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Comments: Comments to oppose modification to the Roadless Rule

Dear U.S. Forest Service,

Please, why must I spend so much time begging people who should know better to preserve our environment in what may be the last days we have to do so?

The Roadless Rule is so desperately needed to protect old-growth habitat for birds and mammals alike. Furthermore, intact, ancient forests are strongholds of climate resilience, and the Tongass is one of world's largest.

Logging roads and timber operations cost tens of millions of taxpayer dollars every year, with zero return on investment. Meanwhile, these destructive activities degrade the naturally sustainable wealth of salmon, wildlife watching, and tourism opportunities.

Please STOP opening 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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