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Comments: I worked in Tongass National Forest out of the Craig field office in 1984. I worked implementing salmon habitat improvements, installation of a fish ladder over a barrier, and some deer data collection. The government words Best Management Practices was not in the vocabulary yet but part of my work dealt with water quality issues due to road construction and large area clear cuts and the siltation To the streams and creeks it caused. 98% of my work was in areas that you took a helicopter or float plane to get to or a long boat ride to from Craig. The sheer number of salmon species alone that depend on areas unaffected by road construction siltation is staggering to witness. This forested land cannot stand very much forest roads in a lot of areas. Alternative timber harvest methods with stringent water quality BMPs should be considered, used, implemented/maintained, and enforced. Tongass really is a forest that provides cold water fisheries habitats. Ed Harsson

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