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Comments: Old growth forests are one of the critical non-renewable resources of our planet, and it is our obligation to protect them, not destroy them in the quest for economic gain. Shortsightedness and greed characterize our current administration, whose inability to see the bigger picture is threatening the actual existence of our planet.

The Tongass Forest needs to remain undisturbed so that it continues to provide habitat for all the flora and fauna that currently exist there. It is critical that the last remaining undisturbed wilderness areas remain that way. These are irreplaceable and the economics do not support the commercialization of the forest any more than the ethics of such destruction would.

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