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Comments:

I wish to comment on the proposed old growth logging on Prince of Wales Island. Prince of Wales old growth has been logged so greatly, that I do not believe that any more logging should occur. I see that there are some proposed cuts on Staney creek. This is unbelievable to me, as that area is part of an over 10,000 acre continuous area of cut. Added to that massive cut area is the fact that much of the area is Karst. I have explored and surveyed many caves in the area. I do not believe that all the caves and Karst have been identified. I have also walked prior units on many areas near Coffman Cove, Naukati, Neck Lake and on the northern end of Prince of Wales. We should also be concerned because the Karst landscapes help the salmon streams by holding the water, and minimizing the extremes in the flow rate. Not to mention how it affects the Ph of the water. Salmon are facing enough problems with climate change without harming their habitat.

I see that there are new roads proposed. Prince of Wales already has too many roads. Many roads still exist, but have been wiped out of the forest service's consciousness by having a bar ditch put in and calling that road no longer in existence. I have walked many of these nonexistent roads. The road continues to effect wildlife, and more roads will not help the situation.

I read that you are calling this a "landscape level analysis". I could support restoration, although there are places on POW karst like Flicker Ridge where the forest service's own soil scientists have said that it will take another ice age before the trees will regrow. What are the details on that restoration. Why do we cut and then try to restore.

I would also support trail building and new public use cabins. But if logging continues who will want to recreate in the clear cuts.

This sounds like a timber sale cloaked in rhetoric. I think that POW has had enough old growth logging. It does not need any more pressure on the Karst landscapes, wildlife habitat, and salmon streams.