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Comments: Wrangell Timber Sale

I am contacting you regarding the USFS's proposed sale of timber from Wrangell Island (link <<http://juneauempire.com/letters/2016-06-27/letter-tourism-profits-wrangell-more-logging>> ). I urge the USFS to not approve this project. It appears to be a lose-lose proposition for the public, the environment, sportsmen, commercial fishermen and the tourist industry.

The only "winner" of this proposal seems to be the timber industry, who is being subsidized to enhance their profits. I did not realize that was the purpose of the USFS. I thought the mission of the USFS was:

"To sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the Nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations." Its motto is "Caring for the land and serving people."

It seems to me that your motto has become "Caring for corporations and serving corporate wishes."

There appears to be no logical justification for approving this project. Comments I have reviewed from a number of other sources mirror my own assessment that this is an ill-conceived project. Alaska contains some of the most scenic, unspoiled wilderness area in the world. Why does the USFS seem so eager to despoil this by allowing massive timbering and mining projects to take place?

I had hoped to review the EIS and the USFS's reasoning for their support of this project, but was unable to do so. When I try to access the EIS using the link <<http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=34831>> on the USFS website, I get the message "Invalid Project". How disappointing! Perhaps when (if???) you respond to this email you can provide working links to the EIS and other relevant information the USFS has?

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