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Comments: The updated language in the preferred alternative, intended to allow for implementation of the Southeast Alaska Sustainability Strategy, is ambiguous about allowable logging, which leaves room for exploitation and large-scale commercial logging of old-growth. Rather than using wording like 'de minimis,' more explicit language about exceptions would be more protective.

With the purpose of the National Old Growth Amendment to conserve old-growth forest conditions and recruit new old-growth in response to climate change, protection of the Tongass National Forest should be a top priority as our largest National Forest and greatest carbon sink.