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The Tongass National Forest is a marvel of the United States, and the removal of the 2001 Roadless Rule would be detrimental to the health of the forest and would most certainly lead to devastation of the rich collection of trees located in the region. To choose any other option than Alternative 1 would be tragic. The Tongass is the world's largest remaining temperate rainforest, and is home to a variety of species that rely on the Tongass to thrive, like black and brown bears, bald eagles, and many species of migratory birds that reside in the Tongass during summer months. The vast amount of natural wilderness is imperative to maintaining the biodiversity that is a hallmark of the Tongass, and why it is so important to maintain.

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