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Comments: I strongly object to this proposed rule change. Exempting the Tongass will have clear environmental and culture harm, and potential economics harm as well given the importance of this forest to salmon. The justifications for this change are a misrepresentation of science and are abjectly political. Industry concerns don't outweigh the agency's responsibility to base this rule change on science, which this doesn't adequately do.

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