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Comments: Alaska Roadless Rulemaking

I write in support of the No-Action Alternative for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the proposed Alaska Roadless Rule. The Tongass contains some of the largest intact old-growth temperate rainforest in the world, and its value in providing clean water for fish and wildlife habitat is essential to the economic and ecological health of Southeast Alaska. I strongly oppose any efforts to weaken protections for Roadless areas in the Tongass National Forest.

The short term benefit of opening up the Tongass National Forest to industrial logging is far, far out weighted by the benefit many citizens receive from keeping this land protected. It would be a National tragedy to ruin thousands of years of natural evolution in these forests. We must keep these lands protected at all costs.

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