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Comments: The old-growth forests in the Tongass Rainforest are more important than ever to protect, this is evident as wildfires are burning all over the western US. We must protect the forests as a defense against furthering the climate crisis. Destroying critical old-growth in the Tongass, not only devastates wildlife habitat and harms the climate, but disregards the sovereignty of Indigenous peoples and further perpetuates modern genocidal policies. We have everything to gain from taking a permanent stand to protect what forests are left here on earth, we gain the chance to live on this planet with nature and with respect for Indigenous caretakers of forest lands.