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Comments: Keep the Tongass roadless!

Please select the "No Action" alternative on the Alaska-specific Roadless Rule rather than the damaging changes the White House is promoting. The Tongass National Forest's roadless protections are vital for protecting the last intact temperate rainforest on Earth

The Tongass is America's largest and wildest National Forest and has an amazing variety of wildlife including salmon, wolves, bear, deer, and birds of prey. It is one of the last intact temperate rainforests on Earth, with pristine old growth forests. All this is due to its roadless lands.

It stores more carbon than all other national forests. It also contains sacred sites of great importance to Native people of Alaska.

The proposed rule opens an additional 165,000 acres to logging and strips Roadless Rule protections from all 9.2 million acres of inventoried roadless areas in the Tongass!

The proposed rule's claim that exempting the entire Tongass National Forest from the Roadless Rule will have only minimal environmental effect. This is simply not true.

I strongly urge the Forest Service to select Alternative 1, the "no-action" alternative.

Thank you,

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