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Comments: Thank you for taking steps to protect Old-Growth Forests. Safeguarding these forests is crucial to our planets survivability, as well as being revered places. Please do not exclude the Tongass National Forest, as it is home to many species of endangered and rare flora and fauna. We need these forests for species diversity and carbon storage more than ever to offset the climate crisis we have caused.