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Comments:

I'm concerned that lifting protections on the Tongass National Forest will have far-reaching negative consequences. Has a thorough study been done to assess how large-scale logging will impact atmospheric carbon dioxide? What will be local environmental impacts? Will boat traffic increase to move fallen trees? If so, has the impacts on the local wildlife been studied?

Perhaps most importantly, are local communities in favor of lifting protections? From my understanding, some parts of the forest are considered to be sacred to local tribes.

I do not support the expansion of logging. This is a region that should remain untouched by human exploitation.

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