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Comments:

The Prince of Wales Chamber of Commerce was an active member of the POWLAT committee and would like to see Alternative 2 move forward. The mission of the Chamber is to work together for economic vitality and healthy quality of life for the businesses and residents of Prince of Wales Island. Our 260 business members will benefit from the continued supply of timber, the maintenance and development of additional recreation facilities, and the health of the forest creatures, aquatic species, and picturesque landscape that this alternative provides. Our membership values subsistence food gathering, as well as tourist activities. We depend on the timber industry and the many industries it supports. This Alternative was a highly collaborative effort that we were proud to be a part of. It was a healthy compromise between the many business and wildlife interests. It continues to preserve a large portion of the Forest in wilderness and non-cuttable areas, while moving forward and providing a reasonable transition timeframe from old growth to young growth - as the industry's abilities, the market's needs, and the forest's 2nd growth production all grow in strength to make it economically viable and helpful for the health of the forest.