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"Dear Service Forest,

I urge you to reject the logging proposed in the Prince of Wales Landscape Level Analysis project in the Tongass National Forest.
For decades the Forest Service allowed the logging industry to clear-cut thousands of acres of Prince of Wales Island. The agency should not allow the industry to decimate what little old-growth habitat remains.

Additional logging of Prince of Wales Island old-growth forest is unsustainable. It would destroy irreplaceable habitat for species unique to the island, as well as bears, salmon, Sitka black-tailed deer and Alexander Archipelago wolves.
The U.S. Forest Service must shift its management of Prince of Wales away from the controversial and costly industrial-scale old-growth timber sales and instead focus on restoration of wildlife habitat and watersheds, tourism and recreation.

I ask that the U.S. Forest Service act swiftly and strongly to protect the Tongass National Forest by quickly transitioning out of industrial-scale old-growth logging in this national treasure.

Recreation and tourism are vital to our economy and to the health of our work force, which helps to 'make America great'. The pristineness of a watershed area is necessary to maintain water quality, again, for the health of U.S. citizens, and to conduct widespread logging in such a massive area that's one of the last of its type is to destroy the natural balance on which the stability of our more populated environments depends. The stability of city life depends on the existence of natural places to return to, for whatever reason, and there are also unpredictable environmental repercussions when destroyed natural balance in such a large area, which would adversely affect health and safety in the more populated areas, through natural and ecological pathways we do not yet completely understand.

Regards,
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