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Comments: This isn't about jobs: Just 100 jobs - fewer than 1 percent of the jobs in the region - come from logging. This isn't about state's rights: Those forests are national public land that belong to all and have for decades. The 2001 Roadless Rule that protects the area drew 95 percent support during its public comment period. This isn't about lack of resources: The other 8 million acres of the Tongass National Forest has no such roadless restrictions.

This is about the greed of a tiny minority and the expense we will all be forced to pay for it. According to the watchdog group Taxpayers for Common Sense, the U.S. Forest Service has, since 1999, spent nearly \$632 million to develop logging sites in the Tongass, while taking in just \$33.8 million from actual timber sales there. Which is to say the wood is worth less than nothing when cut.

And the argument that they'll replant all those logged acres? That's a greenwash. In the few decades that will pass before that monoculture forest is logged again, none of the biodiversity will have had a chance to recover. The forest won't be the same and it won't grow back.

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