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Dear U.S. Forest Service,

We do NOT have to destroy our entire country in greed! Surely, the American people are smarter than this. I did NOT serve my country for 20+ years to have it destroyed by greedy, unethical, careless, mindless corporations. Neither did my husband who served his country 4 years in time of war.

The Roadless Rule helps protect old-growth ecosystems and habitat for birds like the Prince of Wales Spruce Grouse and Northern Goshawk, as well as for mammals like wolves and deer. We don't even yet understand much of the operations/functioning of the ecosystems the greedy corporofascists are eyeing for rape and pillage. Did we learn nothing over the past 200 years?

Opening roadless areas to more logging and roads will fragment and destroy forever the forest ecosystems. As noted earlier, we are so ignorant of ecosystem functioning that we can NEVER restore any ecosystem once we have let the ignorant and greedy destroy them. Intact, ancient forests are strongholds of climate resilience, and the Tongass is one of world's largest.

Yet, all of the action alternatives in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement allow more roadbuilding, more logging, more nasty destruction across OUR Tongass National Forest. Logging roads and timber operations cost tens of MILLIONS OF TAXPAYER DOLLARS EVERY YEAR WITH ZERO RETURN ON OUR INVESTMENT. These highly destructive activities degrade OUR sustainable wealth of salmon, education, research, wildlife watching, and tourism opportunities.

It is way past time to stop opening more and more of OUR lands and ecosystems to the greedy, careless, immoral timber corporations and, instead, bolster protections to OUR old-growth forests and wild areas on the Tongass.

We expect a selection of the "No Action" Alternative (Alternative 1) and allow the vital Roadless Rule to remain intact on OUR Tongass National Forest.

Sincerely,

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