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Comments: Hello Forest Service Team,

I'm reaching out with a heavy heart about the impending logging activities on Prince of Wales Island. This area, within the Tongass National Forest, is a critical habitat for the vulnerable Alexander Archipelago wolf, a unique subspecies facing dire threats.

These wolves, along with the ancient forests they inhabit, are at a tipping point. After suffering near-extinction due to excessive hunting, their precarious recovery is now jeopardized by the proposed destruction of 1,655 acres of irreplaceable old-growth trees.

These towering trees are more than just flora; they are the backbone of an intricate ecosystem, providing vital shelter and sustenance not only to wolves but to myriad species. The roots of these ancient giants serve as safe havens for wolf dens, securing the future for generations to come.

The interconnectedness of life in the Tongass is profound. The loss of these forests would mean irreversible damage, with recovery spanning beyond our lifetimes. Over 94% of the northern island's old-growth has already vanished, and further logging would devastate this ecological treasure.

In a world grappling with biodiversity loss and climate change, safeguarding the Tongass should be a global priority. This forest is not just a local asset but a world-renowned sanctuary.

I urge you to stand against the logging proposal and focus on preserving and restoring this invaluable environment. Let's ensure that future generations can witness the thriving majesty of the Tongass and its inhabitants.

Thank you for considering this urgent plea.

Best regards,