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Comments: I understand that some are proposing to exempt the Tongass National Forest from the Roadless Rule to allow the construction of roads in its roadless areas. This seems to be a very bad idea because of what will follow if you allow this. I traveled on the ferry from Bellingham, Washington up to Skagway, Alaska and the clear cutting areas on the islands along the inland passage were shocking and devastating. The erosion and the destruction of forests and wildlife habitat caused permanent damage.

Please, choose the NO ACTION ALTERNATIVE on the Alaska Roadless Rule draft proposal. Do not allow roads to be built in the Tongass National Forest. As the climate warms (whether caused by man or not) it is supremely important that we keep as much forest intact as possible. In addition the Tongass provides unparalleled habitat for hundreds of species of plants and animals.

Please, do not allow roads into the Roadless areas of the Tongass National Forest.

Thanks you.

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