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Comments: I am totally opposed to the repeal of the Roadless Rule for the Tongass National Forest. I understand one of the 6 options for the Tongass is no action, leaving the Roadless Rule completely in place, and this is definitely the option I support. I lay out my reasons here why.

The proposed repeal of the Roadless Rule caters to the outdated old-growth, clear-cut logging industry and shows blatant disregard for Alaskans and other Americans who rely on and enjoy salmon, wildlife, clean water, abundant subsistence resources, and beautiful natural scenery.

The Tongass is all of ours. Repealing the Roadless Rule would cast aside years of collaboration and thriving businesses that depend on healthy forests, and usher in a new era of reckless old-growth clear-cut logging that pollutes our streams, hurts our salmon and deer populations, and spoils the forest and scenery. This proposed rule is completely the opposite of the direction we should be headed and reflects the fact that special interests and not common sense are guiding this decision.

Once we cut old-growth forest, it is never the same. This is a vital national treasure and ecosystem that should be preserved and remain as it is.

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