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Comments: The overall goal here is to protect old growth forests. Thank you for listening to Southeast Alaska Tribes, municipalities and small business owners who requested that the USDA drop the language in the Notice of Intent that effectively exempted the Tongass National Forest from the same protections afforded to other forests.

The forests store carbon in our warming world. They sustain hunting, fishing and recreation. Larger-scale commercial logging endangers fish and wildlife habitats, including:

* Five species of Pacific salmon, whose spawning is impacted by stream health, which is impacted by the health of the forest around it,

* Sitka blacktail deer numbers have suffered in Prince of Wales because of the impacts of logging across the Island.

Please protect our precious old growth resource.

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