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Comments: The Tongass national forest holds 8% of all carbon stored in US national forests. Removing protections on 9 million acres in the Tona would remove protections on nearly 40% of the remaining intact forest landscape managed by the Forest Service. Logging in the Tongass previously has been a financial failure. Given that we are living in an era of rampant climate change, how can the US government justify this project without conducting thorough and sufficient environmental review?

Opening the Tongass to road building and logging would hurt wildlife, habitat, and recreation areas and come at a great cost to American taxpayers, indigenous tribes, and local commercial fishermen.

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