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Assembly

Subject:

Land Swap

I would like to express my concerns with the "landless natives" land swap happening in Southeast. My family and I strongly urge you to stand against the land swap. The land selected should not be given away. Thomas Bay, Portage Bay and Anita Bay include USFS docks, loading ramps, bulkheads and log sorting yards paid for by the US tax payer. This land is public land, everyone deserves the chance to recreate and subsist on this land. These three areas mentioned also include miles of logging roads that provide access to personal property in and around Thomas Bay, USFS cabins in Portage Bay, and many mapped hiking trails. Many of the roads in Thomas Bay and Portage Bay were built by my father and grandfather and are the roads I use to hunt and fish with my family. I have seen first hand what Goldbelt Native Corp did in Hobart Bay. They logged the entire area then closed it, denying any public access. I don't believe in closing the Tongass. I am asking you to unify as an assembly against this and stand for keeping this land so we are not denied our access.

Thanks for your Time,
Tyler Reid
4th generation Petersburg resident