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Comments: Comments to oppose modification to the Roadless Rule

Dear U.S. Forest Service,

The Roadless Rule helps protect old-growth habitat.

Opening roadless areas to more logging and roads will fragment the forest. Ancient forests are strongholds of climate resilience, and the Tongass is one of world's largest.

All of the action alternatives in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement allow more roadbuilding and logging across the Tongass National Forest. Logging roads and timber operations cost tens of millions of taxpayer dollars every year, with zero return on investment.

This is bad business for the taxpayer, and not the 'road' we want to go down.

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 urge you to select the "No Action" Alternative (Alternative 1) and allow the Roadless Rule to remain intact on the Tongass National Forest.

Please keep the 'Forest' in the Forest Service.

Sincerely,

Kari Jensen

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