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As a US citizen I am solidly opposed to opening up any old growth forests to being cut down. Let's face it, its the same old story of jobs, development, wildlife and soils depletion ultimately ending in urban sprawl. Only this time in the last reserves (amazing we still have them) in an extremely sensitive environment.

It's a boom and bust mentality that has destroyed 90 percent of our country's original forests already. With the obvious and very real catastrophe of climate change looming due mostly to that very process, the decision for a very short term economy boost which will draw thousands more people to the region with all their needs is ludicrous. Leave what's left of our real forest alone and find something else to do.

The only reason there is any Salmon left is because of those forests. Salmon and tourism outstrip logging revenue, require minimal services and are self-sustaining at no cost to people. That is now a proven fact. Use your heads and consider that as a better path for all humanity not just a local economy.

We used to have people running the country that knew this was a dead end street and acted accordingly to protect the very things that keep the planet and everything on it alive and thriving.

It wasn't just because it was some treehuggers good idea, it was done based on the heels of uncountable disasters and rock solid science.

Ask any native American if they've noticed any changes to the environment since Washington started putting pens to paper granting "authority" to remove the trees, minerals, wildlife, grass and water for their own pocketbooks. In fact, that would be quite enough evidence alone without scientific backing to keep any and all protections on the Alaskan Wilderness in place forever.

If those forests are cut down you may very well condemn the human race to near extinction- which in my opinion wouldn't be a bad thing considering what we have done to this great gift we've been given.

Angry and in disbelief US citizen- Aren Carpenter

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