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Comments: Dear Forest Service Plan Revision Team,

My family and I live in Fairbanks and greatly value the opportunity to travel to Southeast and the Tongass to hunt for deer and goats and fish. Please take into consideration our concerns for the health and sustainability of this resource in the forest revision process.

Please support the following key priorities in the final Tongass National Forest Land Management Plan Revision:

- Align Forest Management with Southeast Alaska Community Values: Southeast's economy is driven by fishing, recreation, and subsistence. The Plan should prioritize forest management to support these industries and communities, and not to prioritize resource extraction to the detriment of these key pillars of our Alaskan way of life.

- Support Critical Fish and Wildlife Habitat: The Tongass supports significant fish and wildlife populations essential to Southeast Alaska's culture and economy. The Plan should maintain habitat safeguards for T77 watersheds and TNC/Audubon priority conservation areas that will benefit blacktail deer winter cover and salmon spawning habitat, and in turn, recreational, commercial, and subsistence users. With our salmon runs in such dire straits, supporting these critical habitats is crucial to the future of our salmon.

- Prioritize Habitat Restoration: Degraded fish and wildlife habitats, such as culverts blocking salmon streams and poor deer forage in old cutover areas, restoration is crucial. The Plan should focus on restoring these areas to benefit local communities through improved flood resiliency, water quality, hunting and fishing opportunities, and job creation.

- Support Outdoor Recreation and Visitor Industries: Southeast Alaska's visitor industry is vital to the economy. The Plan should address issues like capacity, infrastructure, and user conflicts, balancing the growth of tourism with the needs of local recreation industries and ensuring sustainable use of forest resources.

- Manage Timber Resources Sustainably: We support a transition to a young-growth forest products industry that prioritizes local employment and sustainable practices. The Plan should integrate forest management that balances restoration, thinning, and responsible timber harvests, benefiting both wildlife habitats and local economies. Please do not open up our old-growth forest to timber harvest.

We urge the Forest Service to adopt these priorities for the long-term health of the Tongass and the future of our Alaskan way of life.

Thank you for your service to our nation's public lands and waters and for considering our priorities in the Tongass National Forest Land Management Plan Revision.