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Comments: I first visited the Tongass National Forest this year by taking a hike with a naturalist. I was first astounded by its extraordinary beauty. The naturalist showed us plant after plant that is vital to the ecosystem there and how, for instance, bears eat one specific plant when they come out of hibernation. I have traveled the world extensively--more than 13 countries this year alone and this place is special and it is important to the world. It is one of the places that makes the United States beautiful. We must preserve this land and prioritize that. I am a photojournalist for a living and am attaching a photograph I took on that hike.

Thank you for standing up for what is right and protecting this land for another generation.

Sincerely,

Claudia Kendrick Brinson

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