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Comments: My concerns regarding the Wrangell Island Timber Sale

Forest Supervisor Stewart,

Dear Forest Supervisor Stewart:

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed Wrangell Island Timber Sale. While I was encouraged by the recent forest plan amendment that proposed new protections for the Tongass 77 and other conservation priority areas, the Wrangell Island Sale runs counter to this. The sale units in Thoms Lake and in important deer winter habitat are particularly troubling and should be removed from the sale.

In addition, I am concerned that by the Forest Service's own estimate the project will not be economically viable and will cost taxpayers money. I encourage you to halt planning this project and redirect the Forest Service's limited resources toward more productive projects that better suit the needs of Southeast Alaska.

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