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Comments: A weakness of national laws is they are often applied as if all regions are identical in every manner. In the lower-48, the Roadless Rule means people must often drive around forests to travel between urban areas.

In the Tongass, however, most urban areas or other destinations are embedded within the forest itself, connected only by water or air. It makes no sense to apply the Roadless Rule in the Tongass where communities are isolated by infeasible transportation options. The rule seems obviously intended for the lower-48 where most communities lie outside forests and alternate roads exist.

Government is commonly viewed as lacking pragmatism. Exempting the Tongass from the Roadless Rule is a golden opportunity to show otherwise.

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