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Comments:

I am writing because I understand that Prince of Wales Landscape Level Analysis Project (POWLLAP) represents a better approach for project planning on the Tongass National Forest. While this approach has some positives to support it, it raises some serious concerns.

I am currently writing to comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I have some concerns about the three proposed alternatives for logging outlined in the DEIS. My wish is for the Forest Service to move towards a sustainable future on Prince of Wales and throughout the Tongass National Forest.

Currently, I only see Alternative 5 as having some key elements that are needed. So out of the three I support alternative 5.

I support the attention to the issues below:

- Protecting 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.
- Having the agency integrate important job-creating restoration and sustainable recreation development into all the action alternatives.
- Protecting old growth on south-facing slopes below 800-feet in elevation.
- Not allowing logging of old growth in Dry Pass, south of Port Protection.
- Not allowing use of herbicides to treat invasive plants anywhere.
- Implementing all possible broad protections for deer and wolf habitat recommended in the 2017 Interagency Wolf Habitat Management Program.

However, I am concerned that the Forest Service is rushing through with this sale without completing an updated inventory of the remaining old growth on the island. Therefore, the DEIS fails to account fully for the serious issues below

- 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, as what occurred recently on the Big Thorne sale.

In summary, a new strategy is needed on the Tongass and this plan needs much improvement. Please keep working to move towards a sustainable future on Prince of Wales and throughout the Tongass National Forest.