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From: Karen Kevin McGrew [REDACTED]  
Sent: Wednesday, October 23, 2019 4:09 PM  
To: FS-AK Roadless Rule <akroadlessrule@usda.gov>  
Subject: Tongass National Forest Public Comment

I am writing as an American citizen to comment on the Central Tongass Project #53098, regarding the opening of Tongass National Forest to development and logging projects. This is the largest forest in the United States, and through its absorption of carbon emissions it offers one of our best tools at battling climate change. The local economy depends on tourism and fishing, both of which would be hurt by logging and development. Millions of people visit this forest each year because it is a pristine old growth rainforest. I request that you choose Option 1 and leave this our largest forest undisturbed for generations to enjoy in future, and for the future of our generations in the battle against climate change.

Karen & Kevin McGrew  
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