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Roadless Rulemaking,

RE: Alaska Roadless DEIS Comment

Dear Secretary Perdue:

I support the No-Action Alternative for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the proposed Alaska Roadless Rule, Alternative #1: We must keep the current Roadless Rule protections intact for the Tongass National Forest.

This forest is a major carbon sink containing some of the largest intact old-growth temperate rainforest in the world; it's essential in providing clean water for fish and wildlife habitat and for the economic and ecological health of Southeast Alaska.

I urge you to keep the federal Roadless Rule intact and current protections in place for national forests in Alaska.

I strongly object to all your plans to reduce and remove protections from our national forest's roadless areas. The Roadless Rule is one of the smartest and most popular land management policies the Federal Government has ever adopted: It preserves some of America's best fish and wildlife habitat, and saves untold millions of taxpayer dollars that might otherwise be spent to subsidize money-losing timber sales. The value of the Roadless Rule in preventing environmentally damaging and economically wasteful road-building and logging is particularly relevant in the Tongass, where logging costs vastly exceed timber revenues and require unconscionable taxpayer subsidies.

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