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Comments: Wrangell Island Timber sale

Dear Forest Supervisor ,

I am writing to submitted my comments to USFS on the proposed Timber sale for approximately 65 mmbf on the remaining commercial timber on Wrangell Island. First, I urge you to withdraw this sale. I don't think any of the alternatives offered in this DEIS are viable. It is difficult to understand what the motivation for preparing this sale is. The proposed cuts are scattered around the island and it is hard to imagine who will bid on these areas. The costs of this sale to the taxpayers of the United states are far too high. The miles of new roads proposed in the logging alternatives would fall on the backs of US taxpayers, who should not pay for road building to clear cuts. Clearcutting should not be allowed in the Tongass and are not allowed in any other national forest.

The DEIS says that most of the proposed logging is planned to occur in the mixed age stands of timber. The largest of these is nearest to the city of Wrangell. Can it be that the citizens of Wrangell do not care what happens to wildlife and fisheries habitats in their back yards. Wrangell Island has already been decimated and this will finish it off.

Sincerely,

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