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Comments: The commercial benefits of Fish and Tourism from the Tongass FAR outweigh the value of the wood proposed to be cut.

A very Poor Financial Decision: The Forest Service lost about \$600 million through its management of the Tongass National Forest, according to a new report from the Taxpayers for Common Sense. The nonpartisan group calculated the USFS's losses through road-building and timber sales and found that the average net loss was about \$30 million annually over the past 20 years.

A very poor Decision for Humanity: 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 a complete about-face from the direction we should be headed and reflects the fact that special interests and not common sense are guiding this decision. 66% of the old growth has already been logged.

The reason we have designated land as a National Forest is to protect it - not log it.

Stop the madness.

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