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Comments: Dear President Trump & the U.S. Forest Service,

I am in favor of Alternative 1 - taking no action and leaving all of Alaska under the 2001 Roadless Rule, including the Tongass National Forest.

I am outraged that you are proposing to roll back the landmark Roadless Rule to allow companies to punch roads into pristine roadless areas of the Tongass National Forest. Cutting down ancient, 800-year-old trees and destroying natural habitats for profit is a national disgrace.

The Tongass is America's largest national forest and the heart of the largest intact temperate rainforest left in the world. It is home to iconic wildlife including brown bears, black bears, bald eagles, timber wolves, and all five species of Pacific salmon.

The Tongass is also the country's most important national forest for carbon sequestration and climate change mitigation. With parts of Alaska warming at roughly twice the rate of the planet's average speed, maintaining this critical ecosystem advances climate change solutions for both our national and international climate efforts.

It is your responsibility to do everything you can to ensure this pristine national treasure is safeguarded for generations to come. Once it is gone, it is gone forever.

I urge you to reverse course and protect the Tongass National Forest from destructive roadbuilding and logging. Thank you.

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