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Comments: My name is jeremy fryberger and I live in Ketchum, Idaho.

Closely related to fear of the unfamiliar, scarcity i.e. not having enough (enough food, land, protection, jobs, status, or whatever) has always been humankind's greatest concern. Such deeply instinctive, constant, and at least partly (often entirely) subconscious fear, meanwhile, exists within all of us, independent of nationality, race, gender, wealth, politics, religion, etc.

Humanity's two main responses to the threat of not enough, however, couldn't be more distinct. On one hand, scarcity has always been the basis of conflict: others compete with/jeopardize me/my tribe. Others, then, are adversaries who must be weakened, repelled, even destroyed.

Which others? Per evolution, different others, of course, who, by whatever their differences, are seen as less worthy, less valuable, less human than we are; the greater the perceived unlikeness, the greater this tribal intolerance, injustice, and aggression.

Sadly, such obsolete (yet extremely persistent) tribal instincts have also always been the basis of conservatism. (Note that in less developed nations, it often holds true for all political factions (i.e. Left, Center, and Right). Whether about economics, health care, immigration, guns, foreign policy, religious issues, size/purpose of government, or any other topic of debate, the American Rights position is ultimately: I/we matter more than you. Stemming from our ancient fear of not enough, conservatism is merely self-interest via contempt, repression, and theft.

Worse, countless immoral, well-connected, often malevolent entities (chasing profit and power) work unceasingly to manipulate the unaware. In fact, stoking tribalism to better control/con a target group is likely as old as humanity itself. Yet, regardless of where on the planet one lives, and no matter how rich or poor a person/place may be, the effect of tribalism is simply division, hostility, and decline, during which power, money, and privilege drain ever more skyward.

Collaboration humankind's other typical response to scarcity has (ironically) always been the catalyst for peace, and for our universal advancement. Based on Christ-like compassion and empathy, plus the God-given, unalienable, equal humanity of all, mutually beneficial cooperation continues to be the cornerstone of our species' triumphs and progress.

Correspondingly, it is crucial for all of us to recognize that intolerance of innate differences, particularly when combined with entitlement and repression, is not just the source of the world's constant strife and suffering, but also the ultimate enemy of solutions. In fact, the only distinction that matters is the one which recognizes the interwoven, inseparable nature of all living things.

To truly unleash humankind's enormous problem-solving capacity i.e. its potential for massive, ever-increasing benefit to all we must therefore let go of our self-destructive tribal tendencies. Instead of endless us/ them prejudice and disintegration, see your role in the evolution of humanity as part of a forever expanding bucket brigade, conveying gradual, continuous, enduring gains for everyone.

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 nation's 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, jeremy fryberger

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