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Comments: Dear Forest Service, Thank you for the chance to comment on the future of the Alaska Roadless Rule. I understand that the removal of the Roadless Rule you are championing is not only for timber harvest, but it is your management of timber harvesting that is my main concern. I have lived in SE Alaska for over 40 years, worked as a Engineer, raised a family. The Tongass National Forest has and continues to be a very important part of our life. WE watched the destruction of the forest brought my your timber management through the two pulp mills and the vast areas of clear cutting done with little regard to the communities impacted. Very little work was brought to Juneau or the SE Alaska by the contractors. When the timber was cut, the workers left everyone a mess to deal with. Hunting, fishing, recreation, and tourism was all negatively impacted. I really did not see any positive impacts to our communities. The fact that the US Tax payers also heavily subsidized the timber harvest over other viable businesses is also wrong in my mind. Timber should be a free market enterprise and stand on it's two feet like all the rest.

Because of all of this, I am against any changes to the current Roadless Rule and opening the forest up to industrial resource extraction without regard to the impacted communities, wildlife, fishing, recreation, and tourism. I support the "no-action" alternative on the Alaska-specific Roadless Rule and keeping the 2001 National Roadless Rule on the Tongass intact.

Sincerely, Jeffrey Wilson

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