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Comments:

There has been too much old-growth habitat on Prince of Wales Island already. The Forest Service should drop the old-growth timber sale and focus on restoration and recreation projects. The proposed sales will harm the wildlife, hunting and fishing, recreation and tourism. This forest should instead be protected from the harmful effects of clear-cutting and the impacts to global warming. Just the opposite should be undertaken to protect our planet and remaining natural places which are so important to future generations.

A comprehensive plan has not been undertaken. This plan is willy-nelly. The scope of the project does not establish specific information which is needed for anyone to understand and comment on it. The analysis does not comply with NEPA as the Forest Service has not disclosed the essential site-specific details about where trees will be cut and where road may be built.

Again, too much old-growth habitat has already been lost and the sale of these old trees should be dropped from the plan. Restoration, stream protections, planting of new trees, ensuring wildlife thrives and recreation activities abound should be the focus. Ensuring future generation have the opportunity to experience our beautiful forests and wildlife should be the goal. There is nothing attractive or useful when clear cutting is done and the contribution to global warming is unacceptable.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment and hopefully you will preserve this forest for everyone.

Ms. Terry Cummings