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Comments: We are now seeing a time when profits come before all else. The Tongass Old Growth Forest area that the FS are looking to allow logging are sacred. Sacred in their history, in the people, the plants and the animals that all call this area home. It is sacred in the remoteness of it. It needs to stay unburdened of thoughts that this land is only useful if it is used.. This land is sacred. You may hear that you throw a rock around here and you hit sacred land and that is correct. We have precious little land left where people can go and feel the ancients guiding them and speaking to them, where the area as it was thousands of years ago. This is not just a little fantasy it is real, if you have not been you need to go and feel the wonder of this place and know that logging leases will destroy it, it will not be healed in our life time or our children's or our grandchildren's if you allow this to continue. These leases will not just destroy this land but scientists have proven that cutting this carbon sink will affect our climate. Make the right decision for the people for the future generations, not for profits and DO NOT LEASE this land!

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