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Comments: To Those Exempting the Tongass National Forest from the Roadless Rule,

The Tongass National Park is one of the crown jewels of national parks in the United States. It has been kept pristine because of the enactment of the Road less rule. The T ongass already has existing roads for those who like to fish, hunt, hike and explore. Adding more roads only opens up the area to logging once again. The Tongass is one of the last remaining massive great temperate rain forest s. With the Amazon being destroyed at record rates, we cannot afford to open the Tongass to logging. Rain forests and trees are one of the best ways for fighting and averting climate change. . Exempting the Tongass from the roadless rule is it a irresponsible thing to do on many levels:

Level 1: Destroys the Tongass ability to avert climate change through carbon fixing

Level 2: Destroys The pristine Nature of this National Park for future generations

Level 3: Destroys countless rare and habitat dependent species that need the Tongass to survive

Level 4: Destroys indigenous peoples rights to their cultural practices

Level 5: It Disrespects Theodore Roosevelt and all the great forward thinking people who made the Tongass the worldwide gift that it is today.

Thank you for including my input,

Sincerely Kim Diment

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