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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft Tongass plan assessment. I want to thank you for including a chapter on the Tongass as a Native place. The Tongass is, fundamentally, a Native place and it is long past time to feature this in detail as a cornerstone of the Tongass plan. The authors of the Native place chapter do an excellent job of explaining this and laying down an essential foundation.

The next Tongass Plan should also feature three other cornerstones: Ecosystems, Watersheds and Communities. If the FS maintains these 4 cornerstone priorities - a Native place, forest ecosystems, wild salmon watersheds and communities - I think everyone who has a stake in or depends on or cares about the Tongass National Forest will be well-served.

Sincerely, John Sisk