. Logging income is a short-term and short-sighted economic venture, which will not benefit the general public.

It's is unrealistic that logging the Tongass will provide long-term manufacturing jobs or economic stability.

More emphasis needs to be placed on keeping these areas pristine, and available as a resource for tourism and outdoor activities. Eco Tourism is a long term and more viable source of income for the local economy, that benefits everyone. However, weakening or changing current laws that help protect these areas would be damaging in the long term, not just for the economy, but also for the health of the planet.

Now is a time where the decisions we make will have far reaching consequences for our future generations. It is with an eye on providing a an opportunity for those future generations to thrive, that the National Forests should be protected. any other choice will have a cost too high for our children to pay.

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