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Comments: Please do not allow the exemption of the Tongass National Forest from the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule. Allowing timber harvest, road construction, and road reconstruction within the protected Tongass National Forest in Alaska is absolutely unnecessary and will present a danger to the established ecosystem of the area (and beyond). It should be the Forest Service's objective to protect these lands and not reclassify them in order to improve the Forest Service's ability to offer economic timber sales that better meet the needs of the timber industry. The proposal to exempt Tongass National Forest from the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule is shameful and puts industry above the environment.

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