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Comments: Let's keep the Tongass NF exactly as it is. There is no need to take out old growth timber or install roads into this area. So much of our native forest lands have been decimated by logging and over logging. Old growth trees (really all trees) sequester an enormous amount of carbon and help to slow down the effects of carbon pollution caused by the burning of fossil fuels.

Please do not succumb to the interests of a few to the detriment of the many. Protect this valuable wild land for generations to come. If you have any idea of what happens to logged lands, look no further than Northern CA and the Oregon Cascades Mt. areas. Creating short term economic benefit and jobs does not balance against the destruction of these forests which will last forever.

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