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Comments:

Worse, the Forest Service's 'condition-based National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)' process continues to leave the public in the dark by failing to fully inform us about the specific locations, timing, amount of logging, roadbuilding, or mitigating measures it has approved for this project. The POWLLA project is precisely the type of non-specific agency decision-making Congress intended to halt when it enacted NEPA as a way to allow for full public participation in planning, nearly fifty years ago.

Together we must speak up in defense of the remaining Tongass National Forest lands on Prince of Wales Island and surrounding islands. The Forest Service is currently taking public comments until May 13th. Act today by commenting on the Out-Year plan.

When you comment, keep these issues in mind:

The POWLLA analysis fails to comply with NEPA because the Forest Service has not disclosed the essential site-specific details about where trees will be cut and roads built.

Wherever old-growth timber sales occur, it will harm local subsistence hunting, fishing, recreation, and tourism. Without the essential information of where logging will occur, the public cannot fully understand the impact of this sale.

Prince of Wales Island has lost too much old-growth habitat already. The Forest Service should drop the old-growth timber sales and focus entirely on restoration, stewardship, and recreation projects.