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Comments: I am writing to urge The Forest Service to take the "No Action Alternative" on the proposed Alaska Roadless Rule.

Having lived and worked in the tourism industry in Alaska many years ago, I understand the commercial value of its forests, and the commercial value will be diminished by opening the Tongass to more logging. We are already experiencing the economic effects of climate change, and the Tongass forest's role in the global carbon cycle is significant. It stores more carbon than any forest in our nation and is the most productive carbon-trapping forest on Earth. Removing protections for its 9.3 million roadless acres would open pristine areas of our largest national forest to logging and road development. Not only would this threaten habitat for wildlife, it would also set a dangerous precedent that could open up roadless areas in wild forests across the nation.

Thank You, Sarah Ingersoll

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