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To whom it may concern: i have been following this issue for months now and have written to our logger in chief, lisa murkowski, several times expressing opposition to the "repeal" of the roadless rule. So yes...i am against the overturning of the rule by the trump admin.

Let me say that i am a forestry engineering grad from osu (class of 70) and have worked in SE and southcentral alaska and over the course of my career have designed too many clear cut units and roads to count. So i believe i have some knowledge of forest management.

These times of climate change place more importance than ever in the importance of carbon capture, habitat protection, and watershed protection...all for a variety of reasons that i am sure you are familiar with.

I must say that the forest "products" industry in AK has been dying for decades. It is now a very very minor blip in the state economy. Whereas the tourism industry in SE is growing. Since when has the forest service ever made a dime? Timber sales are a net monetary loss anyway you look at the numbers. Its not a secret.

Also i am appalled that round log shipments to asia continue to this day from the tongass. What ever happened to value added??

Myself and thousands of others oppose additional road building into these areas and oppose new cutting of old growth forests. I hope you consider these comments from one who cares deeply about the future of not only alaska, but of the world! Really!

Thank you, roger imhoff

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