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Comments: I understand that the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture issued 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.

I oppose this action as it opens pristine roadless areas of our largest national forest (an old-growth temperate rain forest) to development (logging) and consequent road development.

This action threatens habitat for birds and other wildlife including grizzly bears, moose, and salmon. It also could be used as a precedent to open up roadless areas in wild forests across the nation.

For these reasons I urge the USFS to take the NO Action alternative and keep roadless protections in place.

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