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Comments: Changes to the Tongass Roadless Rule

The forest Service must be insane to even consider abolishing the Tongass Forest roadless rule and allow roads and thus logging. The Tongass is one of the largest old growth forests left in the world and with our increasingly alarming CO2 problem suffocating this planet, trees are our only hope of surviving. A virgin forest is much more efficient at taking up CO2 than a replanted forest which would take over 100 years to have the same effect on lowering our CO2 levels. We simply do not have that time.

Further, the SE Alaska timber industry is dying. There is little infrastructure left and little willingness to expand operations among the industry itself. SE Alaska has moved on. Do not move us backwards!

Why cut down these trees which are going to be our salvation just to send them to China? Why? Someone must be hoping to make a lot of money from this change. Do not allow corporations and powerful individuals take away this gem of a forest from all Americans. Our government and its agencies such as the USDA Forest Service is charged with protecting resources for all of us. Do not let this grab for resources go through, the entire world needs the Tongass if we are to continue to live on this planet.

Please adopt Alternative number 1 and take no action leaving all of Alaska under the 2001 Roadless Rule, including the Tongass National Forest.

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