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Comments: While the need for natural resources is of course an important part of industry and access to said resources can improve the local and sometimes broader economy, I urge you to consider the fact that this region has been perfectly stable to this point and in no way does any part of the Tongass NEED to be developed for the extraction of its natural resources. Logging is detrimental to wildlife, watersheds via soil erosion, and the other all harmony of the local ecosystem which has a wider ripple effect over time. If corporations cannot be responsible with the land they've been allowed to harvest materials from, how can we possibly trust them to do no harm in the Tongass? From oil spills to deforestation and toxic runoff, corporations have shown that once given access to protected areas they lose any pretense of preservation and are solely there for making the most money in the fastest way possible. If you remove the restrictions in place to allow this development you will be setting a precedent that the pristine untouched landscapes of the world are nothing more than dollar signs in the eyes of our government. Once again I ask for you to reflect and make the correct decision to continue to preserve this land. Thank you.

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