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Comments: Dear Forest Service,

The Tongass National forest should NOT be exempt from the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation rule. The proposed rule would indeed authorize "ground-disturbing activities." You can't build roads without disturbing the ground. Timber, especially old-growth timber should NOT be harvested, as it would reduce the amount of carbon sequestration achieved by the Tongass Forest. This affects the entire world, not just Alaska and not just our country.

Alternative 1 should have been chosen The Tongass National Forest should remain roadless. No timber should be sold. Alternative 6, your proposed rule, is the worst possible alternative you could have selected, as it will adversely affect the climate and worsen the amount of carbon in the atmosphere.

It is in the best interest of our national security that the Tongass remain roadless and uncut. As the climate becomes more extreme, the effects will reduce land mass and cause massive migrations from flood-prone areas of our country and of the world. This will cause many social problems and worsen the immigration and refugee problems the world is now experiencing.

Please reconsider your short-sighted decision to recommend Alternative 6. Alternative 1, which upholds the current state of affairs for the Tongass, is the only reasonable alternative that properly considers the impacts generated if the Tongass is removed from the roadless rule area.

Thank you,

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