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to askusda

Hello, my name is Kyle Gould and I am a concerned citizen from New York State.

I am writing to express my outrage over both the United States Department of Agriculture's and the United States Forest Service's decision to significantly increase timber and mining operations in Tongass National Forest.

Tongass National Forest is our nations largest national forest, and it is also one of the few old growth temperate rainforests left in our nation. It also serves as a large carbon sink, and will be crucial in aiding our nation in reducing our greenhouse gas emissions. However, all this will go to waste if timber and mining operations increase in the forest. It will negatively affect biodiversity as well as turn one of our biggest terrestrial carbon sinks into a carbon source. \

The proposal to open up Tongass to more extraction will no doubt degrade this forest. It also shows that the current administration is not trying to balance preservation and use, it is clearly favoring extraction. This is not what the Forest Service is supposed to do. Because of these reasons, I demand that the U.S. Forest Service and the U.S. Department of Agriculture rescind their decision. I also demand that those that have been pushing a more anti-conservationist agenda resign from their positions.