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Comments: Hello,

I'm writing to urge you to remove Unit 346 from the Twin Mountain II timber sale in the Tongass National Forest.

It's difficult to understand why we would knowingly destroy one of the last remaining groves of extraordinary old growth forest, particularly when new evidence has been submitted documenting important wildlife habitat in the area. The reported discovery of seven denning structures, including a large hollow at the base of a living tree, raises serious questions about whether the ecological significance of this grove has been adequately considered.

These trees have stood for centuries. Once they're gone, no mitigation plan or future replanting can replace what has been lost. The Tongass is a national treasure, and its remaining ancient forests deserve more than a decision that treats them as another source of timber.

I understand that timber harvesting supports jobs and communities in Southeast Alaska. But responsible forest management means recognizing that some places are too valuable to cut. Protecting this grove does not mean abandoning the timber industry. It means exercising the judgment and restraint necessary to preserve something irreplaceable for future generations.

I urge you to take another look at the evidence submitted by More Than Just Parks, publicly address the wildlife findings, and remove Unit 346 from the sale before a final decision is signed.

You have the opportunity to protect this remarkable place. I hope you will use it.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Andrew Schwab