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Comments:

When will we stop chopping down old growth forest on Prince of Wales Island, a now very limited and precious natural contributor to the health of our planet? It is extremely disheartening to hear about these seemingly endless attacks against one of nature's greatest creations, especially during a time when our ancient forests are one of our remaining tools in combating man-made climate change. We simply cannot afford to continue to sell old growth forest that largely gets shipped overseas. Cascading habitat loss, and thus hits to subsistence hunting, fishing, and recreation is the inevitable result to yet another old growth timber sale. It takes over 100 years to regrow such a forest to its current state. Prince of Wales Island has lost too much old growth habitat as it is. The Forest Service should now focus on restoration, stewardship, and recreation projects to rebuild what has already been depleted. When it comes to the current and future health of our planet, the Forest Service has a substantial impact - please consider these enormous consequences before you proceed.

Thank you for taking my concerns into consideration.