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Message

Dear U.S. Forest Service, I wanted to understand why you, as the primary Tongass caretakers, believe it's necessary to allow clearcutting and privatization. So, I reviewed the information on your website, <https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.fs.usda.gov%2Ftongass%2F&data=04%7C01%7C%7C4a2ffe7a13b04922c78508d88a3a95b5%7Ced5b36e701ee4ebc867ee03cfa0d4697%7C0%7C0%7C637411331508876254%7CUnknown%7CTWFPbGZsb3d8eyJWljoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQljoiv2luMzliLCJBTiil6lk1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&data=F4TD%2F7R7y0NKg4kMFUawtPhQIDTI75LLKcItI%2BuH38%3D&reserved=0>

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E45r%2F3qd57Zqfc%3D&reserved=0, and it is explained reasonably enough. You label the work as,
"resource management and forest ecosystem health" and I want to believe you have only the integrity of the
forest as your main objective. However, additional research from a variety of environmental sources say that the
majority of Southeast Alaskans disagree with your decision. Although I consider you an expert, I also believe
many others have expertise in the environmental health and wellbeing of the Tongass.

I pray your decisions are not political and driven by the greed of others. I don't believe the greed can be on the
part of the Forest Service because of the data I found from a Taxpayers for Common Sense report. It said that
from

2008 through 2013, the U.S. Forest Service spent \$139.1 million on timber sales (including road construction) in
the Tongass and received only \$8.6 million in proceeds from these sales. Now I'm not saying that had you made
a profit it would have been worth it; I'm just saying that if these numbers are true, I can't believe you would be
prepared to spend additional tax dollars on projects that are so highly opposed.

Are these numbers true? Are your decisions political or in the best interest of the Tongass? As leaders in this
area, I ask you human to human, to please do the right thing for our environment, for the Alaskan people, and for
the millions of Americans who count of these National habitats as places of wonder and hope.

Thank you for your time. I hope you will answer my questions. If I've misunderstood my research please correct
me so I can learn how to better represent myself in working to make and keep America beautiful Jamie Long
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