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We have to stop being so greedy. We USED TO THINK we could NEVER cut down all the trees, or catch all the fish, or pollute all the water. Clearly, we underestimated ourselves. We need to start thinking of ourselves as stewards for the next generations. Do you want your great-grandchildren to have air to breathe, and water to drink, and animals as brothers? The Trump administration must not lift protections on 9.2 million acres of the pristine Tongass National Forest and allow roads and destructive commercial logging. This is wrong.

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's claim that exempting the entire Tongass National Forest from the Roadless Rule will have only minimal environmental effect is simply not justified by the record, and 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.

Thank you,
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