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Comments: Please maintain protections for the Tongass and Chugach National Forests

Dear Secretary Sonny Perdue,

The Roadless Area Conservation Rule (Roadless Rule) safeguards roughly 15 million acres of roadless forest lands across both the Tongass and Chugach National Forests of Alaska. Now, because of the petition submitted by the state of Alaska, the U.S. Department of Agriculture is considering removing these protections.

I urge you to please maintain protections for our national forests in Alaska.

The proposed action in U.S. Forest Service's Draft Environmental Impact Statement of the Alaska roadless rule would open vast tracts of America's remaining ancient forest to logging and road building

The Department of Agriculture and the Forest Service have proposed to renew large-scale logging that would adversely impact the tourism and commercial fishing industries of Southeast Alaska.

Not only is the Tongass National Forest at risk if USDA moves forward with the proposed Alaska specific Roadless Rule, but so is the Chugach National Forest.

Please stop the rollback of the important 2001 National Roadless Rule in Alaska and protect our national forests!

Sincerely,

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