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Comments: Hello:

I currently live in Oregon but will eventually move to Alaska to be near my son and his wife who live in Anchorage. I spent the summer of 2018 with them, and, like so many, was deeply moved and impressed with the wild, natural beauty of the state.

It is hard for me to understand how the Trump administration does not seem to get the danger our world is in due to climate change. Nor how that danger will increase to catastrophic proportions if we as a human species do not make an 180 degree turn in the ways we treat and live on this Earth. This logging project is, really, insane. It is insane to destroy that which you absolutely need to exist, which this logging project would do. SOMEBODY, there must be somebody who will read this, who knows how insane it is - how we need to be doing just the opposite of logging, and instead protect our forests and the trees that are protecting us.

As to the particulars of this South Revilla timber sale project, I agree with Dan Cannon, Tongass Forest program manager for Southeast Alaska Conservation Council, when he says, "Shame on the Trump administration's Forest Service for having the gall to continue to burden and overwhelm Southeast Alaskans with yet another needless and money-losing timber sale when we are in the midst of a pandemic and a controversial Alaska Roadless Rulemaking process. As Alaskans await Secretary Perdue's decision on the Roadless Rule, they will yet again have to advocate for the protection of critical old-growth habitat in their backyards. We don't know how many times we need to say it: Timber only contributes 1% to Southeast Alaska's economy, while the fishing and tourism industries contribute 26%. Stop making Southeast Alaskans' lives more difficult by threatening our true economic drivers."

I also agree with Randi Spivak, public lands director at the Center for Biological Diversity who states, "This assault on America's largest rainforest will destroy important habitat for salmon, bears and wolves, and worsen the climate crisis. Clearcutting the Tongass and wiping out enormous carbon stores is like cutting off part of the planet's oxygen supply. It's mind-boggling that the Trump administration wants to decimate this spectacular old-growth forest and erase one of the solutions to averting catastrophic climate change."

And with Osprey Oreille Lake, executive director for the Women's Earth and Climate Action Network (WECAN), who says clearly, "As forests across the Americas burn, the last thing we need to do is destroy old-growth forests in the Tongass Rainforest, one of the United States' best defenses against furthering the climate crisis. Existing within the territories of the Tlingit, Haida and Tsimshian peoples, the Tongass is a vital ecosystem necessary to the traditional life-ways of local Indigenous communities. 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 must stand together for our forests, communities and the climate."

And with Olivia Glasscock, an attorney at Earthjustice who notes, "It was just over two months ago that a federal judge threw out the largest logging project we've seen in decades because the Forest Service failed to provide communities with basic information like where it intended to log. Nevertheless, the agency is back again with twin proposals for timber sales targeting irreplaceable old-growth trees in the same cherished national forest. Urgent action is needed to address the climate crisis, and that includes efforts to preserve the magnificent trees that absorb carbon. Unfortunately, these destructive logging plans will only make the problem worse."

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 national forests.

This South Revilla timber sale project is a terrible idea. DON'T DO IT!

Sincerely,