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Comments: Dear Sirs:

I beseech you to please uphold the all important Roadless Rule and continue to conserve all of the key areas of the Tongass, including but not limited to what are internationally well known, highest quality salmon-producing watersheds within the Tongass 77.

Once this exquisitely pristine wilderness area is destroyed for what is well known as overwhelmingly poor quality wood in order to access the few high quality trees, you have irrevocably destroyed our vitally important legacy to many generations to follow. Further, once that is done, little stands in the way of ever increasing rape of our responsibilities to our current and future generations.

I am a physicist who was the primary scientist that developed the first laser guidance systems for the smart bombs that were used to destroy the main munitions depots far into North Vietnam. Despite being a USMC Colonel, I went on every such mission which cost the lives of so many Marines and permanently destroyed my health, being in extreme pain 24/7 for life. Our motivation was unconditional honor.

I am asking you to do something easily honorable and permanently deny the endlessly rapacious lumber companies any access to the Tongass wilderness.

Respectfully,Col. Gary Gerlach, PhD USMC

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