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Comments: Protecting the Tongass makes not only ethical sense to keep ecosystems intact, but also financial sense. It's well documented that logging the tongass in the past did not make real profits. As a life long Alaskan with the majority of it in Southeast Alaska I have seen first hand the explosion of tourism. This industry makes far more money and has the potential to be a potential source of long standing income. If the ecosystem is allowed to survive salmon have their best chance to survive. If salmon survive so does the fishing industry, a source of enormous income. If salmon survive so do brown bears and the money bear hunting brings in. You clear cut a hillside and it's done for a hundred years. In no way, morally or financially, does large scale logging add up.