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Comments: The Tongass has much more value as a reservoir for wildlife populations and breeding grounds for all types of plants and animals than as a massive tree farm. Even putting aside our moral obligation to minimize the damage we do to nature, it makes economic sense. Hunters need a healthy forest that can sustain populations of wild game. Loggers around the Tongass need healthy soil, which the forest provides. Tourism, especially ecotourism, depends on the Tongass remaining whole, hale, and hearty.

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