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Comments: We say "NO" to more logging in the Tongass

I urge you to select the "No Action" alternative on the Alaska-specific Roadless Rule instead of the sweeping changes the administration is promoting that would completely remove the Tongass National Forest from roadless protections.

The proposed rule opens an additional 165,000 acres to logging and strips Roadless Rule protections from all 9.2 million acres of inventoried roadless areas in the Tongass. It does so with little to no justification or documented support.

The rule will fragment the forest and harm wildlife that rely on old-growth habitat. For example, the rule will allow new roads and logging that threaten important wild salmon populations.

An overwhelming majority of public and stakeholder input favored either maintaining roadless areas or making small modifications. The course chosen by the administration ignores the public, fails to find balance, and threatens the crown jewel of the National Forest System.

I strongly urge the Forest Service to select Alternative 1, the "no-action" alternative.

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