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Comments: Comments to oppose modification to the Roadless Rule

Dear U.S. Forest Service,

The Roadless Rule protects old-growth habitat for birds like the Prince of Wales Spruce Grouse and Northern Goshawk. Opening roadless areas to more logging and roads will fragment the forest, and eliminate more of the older trees that these animals rely on. Ancient forests are strongholds of climate resilience, and the Tongass is one of the largest.

All of the action alternatives in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement allow more road building 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. These destructive activities degrade the naturally sustainable wealth of salmon, wildlife watching, and tourism opportunities.

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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