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Comments: I was born in Alaska, and have lived to see it's natural treasures plundered and abused in the ensuing years. Tongass is an irreplaceable treasure, and vital to nature's ability to remove large amounts of carbon from the atmosphere. Only trees can do that, and we are currently watching 24 out-of-control wildfires in OREGON, WASHINGTON & CALIFORNIA destroy millions of acres of trees. There is no excuse for tearing into Tongass. No amount of money or 'useful resources' can excuse destruction of some of our last carbon-reducing old growth forests. Tearing into Tongass is akin to removing and selling your own lung. This natural treasure needs to be preserved for all time.