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Hi Forest Service:

I have lived in the southeast Alaska region for almost 10 years. I have worked in the hatchery, commercial fishing, and as a diesel boat mechanic. I have a biology degree with emphasis on fish and game management. throughout my life i have studied forest ecology and have worked varies jobs where I helped in reclamation of wild lands. I have seen clear cuts at work and feel the degradation of the lands after 30 to 60 years is not sustainable. Selective harvesting is the best way to harvest old growth timbers. That being said good luck harvesting timber without a road. Roads should not be built in the southeast Alaska region. The rain and weather makes upkeep of roads difficult and roads that are already in existence are not maintained as is. If there are new roads to be built use them for hydro power or geothermal and extending the power grid to communities in need. Lets upgrade our watersheds by training Alaskans to recognize deteriorating watersheds and restore them. We need our lands for fishing and tourism. We all benefit from cleaner ecosystems in our lands. We all benefit by having old growth for our wildlife, fish, and children. Lets not replay history Lets make our rebuild our future and make better choices.