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Comments: Comments to oppose modification to the Roadless Rule

Dear U.S. Forest Service,

I am a conservative. I am not the "sky-is-falling" type of person. But humans can be so destructive without thinking about, or believing, that destruction of natural resources can impact ALL life on earth. We are seeing the reduction in birds, bees, wildlife, natural resources--all of which adversely impact the natural balances on earth. It's time to stop the irresponsible ways we disregard the importance of this balance and its positive impacts on life here on earth.

I strongly urge you to not clearcut forest protections in the wild areas of the Tongass National Forest. 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. Allowing clearcutting in this area will fragment the forest and eliminate more of the big old trees that these animals rely on. Ancient forests are strongholds of climate resilience, and the Tongass is one of world's largest.

In addition to costing tens of millions of taxpayer dollars every year, with zero return on investment, 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 [ldquo]No Action[rdquo] Alternative (Alternative 1) and allow the Roadless Rule to remain intact on the Tongass National Forest.

Sincerely,

Nancy Bernardi

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