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Comments: My name is richard amerine and I live in Norwalk, Ohio.

Why in the name of GOD would you want to destroy so much of the largest temperate rain forest in the western hemisphere ---with so much of the Amazon and rainforest all around the world being destroyed at such an alarming pace it makes no sense to destroy our beautiful Tongass, for what ? Greed and profit, most of this timber will be sold on the Asian market . This Interior Dept. and Dept . of Agriculture does not have the American interest at heart---They are both corrupt and are governed by special interest and large corporations ---you can not use the excuse about jobs and national security, not for this,, the destruction of the 7 plus million acres out of 19 million acres of the Tongass is nothing more than the raping of the earth all for the sake of profit---not to mention the impact this destruction of these forest will have on ALL wildlife species and fish such as salmon. It is time to stop thinking about how much profit is made and what we can do to preserve places like the Tongass for generations to come ---I will be voting in 2020 and sure the hell will not be voting for a treasonous president who is hell bent on destroying all things natural that are left in this country.

I am writing to express strong opposition to efforts to roll back the Roadless Area Conservation Rule (Roadless Rule) in Alaska or elsewhere. The Roadless Rule was implemented with unprecedented public support to protect some of our nations most pristine public lands, including large parts of the Tongass National Forest. You must choose the No Action alternative. Any other choice would ignore overwhelming public support and harm Alaskans, including Alaska Natives, and taxpayers across the nation.

In Southeast Alaska, tourism accounts for 28% of employment and generate an annual \$1 billion in economic benefit, making it far more of an economic driver than the timber industry, which is less than 1% of the regional economy.

Any choice but the No Action alternative would also put wildlife and critical habitat at risk, threaten access to clean water, and be a step in the wrong direction on climate change jeopardizing Alaskans at a time when the state already faces severe challenges related to rising temperatures. I urge you not to abandon the Roadless Rule in Alaska and instead to put the public interest above corporate profits by choosing to keep the rule in place unchanged.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, richard amerine

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