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Dear U.S. Forest Service,

As a member of the Carnegie Shade Tree Commission, myself and others on our board support preservation of the Roadless Rule in the Tongass National Forest. Much of our work in Carnegie involves restoration of forest cover and planting new trees in our community. The trees make our town cleaner, healthier, and attract birds and other wildlife that is enjoyed by our residents and visitors from out of town. The trees in the Tongass absorb CO₂, produce oxygen, filter and clean water, and support abundant populations of fish and wildlife. The value of this forest to our nation vastly outweighs the value of the timber that will be clear cut. Most of our forest in Pennsylvania was clear cut, and the state is still trying to recover by planting new trees and is experiencing greater problems with flooding, erosion, and loss of wildlife habitat as a result of the deforestation. Please, do not clear cut the Tongass. It is a vital part of our national heritage. Don't let greed, and short-term profits for international logging companies outweigh the best interests of the entire nation.

Sincerely,

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