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Comments: Timber only contributes 1% to Southeast Alaska's economy, while the fishing and tourism industries contribute 26%. Cutting timber in the Tongass just doesn't make any fiscal sense at all. Why do something that will actually reduce the economic drivers of the area and leave the people in worse economic shape???

Additionally, Taxpayers for Common Sense has found that these timber projects cost the American taxpayer tremendous amounts of money. Over the last four decades they found that taxpayers lost 1.7 BILLION dollars in money-losing timber sales in the Tongass. As a taxpayer, this is not a responsible way to spend my money. How does it make any sense for it to cost taxpayers money to allow timber companies to make huge profits?? Both parties should agree that it makes NO sense at all and the only ones who benefit are the timber companies. It is way past time to put financial accountability over timber industry profits for the good of this country and all taxpayers.