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Comments: As a high school student, I find this regulation's disregard for the future of our nation's environment unacceptable. Government policies should be protecting such valuable natural resources as the Tongass, not putting them in grave danger. If the Roadless Rule is ended, developments within the forest will have disastrous effects on the fragile ecosystem. For example, according to hydrologist John Pomeroy from the University of Saskatchewan, deforestation will lead to erosion of the forest floor, which in turn will cause massive landslides and devastation for the important salmon fishing industry. I urge you to reconsider if a small, hypothetical boost to the economy of Southeast Alaska is worth jeopardizing the largest national forest in the US. The younger generations will have to live with the consequences of these types of policy decisions, so please consider our unique point of view.

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