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Comments: Please consider maintaining the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule for the Tongass National Forest. The old growth trees that would be cut down by this exemption are not sustainable: Once they are gone, they are gone for hundreds of years. Alaska's economy benefits tremendously from all of the tourists who come to visit the national forests and parks that have preserved these wild places for decades. And they deserve to continue to be preserved for future generations too. The proposed exemption opens up the entire Tongass National Forest. Even keeping a part of the Tongass National Forest subject to the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule would be a more reasonable approach than a complete exemption. The supposed economic benefits to opening up the forest to logging are temporary and will not help local Alaskans in the long run. More sustainable and long term job prospects in fields such as healthcare, education, conservation, etc. would be better. Thank you for your time.

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