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Comments: Please find attached an Excel spreadsheet (.xlsx) containing the comments of 1,336 supporters of the National Audubon Society in response to Alaska Roadless Rulemaking #54511. These comments are among the more than 29,250 comments submitted by Audubon supporters, most of which were sent directly from individuals to the email address provided by the U.S. Forest Service in an email dated October 18, 2019 ("USDA Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Update"). Personalized comments can be found on the first worksheet; others signed on to the comments below and can be found in the second worksheet:

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The Roadless Rule helps protect old-growth habitat for birds like the Prince of Wales Spruce Grouse and Northern Goshawk, as well as for mammals like wolves and deer. Opening roadless areas to more logging and roads will fragment the forest and eliminate more of the big old trees that these animals rely on. Furthermore, intact, ancient forests are strongholds of climate resilience, and the Tongass is one of world's largest.

Yet, all of the action alternatives in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement allow more roadbuilding and logging across the Tongass National Forest. Logging roads and timber operations cost tens of millions of taxpayer dollars every year, with zero return on investment. Meanwhile, these destructive activities degrade the naturally sustainable wealth of salmon, wildlife watching, and tourism opportunities.

It is time to stop opening more and more acres to the timber industry and instead bolster protections to the old-growth forests and wild areas on the Tongass. I urge you to select the "No Action" Alternative (Alternative 1) and allow the Roadless Rule to remain intact on the Tongass National Forest.

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If you have any questions about the comments, prefer to receive them in a different format, or need additional information about the individuals submitting comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please accept our thanks for ensuring that the comments of these concerned individuals are considered.

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1,156 Form Letters

180 of the attached submissions included Form Plus letters. Unique substantive formal comment (beyond that submitted in the master form (above) is below. Substantive formal comment is defined as "within the scope of the proposal, have a direct relationship to the proposal, and include supporting reasons for the responsible official to consider" (36 CFR 219.62).

We will lose a nearly pristine habitat, risk losing many species of animals and birds as well as the thousands of hunting, fishing and exploration jobs now supported by this forest.

Lifting the Roadless Rule after two decades would lead to many negative outcomes: increased costs to taxpayers with no return on the investment, degradation and destruction of irreplaceable temperate rainforest, increased greenhouse gases.

Save the forest roadless rule to protect the salmon fishery. It is profitable! Tourism and hunting also demand good habitat for the wildlife attracting the tourists and hunters.