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To whom it may concern,

In response to the proposed lifting of the Tongass from the Roadless Rule, I am writing in support of Alternative 1.

First, preserving our national forests is paramount in the mitigation of climate change. Permitting roads and logging in the Tongass is the opposite of what we should be doing. Therefore, Alternative 1 is only option that preserves our ability to combat climate change (which is a threat to every American).

Second, this region's economy is more dependent on tourism than logging. The preserved wilderness is vital to the ecosystem that supports this tourism.

Third, the Tongass represents a unique rainforest ecosystem that, when truly assessed for economic benefit, far outweighs any profits from logging via the roads proposed by the other alternatives.

I urge you to think about the future of all Americans as well as this ecosystem and only allow Alternative 1.

Sincerely,

[Position]