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Comments: Comments to oppose modification to the Roadless Rule

Dear U.S. Forest Service,

re: The Tongass National Forest:

The Roadless Rule now under consideration helps protect old-growth habitat for birds as well as for mammals like wolves and deer. Opening roadless areas to more logging and roads will fragment the forest and eliminate more of the big old trees that animals rely on. Furthermore, intact, ancient forests such as Tongass are strongholds of climate resilience.

Yet, all of the action alternatives in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement allow more roadbuilding and logging, which will cost tens of millions of taxpayer dollars every year, with zero return on investment. Plus, destructive activities degrade naturally sustainable wealth 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,

Bonita Dillard

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