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### CENTRAL TONGASS PROJECT COMMENTS

I support the NO-ACTION alternative for the Central Tongass Project. The reasons are many and clearly the best choice for the future of Southeast and all but the less than one percent that profit from the subsidized, large scale logging of the Tongass for round log export to China.

Why is Senator Murkowski and the USFS pushing so hard for more logging in the Tongass when it will only benefit less than one percent of the Southeast economy? We (the other 99+%) will be left with the destruction of the forest and much less deer and other wildlife habitat that we rely on for food. We will also be left with damage to fish spawning streams. For these reason I choose the NO ACTION alternative.

Why are we revisiting the Roadless Rule again so soon after the people had decided that they did not want more roads in the Tongass? I have not changed my mind on this and I ask you to leave the Roadless Rule as it stands. For this reason I choose the NO ACTION alternative.

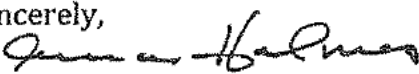
My grandparents subsisted on the wildlife and plants of the Tongass, the fish that spawn in its rivers and seafood from the waters of Southeast. My father was born in Scow Bay and our family subsisted the same way as their parents before them. I was born in Petersburg and my family lives off the wildlife, plants and other gifts of the Tongass, the same way my parents and grandparents did. Moving ahead with the CTP would mean an end of a way of life for Southeast residents. For this reason I choose the NO ACTION alternative.

The CTP would mean an end of a beautiful scenic byway for tourism and for all of us that live in Southeast. The CTP would also mean less salmon for the many commercial, sport and subsistence users. Without healthy salmon runs many residents would be forced to look elsewhere for their livelihood. For this reason I choose the NO ACTION alternative.

The Tongass filters the very air we breathe and the water we drink. If you have ever been to a place where the air is bad, you would truly appreciate what is left of the Tongass and how it cleans our air. There are very few places left on earth with air this pure. There are few remaining rainforests left to do this important work. We have something very precious in the Tongass, please don't spoil it for all. We all require clean air and water to live healthy lives. For this reason I choose the NO ACTION alternative.

All USFS and any other government officials making decisions for the CTP, decisions that will effect the rest of our lives, please do the right thing, don't give in to more logs for China, instead leave what is left of the Tongass intact for future generations. Choose the NO ACTION alternative.

Sincerely,

  
Anna Holmes



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