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Comments:

I am writing to call for rejection of the large timber sales which are proposed for the globally essential Prince of Wales Island, as well as neighboring islands in the world's greatest sink for carbon storage -- the Tongass National Forest!

There is certainly inadequate analysis of impacts on various species and watercourses in the "Prince of Wales Landscape Level Analysis. It is improper to seek a generic carte blanche to destroy important habitat while hiding what watercourses (and thus to an extent, what species) will be especially cumulatively impacted by such road-building and clearcut logging activity.

I object to the "full funding" paving the way for timber sale liquidation of important biological resources -- and yet paltry funding for restoration of watersheds (funding for a mere 6 of 27 proposed watershed improvement and restoration projects.

Part of the cumulative impact which was not analyzed is that less large trees will mean less carbon absorption and thus it will accelerate ocean acidification which I have heard reports that around 2040 (at the current careening rate) there may be too little oxygen for most primates to be able to breathe on Mother Earth due to ocean acidification destroying much of the main source of oxygen on our planet -- the plankton.

Such concerns must be addressed in a follow-up variation of POWLLA and its pathetic so-called "Out-Year plan" - rather than merely ignored. It should also be mentioned that there must be no further fragmentation of primary forests in the greater Prince of Wales Island area to protect some listed and other species in the area. So many islands in the Tongass Nat'l Forest vicinity indicates fragmentation of habitat began even before Europeans started to decimate forests, so certainly we do not need further fragmentation and it is a disturbing outrage that the areas to be further fragmented by road-building, logging, and associated activities are not even specified. This is inadequate and I expect to see a much-more balanced follow-up document which focuses on restoration, recreation, and species protection.

Thank you for your consideration.