

Data Submitted (UTC 11): 10/23/2019 8:00:00 AM

First name: Kyle

Last name: Gould

Organization:

Title:

Comments: Hello, my name is Kyle Gould and I am a citizen of New York State.

I am writing to express my opposition to the Forest Service's proposal to open up roads into Tongass National Forest.

Tongass is one of the greatest carbon sinks in the United States. The large amount of old-growth wood has sequestered hundreds of millions of tons of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases. Opening up roadways will lead to more timber extraction, thereby releasing the stored carbon into the atmosphere.

At a time when we must do what we can to eliminate emissions, it seems ridiculous that the U.S. Forest Service would actively destroy one of the last pristine old-growth temperate rainforests and allow more dangerous greenhouse gas emissions into the atmosphere. Opening up roads will no doubt accelerate this forest's demise, and it shows that the current administration does not care about proper conservation and sustainability. For these reasons, I am in full support of Alternative 1, which leaves all of Alaska under the 2001 Roadless Rule.

Kyle Gould

[Position]