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Comments: I oppose the proposal to repeal the Roadless Rule for the Tongass National Forest. I believe that the first alternative, to leave the all of Alaska under the 2001 Roadless Rule, would be the best option. The Tongass National Forest is one of the only temperate rainforests like itself, making it an extremely unique environment with old growth trees, some over 800 years old. Without the Roadless Rule, the forest could be destroyed by logging and construction. This is a dangerous situation, because if the Roadless Rule is lifted, we might lose the Tongass National Forest forever. The number of rainforests around the world are shrinking due to deforestation, and entire ecosystems are being threatened. Many animal and plant life within the Tongass are unique to the area, and without the Roadless Rule protecting them, they could face devastation or extinction. This forest is an irreplaceable environment that the U.S. should protect, not destroy to make money from it.

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