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Comments: Tongass is the world's largest intact temperate rainforest and it needs to be protected now more than ever! The old growth forest was protected almost 20 years ago for a reason. It is an irreplaceable national treasure and a significant carbon offset for the United States. The idea that old growth logging should be allowed to save the 34 jobs at Viking Lumber is ludicrous. Consideration should be given to the tourist and fishing industries that benefit from the intact forest.