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Comments: I strongly object to the proposal to exempt Alaska's Tongass National Forest from long-standing protections against logging and development. I object to opening the door for potential timber harvesting on 165,000 acres of old-growth forest. This forest is a national treasure that cant be replaced for hundreds of years. It needs to be protected for all of us. Removing the protections would hurt the region's fishing and tourism industries, while also worsening the effects of climate change. Right now the forest sequesters huge amounts of carbon. Please dont be short-sighted; please preserve this old growth forest.

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