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Comments: As a native of the Pacific Northwest who has followed environmental issues for many years, I strongly support the No Action alternative and strongly oppose the other two. The Tongass is the last remaining temperate rain forest in the world and the government's first priority is to do no harm to it. That is the only "need". There is no "need" to plunder and destroys its living trees and their network in order to provide profits to private industry. The Tongass is a national forest and belongs to all Americans. The recent photographic evidence that its old-growth trees are being cut in significant numbers for export only underlines the Tongas's genuine need to be protected from human greed. And it is the Forest Service that must fulfill that obligation.