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Comments: I'm horrified that the Forest Service is planning to sell part of the Tongass National Forest for logging! Please immediately cancel the sale for the following three reasons:

1. Doing so supports the Forest Service's stated mission to "sustain forests and grasslands for present and future generations" (<https://www.fs.usda.gov/about-agency>).
2. By sparing these trees, you'll permit them to continue drawing carbon out of the oversaturated atmosphere - a task we desperately need them to perform during the climate crisis.
3. It's the right thing to do. If a group of humans had been targeted for extermination as brutally and successfully as old-growth forest, we would call it genocide. Clear-cutting more than 5,100 acres of old-growth forest is ecocide. Not only will the logging company kill those trees, they'll destroy the ecosystem that depends on the trees. By canceling the sale, you'll prevent that tragedy and protect more than 5,100 acres of irreplaceable life.

On the other hand, I can think of one good reason for selling protected land to a logging company: money. I understand that the Forest Service needs money to continue "support[ing] nature in sustaining life" (another quote drawn from its "about" page). If the organization violates its mission in the name of honoring its mission, however, its good intentions will be cold comfort for the thousands of organisms slaughtered in the clear-cut.

Please, as compassionate human beings, as competent and professional members of the Forest Service, and as stewards of our precious land - cancel the Tongass National Forest timber sale.