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Comments: As an avid outdoorsman and conservationist I believe in the wise use of natural resources and materials. Preservation however, the none use of natural resources and materials, has its place, also. Understanding the balance of the two, and when and where to implement one and not the other is a delicate practice/exercise. The Tongass National Forest is such a place of incredible resources its hard to fathom the output additional acres of logging would provide. Its equally difficult to rationalize the unimpeded, unhindered, and unadulterated ecosystems and wild playgrounds they currently provide. It seems as if these places are becoming more rare, as each square foot of the earth becomes one step closer to being exploited each day. Surely there is another option that provides the lumber, and the jobs, that opening 600 million acres to logging of the Tongass National Forest would? Please reconsider this directive and keep Tongass pristine.

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