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Alaska's Old growth forest is under threat and needs as much public input as possible before the Forest Service sells it off. This would be the largest sale of old growth forest in the Tongass in nearly thirty years.

Logging in Southeast Alaska has never been a viable industry without heavy subsidizing, and in its heyday made the most profit for outside industry through a system of monopolization and what essentially amounted to defrauding of the US government by clearcutting vast areas during market downturns and claiming lost value. Southeast Alaska holds some of the last old growth forest in the United States and produces a significant portion of the Pacific Salmon fishery.

By helping to save this, you save an ecologically rich area whose impact is felt around the world. The cold, wet environment helps make this forest one of the biggest carbon sinks per square meter of any forest in the world.