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Comments: I'm outraged to hear that logging expansion is being planned for the Tongass National Forest. This place is a rare temperate rain forest which is vital to the health of the entire region. In addition, all of the logging that has been done in recent years has resulted in a net LOSS of income - mostly taxpayer-funded through federal subsidies - to the tune of \$600 million! This makes absolutely no sense, not financially and not environmentally.

The Tongass is a key habitat for endangered Sitka Deer, as well as an economically-important salmon spawning area. Subsistence hunters and fishers depend on the Tongass for their survival, and millions of dollars are generated by tourism and commercial salmon fishing. Those account for 25% of local jobs. Expanding the logging would adversely impact the salmon fisheries, and the permanent jobs relating to hunting, fishing and tourism.

In summary, I strongly urge you to vote against the proposed rule which would expand logging in Tongass National Forest.

Thank you.

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