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Comments: I am fully aware that the proposed rule would not directly authorize any ground-disturbing activities. Nevertheless, do not exempt Tongass National Forest from the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule. Our national history clearly reflects the great speed at which these resources can disappear once we open them up to logging and exploitation. Do not do it. There is an abundance of research in the world suggesting ways that our natural resources can be sustainably used to support our civilization, but also that when left alone ecosystems like Tongass provide essential services that directly impact our health and societies. Tongass is invaluable to my generation and future generations. Please do not exempt it from the above rule. Leave it to grow and benefit future generations.

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