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Comments: Teddy Roosevelt protected our wild lands in America for many reasons. One of the main reasons was for their beauty. Living in Minnesota and having the Boundary Waters is somewhat comparable to the Tongass forest. Over time, the Boundary Water's protections continue to get chipped away for its natural resources. Once it is gone, it is gone, never to return. This is not worth the risk. Tourism supplies so many more jobs than the extraction jobs. These international corporations come in with tax payor subsidies and tax payor infrastructure to make huge profits without concern for the land.

But even more important than jobs is what the Tongass forest does for the environment. With the impending changes being brought on by climate change, we cannot afford to do this for the sake of our people.

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