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Comments: Dear Project Manager Central Tongass LLA,

I am a transplant from Utah. I am so happy that I chose to move to Alaska because of the abundant forest, fishing and wildlife. Please don't make this about financial gain. In a world where everyone is out to make money, our environment and wildlife suffer, which in the end, will make Alaskans, and the world who depend on fishing and subsistence suffer. Let's be unique in a way that benefits our God-given resources. We need to protect our land and wildlife, please consider protection!

Dear Troy Heithecker, Acting Tongass Forest Supervisor,

I write to ask you to prioritize protecting and restoring important salmon and wildlife habitat and ending the outdated and damaging practice of large-scale old-growth logging. Fishing and tourism, which rely on healthy fish and wildlife habitat and beautiful scenery, account for 26 percent of jobs in Southeast Alaska and combine to contribute \$2 billion to the regional economy. Fishing, hunting, outdoor recreation, and subsistence resources are all important values to residents and visitors and should take precedence over outdated industrial old-growth logging.

While the timber industry was once an important part of Southeast Alaska, the forest products industry now supports less than 1 percent of local jobs. The Forest Service must keep up with the times. Planning another 150 million board-feet of timber over thousands of acres is simply too much given previous old-growth logging. Young-growth logging should avoid the Tongass 77, including areas within Kadake Creek, Port Camden and Security Bay. On North Kuiu Island, in particular, past failed timber sales demonstrate another old-growth timber sale is unwanted even when propped up with millions of dollars in taxpayer subsidies.

Rather than adding to the sprawling clear cuts and spider web of logging roads, the Forest Service should focus on salmon and deer habitat restoration, repairing places where existing roads impede salmon migration, and promoting recreation and subsistence opportunity.

Thanks, Sincerely,

Cherie Tomlinson