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To All Concerned:

I first visited Prince of Wales Island in 1984, and I was shocked by the massive clearcuts and destruction to the environment. At this time, I cannot accept further sale and harvest of POW old-growth forest. Without disclosure of intended sites for cutting and road building, the public can't understand potential impact on old-growth, and thereby can't accurately comment on the impacts of this sale.

In any location where old-growth timber harvest happens, it damages local subsistence hunting, fishing, recreation, and tourism. Even in 1984, POW had lost too much old-growth, and by now that loss is almost unimaginable.

The Forest Service should drop the old-growth timber sales and focus entirely on restoration and recreation projects, protecting this finite resource for generations to come.