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Comments: My name is Angela Schweig and I live in Spokane, Washington.

Donald Trump is a know-nothing bent on sucking every dime out of the USA and destroying what he and his corporate cronies cant grab in their greedy little hands. Dont allow clear-cutting of the Tongass. Please protect the trees, the Tlingit and the Haida, five species of Pacific salmon, humpback and orca whales, otters, beavers, Alexander Archipelago wolves, plus some of the largest concentrations of brown bears and bald eagles found in the United States.

Trump already unilaterally opened 10 million acres to exploitation. The move is a prelude to a full repeal of the rule that limits oil, gas and logging companies from plowing up our national forests.

Trump's plan would also devastate tourism and sustainable salmon fishing ~ costing Alaska far more than it would gain from environ-mentally destructive logging that requires federal subsidies to be profitable. Clear-cutting forests is another of his weird obsessions.

Trump wants to destroy the Tongass ~ because Trump.

I strongly urge you to choose the No Action alternative for the Tongass National Forest.

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, Angela Schweig

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