



ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

November 6, 2019

USDA Forest Service
Attn: Alaska Roadless Rule
P.O. Box 21628
Juneau, AK 99802

Re: Alaska Roadless Rule

Dear USDA representative,

Based on the economic importance of the pristine condition of the Tongass National Forest for tourism in Southeast Alaska, the Skagway Development Corporation does not support the USDA's recommendation of Alternative 6 of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Management of Inventoried Roadless Areas within the Tongass National Forest. The Skagway Development Corporation supports continued protection of the Tongass National Forest through the Roadless Rule via Alternative 1 of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Management of Inventoried Roadless Areas within the Tongass National Forest, no action.

Unless this forest is safe-guarded, Skagway and other Southeast communities could face negative impacts on our most important economy as well as possible detrimental impacts to this area's ecosystem.

Sincerely SDC Board of Directors,

Tim Bourcy- President
Cori Giacomazzi- Vice-president
Julene Brown- Secretary
Bruce Schindler- Treasurer
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