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Comments: PLEASE do not proceed with this project and allow any clear cutting in the Tongass National Forest! The small amount old growth forests that are left in the US need to be protected, as these forests and trees are irreplaceable, and critically important to our earth's future. In addition to being an old growth forest, 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 U.S. national forests. There is nothing so urgent that would justify moving forward with this project.

Thank you.