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Comments: I support professional timber management and timber harvesting only when managed by the US Forest Service and their contracted personnel, if any, that is based on modern science practices and in accordance with proven best management practices as applied to the specific forest being managed. Other than the US Forest Service, timber management must never be influenced by any elected official, any political government or corporate entity, either within any local community/city/borough government, any Alaska Native Corporation, any Alaska Native Village Corporation, the Alaska State Government or the U.S. Federal Government. New roads should be minimized to the extent possible using current best management practices and in accordance with all environmental regulations. Environmental regulations must never be eliminated or reduced in an effort to compromise or reduce environmental practices during road construction. All roads must comply with all current federal and state environmental regulations and best practices. Timber harvesting must never be completed within 300 feet (or per current regulation) of any anadromous river or stream or within 200 feet of all other rivers and streams. Wetlands and lands having important wildlife habitat value must be protected from all human/machine activities. At least 67% of all harvested timber volume should be milled or processed inside the State of Alaska or other US State to add value to raw harvested timber and provide additional local jobs and opportunity for local use of the products made. At least 33% of all old-growth timber within or on any island or mainland area of each 100 square miles should remain undisturbed and never harvested. Only US owned and US based companies should be allowed to harvest timber and no foreign owned company should be allowed to harvest timber on US Forest Service land. US Forest Service land, whether harvested or not harvested for valuable timber, must never be traded or gifted to any Alaska Native Corporation, any Alaska Village Corporation, the State of Alaska, or any other Alaska native group for any reason. All US Federal land must remain in the public domain. Thank-you for the opportunity to comment.

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