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Comments: I am in opposition to altering or lifting the Roadless Rule in the Tongass National Forest. The Rule was established in this area to preserve biodiversity and robust habitat in this pristine forest, If roads are built, natural corridors developed by animal movements within their habitats will be destroyed. If built, roads will make for convenient and cheap exploration and exploitation of forest resources which always disrupts the complex ecosystems which took untold thousands of years to become established. There is no evidence these patterns of life can ever be replaced. Finally, wild places such as the Tongass magnify the human spirit and enrich the life stories of people who spend time in those places and, their descendants. Please do nothing to mar or multilate the Tongass for short term economic gains. Respectfully, Margaret Matlin, Salt Lake City

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