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Good evening,

The NEPA decision process is supposed to be based on the best available science, as you well know. Changes from previous decisions ought to be solidly backed up by new Scientific evidence that noted deficiencies in previous management. You also are aware that federal land agencies have had several decisions recently ruled against them in court as "arbitrary and capricious" due to management activities being chosen that were obviously not supposed by the science. Don't let the Tongass be another one. Doing a political favor to an extraction favoring state is not a Scientific process, and therefore does not meet the honest NEPA criteria. I urge you to have the integrity to resist political pressure and select Alternative 1, a status quo based on science. If you forgo your integrity and duty to the land you serve to please a political agenda, you will leave it to a federal judge to decide with integrity for you, costing you valuable time and budget that you and I both know the agency needs for its overall valuable mission.

[Position]