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Dear U.S. Forest Service,

First off, I am a Republican, and I'm not insane.

Please do not proceed with roads through the Tongass. All we have left is all we will ever have. We will never be able to rebuild this. It's no longer possible. We need to keep the land protected. Why in the world would you even consider doing this? It's insane. Whatever the reason, it's just not good enough! So much of the world has destroyed forests and rainforests. We don't really have the ability to stop other countries, but we can control what we do on American soil. There is no reason for this. So many animals will suffer. We need to stop destroying the earth we live in! Would you set fire to your kitchen, or destroy your bathroom? Well, the earth is also our home. We have to maintain it and it is sacred. I'm not a crazy environmentalist, and again, I am republican, but there is a limit. There are only so many protected lands in the US. This forest is so important. We keep seeing animals going extinct, poaching, reckless and illegal hunting. We have plenty of space, animals and land. The land that is protected needs to stay that way forever, no ifs, ands or buts about it. It's off limits. So, just stop!!!! Are you really that dumb? PLEASE DO NOT DO THIS! I get making money, and I personally love money, but be a little bit responsible for goodness sakes! We have no right. Plus, it's going to cost us tons of tax dollars, and only these logging companies are going to receive a return. That's not right. That's un-American! It still is "We the people" last I checked, even though it rarely seems that way. Enough is enough. It needs to benefit all of us as well as future generations. We have no right to destroy the world. Don't you have any conscience at all? You know this is not right! It shouldn't even be considered! I urge you to make the right decision here. It's what We the people want! Thank you in advance for your time & consideration.

Kind Regards,

Amanda Onion

The Roadless Rule helps protect old-growth habitat for birds like the Prince of Wales Spruce Grouse and Northern Goshawk, as well as for mammals like wolves and deer. Opening roadless areas to more logging and roads will fragment the forest and eliminate more of the big old trees that these animals rely on. Furthermore, intact, ancient forests are strongholds of climate resilience, and the Tongass is one of world's largest.

Yet, all of the action alternatives in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement allow more roadbuilding and logging across the Tongass National Forest. Logging roads and timber operations cost tens of millions of taxpayer dollars every year, with zero return on investment. Meanwhile, these destructive activities degrade the naturally sustainable wealth of salmon, wildlife watching, and tourism opportunities.

It is time to stop opening more and more acres to the timber industry and instead bolster protections to the old-growth forests and wild areas on the Tongass. I urge you to select the "No Action" Alternative (Alternative 1) and allow the Roadless Rule to remain intact on the Tongass National Forest.

Sincerely,

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