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Comments: I'm writing to urge lawmakers to NOT overturn the roadless rule. The Tongass National Forest is not just a local resource to Southeast Alaskans, it is a global resource in the fight against catastrophic climate change. In-tact temperate rainforests (of which the Tongass is the largest remaining) take in CO2 consistently, year round. They provide habitat for salmon, contributing to a huge economic industry. It is so important to preserve in-tact ecosystems, if we don't there will soon be NONE left.

The Tongass is NOT a good resource for logging, because it takes so long for the trees to grow. On top of that, the government has lost over \$600 million dollars in the short history of logging in the Tongass. There is no reason to keep investing in harvesting the Tongass, economically or environmentally. It is much more economically valuable to us as habitat, carbon capture and storage, soil stabilization, micro climate control, and a visitor destination. It is one of the most incredible natural wonders of the world.

Keeping the roadless rule is logical, smart, and the right thing to do.

Thank you!

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