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I find it rather frustrating to be commenting on a plan that isn't even close to complete. I also find it illogical to be commenting on very broad categories across multiple watersheds that have very different biological and geological characteristics. There is a lot good about the old VCU's.

I'm from Tenakee and feel like the proposed protections are relatively good in our vicinity. I'd like to see no logging on the north side of the Inlet though----Most of the "green" areas on that side have already been harvested and we certainly should harvest no more south of the Ranger district dividing line. Also, the two western harvestable areas on the south side should get old growth protection. Only the Corner Bay focused area should remain as something to be harvested.

Our economy and that of southeast Alaska will be better served by providing healing and especially undamaged forests. The income to be gained from years of productive fishing provided by healthy watersheds will far exceed the short term profits of industrial scale logging. And, to top it off, we'll still be able to forage and hunt the healthy landscapes and invite tourists with the money they can bring to enjoy those healthy landscapes.

There should certainly be a place for small scale logging operations such as the one in Corner Bay (see second paragraph above). But even there, the focus should be on second growth harvest. We need our remaining old growth forests across all of Southeast Alaska.

I'm not sure how this fits into the current plan, but locals should still be able to harvest free-use wood in reasonable amounts and in some, but not all areas.

I've tried to work with the digital forms you provided but they are really really frustrating and it feels like I'm spending more time commenting on wording and such than on areas I'd like to see protected.

I certainly hope that we will see some reasonable alternatives---perhaps some provided by folks outside the forest service?---that give us some other and more clearly discussed options.

Thank you for considering this.

Sincerely,