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Comments: I am a professor of Biology, author of more than 230 peer reviewed articles cited over 25,000 times, and Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

I urge you to not open any new areas to logging, and preserve the old growth forest, needed for the preservation of this critical ecosystem and the livelihood of local groups including Native Alaskans. The forest is also a critical carbon sink, now needed more than ever.