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- Tourism is 15%.

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Logging hurts tourism. Clearcutting is not what tourists pay big money to travel to see.

Climate change:

- o According to the IPCC, humans must limit global warming to 1.5 degrees C by 2040, or there will be no turning back. In addition to creating a carbon fee and dividend program, like the Energy Innovation Act, one of the best ways to stop climate change is to plant trees.

- * It would take the forest 50-200 years for the amount of carbon lost from logging to be recovered by new forest growth (DEIS 3-125)

Impact on wildlife:

- * Glacier bears, a subspecies of black bear, are rare. The proposal would cut their habitat in half with no wildlife corridor.

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- *Birds: The endangered Marbled Murrelet lives here and relies on large coastal trees. Also, the Queen Charlotte Goshawk lives only in old growth forest in the Tongass and the Great Bear Rainforest.

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