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Comments: Comments to oppose modification to the Roadless Rule

Dear U.S. Forest Service,

The Roadless Rule helps protect old-growth habitat, of which we have very little left in the United States. Opening roadless areas to more logging and roads will fragment the forest and eliminate more of the big old trees that birds like the Prince of Wales Spruce Grouse and Northern Goshawk, as well as for mammals like wolves and deer, rely on. And we need intact, ancient forests, which are important for climate resilience, and the Tongass is one of world's largest.

Allowing more roadbuilding and logging across the Tongass National Forest will cost tens of millions of taxpayer dollars every year, with zero return on investment, while degrading salmon and wildlife habitat, and tourism, and ultimately make us less able to address global warming.

It is time for a balance. Stop opening more and more acres to the timber industry and instead protect the old-growth forests and wild areas on the Tongass. 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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