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Comments: Please consider an alternative to this plan. In alignment with the USFS' stated mission of "sustaining trees for culture and heritage uses", please allow first access to these resources (wood and bark) to Prince of Wales Island community members and artisans so that they may be used for art and culture. This alternative would benefit all parties by strengthening relationships and trust between the USFS and community members, by propagating cultural traditions and wood products via increased access to materials, and by providing resources for culture bearers and artisans to pass on ancient Native values and techniques to young people throughout Southeast Alaska.

Thank you for your consideration.