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Comments: This rule runs counter to everything the Forest Service has been attempting for 20 years. If this land is opened to logging and road-building, there is nearly unanimous agreement among nonprofits and environmental groups that the forest would be unable to recover in the foreseeable future, destroying a meticulously preserved ecosystem and the ecosystems that rely on the Tongass National Forest. Homes for endangered or threatened animals like the northern goshawk and the grizzly bear would be thrown into disrepair, harming lasting efforts to keep these species alive. Roads in the Tongass National Forest would open the biodiversity of the forest to damage by automobile and pollution. This is important to me because, as a teenager, the environment's well-being is central to my survival. Efforts such as this one continue to lower the chances that I will be able to live a stable life because of the devastating effects of climate change and mass extinction. To prioritize the future of humanity and the Earth, this proposed rule MUST NOT be enacted.

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