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Comments: The Tongass National Forest in southeast Alaska is the largest temperate rainforest in the world and the largest national forest in the US. At almost 17 million acres, it's a wonderland for hunting and fishing. The U.S. Forest Service announced plans last Tuesday to open up 9.2 million of those acres to potential logging and development. The service would do this by exempting the Tongass from the Clinton-era Roadless Rule, which regulates punching new roads into undeveloped forest service lands. This absolutely cannot happen. We must preserve the Tongass forest at all costs. It is part of the lungs of our planet. It should be left undeveloped.

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