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Comments: To the members of the Forest Service

Re: Alaska Roadless Rule

I am gravely concerned with and opposed to the proposal made by the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture regarding their preferred alternative on the Draft Alaska-Specific Roadless Rule: a full exemption of the Rule, which removes protections for 9.3 million roadless acres on Alaska's Tongass National Forest.

This action opens pristine roadless areas of our largest national forest (an old-growth temperate rain forest) to logging and road development.

Not only does this threaten habitat for wildlife including grizzly bears, moose, and salmon, it also sets a bad precedent that could open up roadless areas in wild forests across the nation.

The Tongass forest's role in the global carbon cycle is significant-storing more carbon than any forest in the nation. It is the most productive carbon-trapping forest on Earth.

The salmon are already threatened by unnecessary dams that are causing their numbers to decline and pushing them closer to extinction.

This cannot be allowed to happen.

Please consider any action you propose to take with the utmost care and attention to scientific data before making a very dangerous decision.

Thank you,

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