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Thank you,

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The Honorable Sonny Perdue

Sec US Department of Agriculture

1400 Independence Ave., SW

Washington, D.C. 20250

Re: PLEASE EXEMPT THE TONGASS FROM THE ROADLESS RULE

We have lived and worked in the Tongass National Forest for 49 years. During that time period, we have seen many changes which has greatly hurt the economy of Alaska, especially SE Alaska when it comes to regulations. There is so much propaganda being spread by organizations that do not know the facts on how to properly manage the great land base of Alaska. They simply want to shut down any kind of much needed industry that creates jobs.

If one looks back 40-50 years, the logged off areas are much healthier due to management. Proper management of the land creates jobs, contributing to local economies, revenue for schools, businesses, and the list goes on. Such a small piece of the Tongass was ever destined for development.

To say that, the infrastructure of logging is gone so there will be no real revival of large logging operations for the green movement to worry about, but the [ldquo]Roadless Rule[rdquo] will eliminate the expansion of tourism into more areas people would love to explore, alongside other infrastructure that could bring badly needed jobs into Alaska! There are already an abundance of areas of Alaska that can[rsquo]t be developed due to other regulations, so the small amount of land the Roadless Rule would actually apply to should be left alone and be exempted from the Roadless Rule!

As logging diminished new jobs were created by road systems developed during the logging days, opening the forest for tourism which has given many more a chance to see the forest, hike, hunt, camp, fish, access to view

wildlife and a part of Alaska they could never get to if there were no roads. So much of Alaska will never be developed, so why not let people experience this great land while properly managing the forest and any area a [ldquo]Roadless Rule[rdquo] would limit people from accessing for pleasure or subsistence.

We have always believed a well-managed forest is a healthier forest, and if one looks back on how logged areas in Alaska have rejuvenated, they will realize proper management is the key to a long term healthier forest that benefits everyone for generations to come!

Please exempt the Tongass from the Roadless Rule, as it should not apply to Alaska!

Thank you,

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