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To Whom it May Concern:

I am concerned that Prince of Wales has already lost a significant amount of old-growth habitat, and this could be too much loss. Looking at the island now, it is very clear where cutting has occurred, and it appears that not enough precautions have been taken to minimize visual and habitat impacts. Too much cutting of large swaths, not enough careful cutting to minimize harm. This needs to be halted until companies interested in the timber sales are willing to agree to more concessions regarding how they affect the landscape.

I also believe that the public should be provided with a more specific/detailed plan for cutting and sales to comment on BEFORE a decision is made. That way, we can see if appropriate mitigation measure will be taken, and provide meaningful feedback. The lack of detailed info seems like it could be a NEPA violation; this opportunity for review and comment is integral to public trust and public process.

I am not opposed to logging. I understand the need for a timber industry. But this plan so far does not adequately protect the landscape or the people (and wildlife) who depend on it. Some changes and additional information could better protect communities and tourism while also allowing this economic opportunity to proceed.

Thank you for your consideration.