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Comments: Keep 'Roadless Rule' Protections for the Tongass National Forest

Dear U.S. Forest Service,

As a former Alaskan, I strongly oppose the Forest Service's plan to eliminate "Roadless Rule" protections for the Tongass National Forest and urge you to select the "no action" alternative instead.

Your proposal to open the door to clearcutting and bulldozing is irresponsible and destructive to our land. The Tongass belongs to all Americans, and your stewardship encompasses our rights as taxpayer/landowners.

Your responsibility to us is vastly more important than to the timber industry, especially in Southeast Alaska, where it provides only a small fraction of the jobs and income compared to tourism and fishing. You must surely be aware of these facts.

It's even more important to save these last remaining roadless forests because your agency has fragmented and logged so much of our national forests, harming wildlife and waters along the way.

Further, I oppose your plan to allow the agency to open any of the 5 million acres of roadless areas on the Chugach National Forest to bulldozing and clearcutting for logging. This is simply a backdoor repeal of the 2001 Roadless Rule, which protects all roadless lands because of the critical role they play in protecting pure water, secure wildlife habitat and remote recreation.

Please - think of future generations by selecting the "no action" alternative to maintain "Roadless Rule" protections for the Tongass and Chugach.

Again -- please think.

Sincerely,

Alma Seward

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