

AREAS: Are there specific islands, watersheds, or mountains that you care about? It's especially important to specify areas you use for subsistence hunting, fishing, and gathering. Examples include Tenakee Inlet, Nakwasina Sound, Fish Bay, Ushk Bay, Northern Prince of Wales, T77 salmon watershed areas, Audubon/TNC ecological priority areas.

The areas I want to see protected from road building and old growth timber harvest are:

All of The Tongass

USE: What activities do you do on the Tongass? Hunting, fishing, recreation, subsistence, business, tourism, etc. *Mainly My Commercial fishing Business but also Hunting sport fishing, Subsistence*

Old-growth logging and road building would negatively impact the productivity of the ecosystem that I depend on for the following activities:

Decrease in fish + wildlife Populations

SUGGESTION: How should the Forest Service manage the Tongass National Forest? More sustainable alternatives to timber harvest include salmon watershed restoration, conservation, visitor industry infrastructure, deer habitat enhancement, young growth thinning, and maintenance of recreation infrastructure such as trails and cabins.

The monofocus on increasing timber production in the Tongass is outdated and out of pace with the current economy and lifestyle in Southeast Alaska. Industrial scale harvesting of old-growth forest does not enhance salmon production, visitor industry values, deer habitat, or my recreation experience. I would like the Forest Service to focus on activities that enhance and support our lifestyle of living off the land and the sustainable sectors of our economy. These activities are:

Additional comments for the Forest Service:

Sincerely,

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☒ I do not want to receive a copy of the Final Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Roadless Rule Planning Team,

I live in Southeast Alaska, where my lifestyle, the ecology of the forest, and the economy

of our communities are all intricately intertwined. I live in this region for the bountiful salmon

runs, the beautiful scenery, the clean air and water, and the endless opportunities to recreate in

our expansive outdoors. I am one of the 94% of Southeast Alaskans who eat salmon every year.

I depend on the Tongass - from the freshwater streams where salmon spawn to the old-growth

forests that deer rely on, the Tongass fuels our families and our economy. The health of our

economy, which is heavily reliant on the fishing and tourism industries, also depends on the

salmon, wildlife, and presence of old-growth forests. A sustainable future for Southeast Alaska

requires protecting expansive areas of intact habitat - in short, it requires keeping inventoried

roadless areas roadless! I urge the Forest Service and Secretary Perdue to protect important

salmon spawning habitat, maintain old growth forests for winter deer habitat, and keep the

places I like to recreate free of clearcuts and roadbuilding. A full exemption from the Roadless

Rule will not work for the Tongass.

WHO I AM: Include your name, where you live, and any relevant biographical information. Do you

live or work on the Tongass National Forest? What is your relationship to the Tongass?

Richard Curran, from Sitka Alaska. I am a commercial

fisherman. Logging the Tongass will have a adverse affect

on my commercial fishing business. Logging the Tongass will

also have a adverse affect on the tourist industry which has

required logging as an asset industry in the Tongass

ALTERNATIVE: The Forest Service will choose how to proceed from a number of different

alternatives. If you want the Roadless Rule to remain on the Tongass, write "Alternative 1, No

Action." Why do you support this alternative?

The alternative I support is:

I support ALT #1 the 100 Action Alternative

Because: