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Comments: Dear U.S. Forset Service and Bureaus of Land Management

For a clear and precise example of the saving and resoration of Old Growth Trees, I will utilize this segment of a piece I prepared, and sent in to the Chicago Sun Times, and Chicago Tribune's Editors Desks, in support of efforts generated via "Environment America", on Jan 18th, 2022.

Subsequently and unfortunately, the full piece exceeded the news print's parameters for word content.

The following will serve as my official and hearfelt comments to this effort, to be submitted by closing date of February 2nd, 2024.

Excerpts from "The Trees Are Screaming"

***The Tongass National Forest in S. E. Alaska, encompassing 17 million acres of "Old Growth Trees," (spruce, hemlock, cedar,) largest Carbon (Co2) sink and rainforest in the world, is in imminent danger of losing protections to our pristine ecosystem, teeming wildlife and destruction of indigenous communities and small American family fisheries from rampant logging and devastation of whole swaths of previously protected U.S. land.

9.2 million acres and counting have been destroyed via Trump administrations October 2020 reversal to allow whole tree mining, of which 85% is exported to Asia, and we, the taxpayer, are footing the bill. Whilst there is virtually no U.S. monetary return of millions of taxpayer dollars, except to Trump's highest bidders; billionaires who profit, and We, The People, Lose, Lose, Lose, precious resources daily, vital to our breathable air, and the protections the forest provides to our total future existence.

***This is one of the most important clarion calls to Climate Change protections, demanding U.S. Citizen's voices and attention now!

The Tongass absorbs 44% of all carbon emissions stored by National Forests! It is a behemoth in our breathable air and natural eco support system.

The destruction of this Natural Wonder and all its bountiful climate protective qualities will deliver a brutally dangerous decline to the way our world exists today. We are already losing a tough climate battle, and this will strike a definitive nail in the coffin to further obliterate our magnificent world and existence.

Please take into strong consideration these thoughts with regard to retain and save our Old Growth Trees, in the urgent quest to preserve life, land, wildlife our waters, natural wonders, and indigenous peoples... crucial for our existence, thriving and for our Children's, Childrens, Children. for generations to come.

Thank you for your time and consideration to read and ponder these personal and crucially important remarks.