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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 for a variety of birds, as well as mammals. Opening areas to more roads & logging will fragment the forest & eliminate more of the big trees these animals rely on. Furthermore, intact, ancient forests are strongholds of climate resilience & Tongass is one of the world's largest.

All of the action alternatives in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement allow more road building & logging across the Tongass National Forest. Logging roads & timber operations cost tens of millions of taxpayer dollars every year, with ZERO return on investment. These destructive activities degrade the naturally sustainable wealth of salmon, wildlife watching, & tourism opportunities.

It is time to STOP opening more & more acres to the timber industry. It is time to bolster protections to the old-growth forests & wild areas on the Tongass. I urge you to select the "No Action" Alternative (Alternative 1) & allow the Roadless Rule to remain intact on the Tongass National Forest.

Sincerely,

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