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creating jobs. There are few cabins or camps available in the Tongass for the public to reserve for camping, hunting, fishing, and other recreation. This type of resource development creates jobs for local residents and allows use of the Forest in a manner that preserves its value as important habitat and a vibrant forest that sequesters carbon.

The function of this Forest as a carbon sink may be its highest and best use, in this time when so many other forests in North America are increasingly susceptible to catastrophic fires, disease, and insect infestations. The Forest Service should carefully weigh whether, in this time in history, cutting old growth temperate rainforest is a wise or prudent use of the resource. While the Roadless Rule would not immediately result in opening old growth forests to timber harvesting, it makes that a possibility; no it is not. That is a marked change and one that should not be made without considering the grave need for more intensified timber management in other forests, and the lack of a need for intensified harvest in the Tongass. The circumstances of other forest stands in the US should be considered before taking a measure that will allow for increased harvests of old growth stands in the Tongass.

I offer this in our common understanding of natural and managed systems.

Sincerely,

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