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Comments: This rule should be modified to ensure the Tongass National Forest still commits to leaving a substantial amount of their acres roadless. That was the purpose of the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule - it prohibits tree harvest and road construction/re-construction. I understand the need to desire to give more decision-making authority to the local officials on the Tongass National Forest management team on a case-by-case basis, but it is important to place a limit on that authority. This rule grants too much authority to local officials and could be a detriment to environment. Rural economic development is important, but so is protecting our national parks and the environment, especially as we plunge further into the global Climate Crisis. I request that this rule be amended to safeguard a substantial amount of the Tongass National Forest from development, ensuring it remains a roadless environment.

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