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Comments: As owners of a small plot of wilderness land in Alaska, my wife, children and I strongly oppose the USFS plan for cutting more old growth forest in Tongass.

Besides the environmental damage this would do to the largest old growth temperate rain forest in the world, it would encumber a large loss to US taxpayers. Using Forest Service budget data, we believe Tongass timber sales over the last four decades generated \$227 million in revenue but cost \$1.96 billion to administer. Since fiscal year 1980, the USFS has lost approximately \$1.7 billion, or an average of \$44 million per year. The report estimates USFS losses will top \$190 million over the next five years if the agency moves forward with currently planned timber sales.

Please do not allow such plans to be implemented.