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Dear U.S. Forest Service,

I am writing to urge you to choose the "No Action" Alternative (Alternative 1) of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The Roadless Rule must remain intact to protect old-growth habitat for the wildlife that lives there.

Opening roadless areas to more logging and roads will fragment the forest and eliminate more of the big old trees that wildlife relies on. Furthermore, intact, ancient forests are strongholds of climate resilience, and the Tongass is one of world's largest.

Yet, all of the action alternatives in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement allow more road building and logging across the Tongass National Forest. Logging roads and timber operations cost tens of millions of taxpayer dollars every year, with zero return on investments, while degrading the naturally sustainable wealth of salmon, wildlife watching, and tourism opportunities.

We need to step back from our destruction of our planet. Allow the Roadless Rule to remain intact on the Tongass National Forest.

Sincerely,

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