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Comments: Our focus in fostering economic growth needs to be focused on sustainability. This doesn't exclusively apply to environmental conservation. Broadly, but especially in regard to the proposal, sustainability should be at the forefront of the consideration - how sustainable is the proposal in fostering long term economic growth?

Logging the Tongass is not a sustainable approach. The potential cost to tourism (including hunting and fishing) revenues and commercial fisheries in the long term far outweighs the short term gain proposed. The cost of thousands of jobs that support more thousands of individuals, especially in Native communities - is that worth an unsustainable short term benefit?

I think not - and we haven't even factored in the unquantifiable cost of destroying irreplaceable old-growth forest.

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