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To whom it may concern,

As a U.S. citizen, I am strongly opposed to the Forest Service's intention to open the Tongass to the harvesting of lumber. Scientists and ecologists have already warned of the damage to fisheries, fish supplies, and the health of the ecosystem, including large fauna of the area. To open the forest to logging is to commit extraordinary damage to the health of the planet. Furthermore, scientists have shown that old growth forests are necessary for the retention of carbon dioxide. Without them the planet will warm even faster, extreme destabilization of the planet. To allow logging is to be complicit, especially as the agency whose job it is to use the latest science in its decision making. Open the forest to logging is a dereliction of duty to the American people and globe.

Yours sincerely

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