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Dear U.S. Forest Service,

The Tongass National Forest is a part of the lungs of the world: it inhales dangerous carbon dioxide and exhales life-giving oxygen. Your irresponsible, reckless plans for it will destroy this natural and vital process. The Roadless Rule helps protect this process and the old-growth habitat for birds like the Prince of Wales Spruce Grouse and Northern Goshawks, as well as for mammals like wolves and deer. Opening roadless areas to more logging and roads will fragment the forest and eliminate more of the big old trees that we all rely on.

Furthermore, this national forest and all of our other public lands are our legacy to future generations of Americans and should be preserved and protected as such, not exploited and plundered for private gain.

Yet, all of the action alternatives in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement allow more devastating road building and logging across the Tongass National Forest. Logging roads and timber operations cost tens of millions of taxpayer dollars every year, with zero return on investment. Meanwhile, these destructive activities degrade the naturally sustainable wealth of the Tongass.

It is time to stop opening more and more acres to the timber industry and instead bolster protections to the old-growth forests and wild areas on the Tongass. I urge you to select the "No Action" Alternative (Alternative 1) and allow the Roadless Rule to remain intact on the Tongass National Forest.

Sincerely,

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