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Comments: Please maintain protections for the Tongass and Chugach National Forests

Dear Secretary Sonny Perdue,

I urge you to please maintain protections for our national forests in Alaska.

My husband and I moved to Colorado after a collective 50 years living in Alaska. We both understand first hand the crucial role these roadless areas play in the health of the Arctic, Alaska and ultimately our world. It is unconscionable that these publicly owned and managed areas would fall prey to the greed of the state through the petition request submitted by the state of Alaska and the U.S. Department of Agriculture as they seek to remove protections for these most sensitive and vulnerable of ecosystems.

These forests are thousand of years old and once the systems are upset through roads and logging - not likely to heal back in our lifetime. Destroying these habitats for the short-termed view of basically pennies on the dollar is truly unethical and serves to destroy areas that can never be replaced.

Please stop the rollback of the important 2001 National Roadless Rule in Alaska and protect our national forests!

Sincerely,

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