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Comments: This is my third attempt at this. It is not just me. I have spent time trying to do a good job and my latest work went down the toilet when I tried to attach a picture of round logs being loaded on a Chinese ship in the Tongass for export.

Let me therefore cut to the chase: I support option 1, no change. The Roadless Rule is deceptive because a road north of Sitka is being constructed as I write. The timber industry is basically a money loser for the federal government which is going deeper and deeper into debt even as the economy is supposedly booming. 90% of timber cut in the Tongass is exported as round logs which means no processing jobs for Alaskans. You may disagree but, to me this is simply terrible, especially since the federal government is financing this at a loss. There used to be a (minimal) requirement, I believe, that logs had to be at least cut into "cants" before being exported.

Many SE Alaska residents (that is, people who actually live there) oppose an exemption. I support the Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska position on this matter. I am not going to risk sending a picture taken by one Gleb Mikhalev) again.

A bias of mine is that I know that local hire was a big issue in the run-up to Alaska statehood. Remember that?

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