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Comments: Tongass National Forest is an incredibly important area for both Alaska and the United States in general. Logging interests in this area which claim to be for the Alaskan economy are unfounded as logging jobs make up less than 1% of the Alaskan economy. The biodiversity that is housed within this forest is vastly more important and valuable than the wood that could be logged. Salmon in particular use the Tongass National Forest to reproduce which then travel downstream in the northwest, which has created an almost \$500 million industry. If logging and road building goes forward, Tongass could very quickly face serious ecological consequences, not only killing the trees, but severely impacting their ability to grow back, as the complex ecosystem that has formed under their branches for thousands of years is destroyed. Simply replanting the trees that are cut down will not suddenly bring back this ecosystem, affecting the trees, the animals, and the beauty of Americas largest National Forest for centuries.

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