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Comments: To whom it may concern,

My name is Adam Gunther. As a native Californian you might think I don't have much to say about the Tongass. Not so! I have spent a lot of my free time in Alaska and know it to be an extraordinary place. The Tongass has been central to my experiences there. It is a wild, special, and wholly unique place.

While its a special place for recreational activities it is even more important ecologically. The Tongass is the largest intact temperate rainforest left on Earth and provides vital habitat for eagles, bears, wolves, salmon and countless other species. It is a globally recognized carbon sink and helps to mitigate the worst impacts of climate change, storing approximately 8% of the total carbon stored in all national forests. It baffles the mind that any amount of commerce could supersede these facts.

Please, for my sake, my children's sake, and their children, DO NOT LOG THE TONGASS!

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Adam