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Comments: Please protect the Tongass. Our future depends on it. A lot of the droughts we see are connected to chopping down forests. Trees like water at life giving. Therefore, I urge the US Government, namely USDA to prioritize natural habitat over special interest like logging and cattle grazing. I request that you value our forests alive instead of seeing them as a big dollar sign. The Federal Government must take action to protect Mature and Old Growth Trees in the Tongass Forest.

Thank you for accepting my comment.