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Comments: I am against repealing the rules and opening up the Tongass National Forest to new logging. Even though I do not live in Alaska, I believe it is important to preserve the few remaining wilderness areas we have. The forest is also important to many Alaskans as a source of the food and water they need to survive, as well as income from tourism, and the billion dollar salmon industry.

Since research has shown up to 66% of the most valuable trees in the forest have already been harvested, and loggers would have to go through a lot of low value trees to get to the remaining ones, opening the forest to additional logging does not make much sense. I do not believe it would be a cost effective and efficient way to produce raw materials and increase economic activity versus the negative impacts it could have. I'm also concerned about the potential effects of deforestation on global warming and the local ecosystem.

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