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Comments: "The U.S. Forest Service must respect Southeast Alaska's communities, but it also owes a responsibility to our nation. We should never forget that the Tongass is a national forest, and right now our nation faces an unprecedented threat from global climate change. We have a responsibility to protect ancient forests as natural buffers against climate change, and the Tongass is the largest carbon sink in our national forest system. For the U.S. Forest Service to ignore and exacerbate our climate emergency, while wasting taxpayer dollars on resurrecting a timber industry whose time has long since passed, is beyond irresponsible - it's foolhardy."

Respect our national forests, put climate over profit, do the right thing for the future of public lands and for our planet.

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