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To whom it may concern,

As a student of Natural Resources at Humboldt State University I am deeply concerned about opening up existing old growth forests to timber production. I come from a state that only has 2% of our old growth redwood habitats remaining. The 2nd, 3rd, and 4th generation forests that have been left behind are heavily impacted and do not provide the same ecosystem benefits as the old growth forests. It would be a grave detriment to the health of Alaska's forests to open these sensitive habitats to timber production. Therefore I urge that alternative 1 be selected keeping these old growth forests intact. Thank you for your time and hard work.

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