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Alaska must be open to timber harvesting in the Tongas as well as the Mat-Su Borough. Sacrificing 250,000 acres to forest fires rather than logging is unacceptable and frankly irresponsible governing. Alaska politicians would rather spend a hundred million dollars fighting the fire rather than pay us loggers 1 penny to harvest timber to sell to countries like China, or all over the world, that would potentially buy billions in timber. It makes no sense. Come on politicians wake up here, smell the coffee. If the State of Alaska and Mat-Su Borough would throw 10 percent of the cost to fight forest fires into timber harvesting companies and loggers, we the people would manage the timber forests much better. We'd reduce forest fires from devastating homes and lives of people like myself. The state of Alaska spends billions of dollars. How about investing millions into timber harvesting, timber management, logging companies, and solicit timber buyers world wide. Port McKenzie is read to export timber. Denali Timber Management invested a million, it's the State of Alaska that needs to step up and make the rest happen. 250,000 acres of timber is approximately 375,000 semi truck loads of firewood for example. 375,000 semi truck loads at 2000\$ per load is 750,000,000\$ How much money did state and local governments pay to fight fires just in the last 2 years? Alaska must be open to businesses, especially timber businesses given the amount of timber resources here, customers buying from these businesses and welcome opportunities for the state to generate revenue from its natural resources. Alaska must find resources to pay for government spending rather than lean on the PFD for it's short fall. Alaska must stop spending irresponsibly and start making money responsibly by investing in Alaskan companies that harvest timber.

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