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Roadless Rulemaking,

RE: Alaska Roadless DEIS Comment

Dear Secretary Perdue:

Please keep the current Roadless Rule protections in place and intact for the Tongass National Forest.

As a major temperate forest of old-growth trees, the Tongass acts beneficially as a carbon sink, every year removing some of the excess carbon dioxide from the earth's atmosphere. The earth's atmosphere now contains some 415 ppm of CO₂. This excess amount of carbon dioxide together with water vapor and other greenhouse gasses is trapping too much solar energy. Thankfully, trees continually remove some of the atmospheric carbon dioxide.

But to curtail carbon dioxide effectively we need more trees, not fewer. Extensive logging in the Tongass will increase by some unknown degree the risk of global runaway warming.

Please keep the federal Roadless Rule intact.

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