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Comments: To whom it may concern,

Please choose alternative one on the Alaska Roadless rule. To make any other choice would be a grave mistake. Exempting this land from the Roadless Rule will serve only economic benefit for only a few. Yet this land is public lands. It belongs to all US citizens. It serves as 8% of the world's carbon sink. This benefits all, not just Americans. These trees have been growing for hundreds of years. Many diverse animals call this forest home. There is no going back once the damage has been established. To sacrifice this for economic benefit is extremely short sighted and self serving.

I have not yet had the privilege of visiting Alaska, but I have seen first hand in my state of Colorado how mining, deforestation, and development have permanently ravaged our land. Yet thousands of us head for the mountains that are as of yet preserved in our off time to be away from concrete and lose ourselves in the forest. Choose alternative one so that we all have that continued privilege in Alaska and specifically the Tongass Rainforest.

Thank you for your time,

Lindsay Mustard

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