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Comments: I strongly oppose your proposed rollback of the important Roadless Rule to allow companies to carve roads into pristine roadless areas of the Tongass National Forest.

It is senseless to cut down ancient, 800-year-old trees and destroy healthy forest ecosystems. This forest provides benefits of far higher value than the "profit" from selling the timber. Destroying parts of the Tongass would also hurt the local economy. The forests support important tourism, commercial fishing, and outdoor recreation, providing many more jobs than logging can provide.

The Tongass is crucial for protecting our climate. It is America's most important national forest for carbon sequestration. This is a time when parts of Alaska are warming at about twice the rate of the average speed around the planet. Protecting this forest advances climate change solutions for our country and strengthens international climate-protection efforts.

These wildlands absorb massive amounts of carbon, and nothing else can match or replace this carbon sequestration capacity. Protecting the Tongass is necessary for protecting the future of our children.

I urge you to reverse the proposed rollback and protect the Tongass National Forest from destructive roadbuilding and logging.

Thank you.

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