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Comments: I believe that the Tongrass National Forest should not open up half of it's acreage to be logged. 9 million acres would be have of this national forest area. That is blatantly irresponsible, the proposed and hypothetical positives do not outweigh any very clearly ecological negatives.

Salmon are breeding in this area by the 10's of thousands, not to mention the bontiful life that is also succeeding here, to interrupt their natural habitat for incentives proposed by the logging industry is, pardon my harshness sincerely, but plain stupid. There are many alternatives to timber and I believe if you are looking for construction materials, you can find them elsewhere, fund some TIMBER BAMBOO farms, fiberize the matured canes, press them into dimensional forms for your 2x()'s or your structural beams, and then inject with engineered structural resin. It's more weather resistant (near completely) and stronger than wood, less STORAGE HASSLE do to weather resitant and the timber log grading and sorting process is nearly eliminated, as these boards get shaped to whatever ever dimension you would like. Please, please do not open up development in this area without a national campaign that addresses the concerns with citizens through an honest and more appreciable platform and gives them a chance to understand your plans before you decide. Please leave the Tongrass Forest in it's peaceful state.

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