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In October, the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture issued their preferred alternative on the Draft Alaska-Specific Roadless Rule: a full exemption of the Rule, which removes protections for 9.3 million roadless acres on Alaska's Tongass National Forest.

This action opens pristine roadless areas of our largest national forest (an old-growth temperate rain forest) to logging and road development.

Not only does this threaten habitat for wildlife including grizzly bears, moose, and salmon, it also sets a bad precedent that could open up roadless areas in wild forests across the nation.

The Tongass forest's role in the global carbon cycle is significant-storing more carbon than any forest in the nation. It is the most productive carbon-trapping forest on Earth.

Please take the "No Action Alternative" on the proposed Alaska Roadless Rule to keep Roadless Rule protections intact for the Tongass National Forest.

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