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Dear U.S. Forest Service,

We all know that the fossil fuel industry has known for at least 40 years that their industry is causing the planet to warm - warm beyond the point of being livable for humans and most other species.

Why is the US Forest Service promoting the greedy agenda of the fossil fuel industry instead of protecting our forests (which are the best source for mitigating the effects of greenhouse gases)?

Fossil fuels have to stay in the ground if humans and other species are going to live on this planet.

Forests have to be protected and expanded if we are going to mitigate the effects of fossil fuels.

These are not difficult concepts.

They are concepts that have been lied about and hidden.

But personnel within the US Forest Service know the truth: the climate is changing, the planet is warming, fossil fuels have to stay in the ground to prevent any more damage.

I want my grandchildren to see a Prince of Wales Spruce Grouse, a Northern Goshawk, wild Pacific salmon and trout, wolves and deer. Building roads for logging and mining will eliminate most of the old growth trees on which these birds and fish and mammals rely.

Most importantly, 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.

It is time to stop opening more and more acres to the timber industry and instead bolster protections to the old-growth forests and wild areas on the Tongass.

I unequivocally 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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