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Comments:

Dear Forest Service.

Here are my comments on the Prince of Wales Island Landscape Level Analysis. I have strongly held views on Tongass Forest management for many reasons. I came to live in SE Alaska in 1965. I have spent a lot time on POW Island and I have devoted most of my adult life to efforts that will protect the Tongass Forest from logging. My most strongly held belief is that there should be no more logging of old growth forest anywhere in the Tongass.

My view is influenced by the current status of climate change and the effects of climate change on forests world wide. I believe that we must protect all the remaining forests we have in the United States and world because forests are one of the best hedges we have to prevent over heating of planet earth. We are already over the 350 parts per million of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.

What I know is most of the worlds forests are threatened by clear cutting so that palm oil plantations can be created. Other developments by short sighted governments and individuals continue massive deforesting projects. This flies in the face of science recommendations on what to do about climate change and how to manage our forests for multiple uses which I think should be mostly for fish wildlife and and biological species not yet extinct. POW logging sales have already been opposed because of the wolves. How will these rare wolves be effected by this huge clear cut.

The size of the landscape management clear cutting and amount of board ft to be cut is not well explained. It is not clear that this timber can be sold for a decent price. What is the evidence that it is worth creating this huge scar in the forest and what will the benefit to US tax payers be?

I am opposed to the landscape plan as it is called. What I want the forest service to do is put all its effores and resources into protective management with no more large scale logging of any kind.

Sincerely yours,

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