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Comments: As Alaskans, we have a duty to protect our home from those who would do it harm, and these policies would do harm horrifically. But BEYOND that, these policies fail to address the simple facts of cause and effect. If you take away the forest, you take away everything that depends on it. At first this may seem to only effect Alaskans, particularly those of us in Southeast who make our home within the Tongass. We will watch as the wildlife die, the salmon boil in waters far to warm for them to live in, and the bears make their way towards towns to escape destruction. Then the people will leave. And with less people, we'll need less people to teach them, to administer to them, to sell to them- and people will keep leaving. Southeast will empty out becoming as empty of life as the people down south think Alaska is. They still probably won't care about the Tongass, not until they're choking and screaming 'why didn't someone do something' in the face of global warning. Well, here we are, trying to do something. The real trouble is seeing if anyone will bother to listen.

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