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Comments: I strongly oppose your proposed rollback of the important Roadless Rule to allow companies to carve roads into pristine roadless areas of the Tongass.

The Tongass is crucial for protecting our climate. This is a time when parts of Alaska are warming at about twice the rate of the average speed around the planet. These wildlands absorb massive amounts of carbon, and nothing else can match or replace this carbon absorption capacity. Protecting the Tongass is necessary for protecting the future of our children.

Among the proposed alternatives, I support only Alternative 1, maintaining the 2001 Roadless Rule. The Tongass should be protected!

Thank you.

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