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Comments: I have lived On Mitkof Is for over 40 years. I am grateful for the presence & resources the Forest Service provides to the Tongass National Forest, it's residents and visitors from all over the world. I do not support Central Project Activities that expand old growth timber harvest. It destroys ecosystems that are vital to fish and wildlife and takes hundreds of years to develop. It has been over 60 years since large scale logging activities began here. Had we cleaned up the ground and groomed the second growth from the beginning, we could be harvesting more of that new growth now, This unfortunate gap is not reason enough to continue harmful activities. Second growth tracts I have berry picked are extremely hard going. As I age out, it is the number one deterrent to my gathering of food. We can put people to work in the forest rehabbing old cuts and cleaning out dense pecker pole dead forest zones. Reuse these areas we've already roaded. Heavily logged areas are the lowest elevation and most accessible to the most forest users including animals, but are difficult to impossible to traverse. Intensive effort should be made to mitigate decades of damage.