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*** 37 constituents want you to know their views regarding Protect the Tongass forest in Alaska ***

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Letter Text

Old-growth logging industry can't survive on its own. Tongass timber is no longer competitive because of changes to global timber markets, high labor costs, distance from markets, and less expensive substitutes. If old-growth logging were to resume in the 9.3 million acres of national forest protected by the Roadless Rule, the real drivers of the region's economy - recreation, tourism, guiding and fishing - would be imperiled. And the value that the Tongass provides exceeds economics. Our nation's largest national forest absorbs approximately 8 percent of the nation's annual global warming pollution. No other national forest even comes close, making the Tongass the nation's premier climate insurance policy.

Additionally, when old-growth rainforests like the Tongass are cut down, they release up to two-thirds of their stored carbon into the atmosphere, which contributes to increased storm intensity, sea level rise, wildfires and climate-related health risks.

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