

canisters and other riot-control projectiles. The woman, who spoke on condition of anonymity because she fears reprisal during her frequent trips to the mainland, uses acupuncture to ease their pain and doesn't charge for her services.

This behind-the-scenes doctoring, outside of government hospitals, suggests that the official toll of 1,235 injured protesters treated in public hospitals since June 9 significantly undercounts both the number and full extent of those hurt in the more than 400 demonstrations tallied by the government.

Hong Kong's chief executive, Carrie Lam, says the casualty count includes

Weather

Sitka Forecast

Tonight, a low of 40 degrees with a 30 percent chance of rain. Wednesday, a high of 52 degrees with a 50 percent chance of rain, and an overnight low of 44 with a 40 percent chance of rain. For the rest of the week expect temps ranging from 42 to 53 degrees with a

front lines. She helped assemble Hidden Clinic at the end of July because "I realized the injuries are getting more severe," she said.

Its name reflects its low profile — its Telegram logo is a bear wearing an identity-concealing surgical mask — but also the many unreported injuries its volunteers see.

"Data published by the government aren't really accurate anymore, and there are a lot of hidden injuries," Wong said.

Boy, 9, Facing Murder Counts In Deadly Fire

EUREKA, Ill. (AP) — A prosecutor says a central Illinois 9-year-old will be charged with five counts of first-degree murder in connection with a mobile home fire that killed five people.

Woodford County State's Attorney Greg Minger tells the (Peoria) Journal Star the juvenile also will be charged with two counts of arson and one count of aggravated arson.

The April 6 fire near the village of Goodfield killed a 1-year-old, two

Group Says USFS Lost \$600M On Tongass

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JUNEAU (AP) — The U.S. Forest

Service has lost nearly \$600 million through its management of the Tongass National Forest, according to a new report.

The study by the nonpartisan group Taxpayers for Common Sense calculated the forest service's losses through roadbuilding and timber sales, Coast Alaska reported Monday.

The average net loss has been about \$30 million annually over the past 20 years, the report said.

The U.S. Forest Service did not comment on the group's report.

Taxpayers for Common Sense warned a rollback of the federal Roadless Area Conservation Rule would accelerate the trend of the forest costing taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars in federal subsidies.

Alaska's U.S. senators have pushed for a rollback of the federal rule.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is expected in the coming weeks to decide whether to formally roll back the Roadless Area Conservation Rule in Alaska.

"The system is clearly broken if we are so underwater with our timber sales," said Autumn Hanna, vice president of Taxpayers for Common Sense.

The report cited a 2016 report by the Government Accountability Office detailing the average annual cost of the Tongass timber program without factoring the cost of building access roads.

The group projected a net loss of at least \$180 million despite the forest service's projection of an additional 300 million board feet (91 million meters) in the next four years.

"We need to reform the timber program first, and just opening up more areas will not help taxpayers,"