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Comments: I think the dangers of opening up the Alaska National Forest Lands to unchecked logging and road creation are being understated. The benefits of temporary jobs and short term economic windfalls are certainly not as great as the losses to soil stabilizing, carbon sequestering, old growth forests that current exist.

Roads compact soil and disturb wildlife, which is a secondary effect to the primary loss of trees.

We need to be thinking bigger and more long term, and I expect the DoAgriculture to do that, as the stewards of our national forests and facilitators of farming innovation.

Going back and farming old growth forests is not innovation, it's taking leaps and bounds backwards to try what we used to do. Be an innovator, Secretary.

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