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I am disappointed with the volume of the proposed alternatives, except "no sale.

Instead of cutting the rest of the old growth that supports a whole variety of uses on Wrangell Island, the Forest Service ought to look at ways of integrating restoration activities and supplying timber off the existing road system to the small mills in the area.

Southeast should no longer rely on the timber industry as an economic driver.

Thanks to the major reduction of timber harvest, the driving economic forces in Southeast AK are now fishing, tourism, Federal agencies, and recreation as well as traditional uses - folks going out and hunting and fishing to meet our own needs.

Your agency spends millions of dollars trying to keep a couple crews of loggers and equipment operators employed, when just a few decades ago it would have taken hundreds of folks to do the same amount of work. The effect of the actions of these few crews have a huge negative result on others livelihoods, including many of my friends and neighbors.

Thank you for listening.

Robert Johnson