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Comments: More than ever in modern history, the world needs large, undisturbed forests. We need them as carbon sinks to mitigate the effects of climate change, and we need them for conservation efforts of whole ecosystems. With so many other forested resources being exploited, I simply see no argument for adding the Tongass to that list. In fact, its value as a rare, giant swath of undisturbed forest greatly outweighs any short-lived economic benefit you may be anticipating. Opening the Tongass to logging is short-sighted at best. Treasure this public resource for what it is today: a rare treasure of undisturbed environment with the capability of sustaining apex predators and large prey animals. Places like the Tongass will help keep the planet and humanity alive for generations to come.

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