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Comments: Comments to oppose modification to the Roadless Rule

Dear U.S. Forest Service,

Old growth habitats are unique environments for birds and mammals and must be protected. There are few of them remaining in the United States. The Tongass National Forest is one of them.

Allowing roads and logging will fragment the Forest and eliminate many of the tall 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.

All of the action alternatives in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement allow more roadbuilding and logging across the Tongass National Forest. 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,

Harold Arbo

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