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Dear Mr. Cole

As a 32 year resident of Southeast Alaska, I have been closely following timber sales, especially the 5 Year Transition. The Tongass is important to me because of my 20 years as a former commercial fisherman.

In the Transition, the Forest Service has indicated that no logging will occur in roadless areas and admits there are issues to consider besides old-growth logging, which I agree with. However, there is no downward trend in old-growth logging in the new plan. Also, cutting old-growth should not pay for wildlife restoration. The Tongass has lost so much old growth and I encourage the Forest Service to find other means to finance restoration.

Stream rehabilitation is important to correct damage from logging. Our fisheries truly are

renewable and must be protected.

Second growth thinning is part of the new plan but only in relation to pre-commercial timber harvest. Paul Alaback's gap thinning studies that improve wildlife habitat could be implemented in the 5 Year Transition.

I encourage you to recognize the fragility of this forest and to allow a dying industry to collapse and allow small (one or two man) loggers to utilize our forest.

Thank you for your consideration

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