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Comments: "A tree falls the way it leans. Be careful which way you lean."

I oppose the Forest Service's proposal to make Tongass National Forest exempt from the Roadless Rule.

Large roadless and untrammelled ecosystems are important to our American heritage and future. Wildernesses are primitive places set aside by the federal government for the greater good. They provide opportunities for unconstrained primitive experiences, subsistence and intact ecosystems unthreatened from human impact. The regulations surrounding designated wilderness exists to prevent short-sided interests and to protect lands that cannot defend themselves against human sprawl.

Opening up the last remaining roadless lands is to erase our country's history and harm future generations.

In addition, swathes of trees like those in the Tongass give us life. The Tongass in particular accounts for 8% of the carbon stores within the US Forest Service system. Harvesting the trees for commercial gains would pollute the atmosphere and be difficult to reverse.

Thank you,

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