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To the Forest Supervisor Earl Stewart,

As humans demand more resources and expansion, that leaves wildlife on the chopping block. The newest landmass in threat is the Tongass National Forest, currently the largest national forest in the United States. In an article by the Washington Post, President Trump has recently decreed that he will open up half of the Tongass National Forest to logging. By removing trees in the Tongass we would be harming the planet and those who rely on it for resources.

In an article by the Emerald Review it says, "Scientists refer to the Tongass as the 'lungs of the country,' . . . supported by a 2019 carbon analysis report that draws parallels between the significance of the Amazon rainforest in South America and the Tongass in North America." The Tongass is the largest forest in the world, storing millions of tons of carbon, keeping the heat-trapping element out of the atmosphere, according to Earth Justice. Without it, we would be wreaking havoc on our planet in terms of global warming. Another resource relied upon in the Tongass is the wildlife. All five species of Pacific salmon thrive and spawn in the streams and waters of the Tongass National Forest. Other animals such as moose, deer, beaver, fox, and porcupine call this forest home. The natives of Alaska rely on the Tongass for food and resources. Since and before its establishment in 1959 Alaskan natives have hunted, fished, and gathered precious resources from this forest.

Some may argue that we have ample forests and natural resources. Although we may keep one forest intact but chop down another. Eventually, there will be no compromise to be made because there will be no natural resources left. An over said guilt trip for safekeeping our wildlife is think about your kids and their kids. The validity of that argument hasn't diminished. We have about 7 years to get ourselves and our planet in line until the damage is unrevisable.

So my call to you today is to save the Tongass. Keep the Roadless Act and don't allow logging in this precious resource.

Sincerely,
Hannah Larsen