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Comments: Dear Forest Service Team,

I hope this message finds you well. I am reaching out to express a pressing concern regarding the future of Prince of Wales Island's old-growth forests within the Tongass National Forest, Alaska.

The Alexander Archipelago wolf, a unique and rare subspecies, is on the brink of further endangerment due to proposed logging activities. This wolf, which thrives solely in the Tongass, faces habitat threats from the planned logging of 1,655 acres of critical forest land.

The historical context is dire: past hunting and trapping drastically reduced the wolf population, while extensive logging has already stripped the island of 290,000 acres of its forests. The remaining forests are not just homes to these wolves but are vital ecosystems with trees over a millennium old, supporting a complex web of life.

The irreversible loss of these ancient forests would not only threaten the wolves but also disrupt the entire ecological balance of the region. Recovery from such destruction is measured in centuries, not years. With much of the northern old-growth forest already gone, the proposed project risks further ecological harm.

In an era where climate change and biodiversity loss challenge our global future, conserving the Tongass and its unparalleled biodiversity is imperative. This forest stands as a global ecological treasure, offering sanctuary to the Alexander Archipelago wolf and countless other species.

Thus, I urge you to reconsider and halt any plans that would lead to further logging of these invaluable old-growth forests. Let us work together to ensure that future generations inherit not just stories of the Tongass, but the vibrant, living forest itself.

Thank you for considering this crucial matter.

Best regards,