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Comments: Keep the 2001 Roadless Rule restrictions in place.

The new Alaska Roadless Rule should protect all inventoried roadless areas on Baranof Island and Chichagof Islands currently protected under the 2001 Roadless Rule.

I stand in solidarity with tribal sovereignty. These inventoried roadless areas are the traditional and unceded territory of the Tlingit, Haida, and Tsimshian people and should be preserved for customary and traditional use by tribal citizens and rural subsistence harvesters. The new Alaska Roadless Rule should include all T77 watersheds and TNC/Audubon ecological priority areas that are currently not in inventoried roadless areas. These areas should be protected from old growth harvest and roadbuilding.

I'm concerned about our growing state and national deficit and I don't think building roads in these areas to subsidize the timber industry is a fiscally responsible use of taxpayer dollars. The Forest Service should conduct a comparative analysis of regional revenue and employment from commercial fishing and visitor industries versus timber industry.

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