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Comments: Regional differences in forest composition, weather, and values differ in each area and should/will impact management needs. An action plan (vs. no action) must include language and governance that takes local best practices into consideration. I suggest a phased action plan that transitions from the current proposed alternative 2 to the more restrictive alternative 3 by a certain date at least 5 years later. This will allow the Tongass sawmill economy to transition and the park to find alternative supplemental funding, thus reducing economic strain. Ultimately not transitioning to a more restrictive plan such as alternative 3 will leave too many loopholes open for timber harvesting and could have detrimental effects on future preservation of old growth forests. Old growth forests represent important carbon sinks that combat climate change, critical areas for biodiversity and habitat, and aid in watershed protection.