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Comments: I understand lumber is important but we cannot ignore the facts that this activity will happen. I am not in favor of this project.

The Twin Mountain II Timber Sale should be rejected because it causes irreparable harm to the rare old-growth ecosystems of the Tongass National Forest. By targeting 1,655 acres of primary forest, the project permanently destroys complex habitats that support vulnerable species like the Alexander Archipelago wolf and the Queen Charlotte goshawk. These forests are not just timber; they are essential carbon sinks that play a vital role in global climate mitigation. Converting these ancient stands into managed young-growth patches disrupts the ecological connectivity required for wildlife to thrive and diminishes the forest's natural resilience.

Furthermore, the project represents a significant financial and social liability. The extensive road construction and maintenance costs often exceed the revenue generated from the sale, essentially using taxpayer dollars to subsidize the destruction of public resources. This industrial expansion also threatens the subsistence way of life for local Alaska Native communities who rely on healthy deer populations and pristine watersheds for food security. Rather than clinging to outdated old-growth harvesting models, the Forest Service should prioritize a transition to sustainable young-growth management that protects the region's long-term economic and environmental health.