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Dear U.S. Forest Service,

Tongass is one of world's largest roadless forest. This allows a rich ecosystem, one that will be degraded and disrupted if logging is allowed. The roadless rule has allowed this forest to thrive and sequester carbon.

Yet, 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. Meanwhile, these destructive activities degrade the naturally sustainable wealth of salmon, wildlife watching, and tourism opportunities.

Your job is not to prop up the logging industry. Your job is to protect this forest.

Sincerely,

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