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Comments: THIS IS JUST WRONG AND REFLECTS THE CORRUPTION AND COMMERCIALISM THAT IS DESTROYING OUR FORESTS AND WILDLIFE.

Logging the Tongass has been tremendously costly for taxpayers. A new report estimates that timber sales from the forest have cost taxpayers \$1.7 billion over four decades.

"Despite a commitment to move away from unsustainable old-growth timber sales, the U.S. Forest Service continues to offer these sales in the Tongass National Forest," said Nicole Whittington-Evans, Alaska program director for Defenders of Wildlife. "More clearcutting will damage the real drivers of southeast Alaska's economy: fish, wildlife and tourism. Defenders won't stand by and watch as the administration despoils irreplaceable wildlife habitat and threatens sustainable jobs and livelihoods in southeast Alaska."