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Comments: I am very concerned about the possibility of opening the Tongass National Forest to logging. Immense forests such as the Tongass are vitally important for storing carbon. With widespread acknowledgement of a climate crisis why would there be more trees logged? Wildlife and indigenous communities should have protections for healthy survival. If there is large scale logging and road building there will be more land erosion, contaminated waterways, fish kills due to polluted rivers, disrupted wildlife areas. People living in this area depend on a balanced, vibrant ecosystem in order to survive. Old growth forests should be treasured and left undisturbed. The Tongass should be preserved and not opened to logging and road building.

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