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Comments:

I own property and live on Prince of Wales Island and I do not support logging old growth forest here. We are in such a critical time in history. Climate change is affecting the whole state of Alaska drastically, even more so than the rest of the United States. We must focus on how we can change our society and ways of living so that we are having a positive impact on earth instead of such a negative destructive one. These old growth forests do not just belong to the companies that log them, they are part of a beautiful ecosystem beneficial to the environment, the community, and future generations. It is very greedy and ignorant to be logging old growth forests, especially at this time. We can definitely find other ways to benefit our economy, such as tourism. If you have ever been in an old growth forests then you know how stunning it is, many visitors for years to come could come to enjoy these forests, and it could be a sustainable way to boost our economy.

As well, the POWLLA analysis fails to comply with NEPA because the Forest Service has not disclosed the essential site-specific details about where trees will be cut and roads built.

Wherever old-growth timber sales occur, it will harm local subsistence hunting, fishing, recreation, and tourism. Without the essential information of where logging will occur, we cannot fully understand the impact of this sale.

Prince of Wales Island has lost too much old-growth habitat already. The Forest Service should drop the old-growth timber sales and focus entirely on restoration, stewardship, and recreation projects.

I hope we can preserve these forests for the sake of the earth, ourselves, and future generations. I hope you can also at least try to understand this perspective and realize the devastation logging old growth forests does.