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Comments:

The Tlingit and Haida people have lived in what is now known as the Tongass National Forest in Southeast Alaska since time immemorial. Today the treasured forest faces one of its greatest and most immediate threats to date. To begin logging in this pristine and sacred forest is a loss for all peoples, not only the native folk who depend on this forest for their very life. So much of this earth is under assault by development and harvesting. The health of the planet depends on keeping these lands whole and intact as does the health of the peoples and wildlife that live within this area.

I beseech you to oppose Sen. Lisa Murkowski's two budget riders aimed at allowing thousands of acres of old-growth forest in the Tongass (and the Chugach National Forest) to be clear-cut.