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Comments: I have read the proposal to exempt the Tongrass National Forest from the 2001 Roadless Area conservation Rule, including the 6 alternatives offered. I believe roadless areas should remain roadless and I support Alternatives 1 or 2. I do not support Alternative 6 as explained in the Federal Register dated October 17, 2019. The Tongrass National Forest is a national treasure and should be fully protected from further development. Timber provides a small portion of southeastern Alaska's jobs, at just under 1%. Every time we destroy wilderness, we are destroying part of something that cannot be replaced. Wilderness needs to be preserved for the future, once it is gone, it is gone. Specifically, old growth forests should not be logged, especially since our country's timber needs can be met with renewable new growth forests. New growth forests are available in many, many, other locations, that are properly managed and have existing roads. The Tongrass National Forest should remain roadless and not be developed in any way. Please adopt Alternative 1 or 2 and do NOT adopt Alternative 6, which removes all the roadless acres from protection. No roads.

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