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Comments: To whom it may concern,

My name is Liz, and I work as an ecologist in Ohio. I have great admiration for the Forest Service and the work it does to keep the forests of our nation protected, monitored, and regulated. Forests are the lungs of the world, and a treasure of biodiversity and resources. I find it deeply concerning that the Forest Service might decide to open up 9.2 million acres of the Tongass National Forest to logging and development. That's more than half of one of the largest national forests in the United States! Tongass is not only a large forest, it's also a highly unique and valuable temperate rainforest. Such habitats are not widespread, but are extremely biodiverse and are relevant to human interests like fisheries and recreation. By allowing over half of this forest to be destroyed, you would have a hand in placing this unique biome as a whole in jeopardy.

Foresters aspire to responsible management and usage of America's natural resources. This ain't it, chief.

I hope you will take my words and the words of other concerned voices into account. Thank you.

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