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Comments: To whom it may concern, I was very sad to hear that the National Forest Service was considering to bring logging to Prince William Sound.

It is one of the most beautiful places on the planet, on a par with South Georgia and Antarctica. When I moved here three years ago, I was struck by how devoid of human contamination it was. It seamed to be one of the last truly wild places on earth. To clear cut the mountains and hills would be a terrible crime.

Not only would it destroy a wonderful place, it would destroy the habitat of the dwindling black bear population, already at risk due to extreme hunting. (I understand that the season had to be closed last year, due to the amount of females and cubs harvested by incompetent hunters.)

To log Prince William would not only prove disastrous for the local wildlife, but for many tourist and charter businesses that operate in Prince William Sound. Who, I ask you, would spend a great deal of money to come gaze upon a wasted and pillaged landscape?

This is not even considering the damage it would do to our precious top soil. To remove the soil would raise the risk of a major land slide, which can cause tsunamis. To remove protection would be folly in a place as earthquake prone as Prince William Sound.

The decision is in your hands, I can only hope you do what is best for the people and animals of Prince William Sound.