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Comments:

Please accept my comments on the Prince of Wales Landscape Level Analysis Project and DEIS. We need to move towards a sustainable future on Prince of Wales and throughout the Tongass National Forest. A new strategy is needed on the Tongass but this plan has a long way to go. The DEIS is supposed to inform the public about the impacts the project. Instead, it lacks sufficient detail for forest users to assess the tradeoffs between logging as much as 28,000 more acres of Tongass old growth over the next 15 years and maintaining robust populations of deer and salmon on Prince of Wales. Additionally, the agency fails to take a hard look at the effect of allowing the export of logs without on-island processing or using taxpayer dollars to pay for new logging roads to try and make logging economically viable.

Specifically, the DEIS fails to account fully for:

- The significant changes in land ownership that have occurred on Prince of Wales since 2013.
- The effects from increasing the density of roads and loss of important deer winter range.
- Full disclosure and accurate and detailed analysis of the project's costs and benefits.
- The consistent pattern of "falldown," or the difference between the how much timber is estimated as available for logging and the amount that can actually be cut.

Alternative 5 does have some key elements that I support:

- Protects old growth on the north end of Prince of Wales Island above the 20 Road, between the western shoreline of Red Bay and the communities of Point Baker and Port Protection.
- The agency integrates important job-creating restoration and sustainable recreation development into all the action alternatives.
- Protects old growth on south-facing slopes below 800-feet in elevation.
- No logging of old growth in Dry Pass, south of Port Protection.
- No use of herbicides to treat invasive plants.
- Implements broad protections for deer and wolf habitat recommended in the 2017 Interagency Wolf Habitat Management Program.

I hope that you will significantly improve the preferred alternative in the Final EIS. Thank you.