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Comments: Comments to oppose modification to the Roadless Rule

Dear U.S. Forest Service,

The Roadless Rule is important to protect old-growth habitat for birds like the Prince of Wales Spruce Grouse and Northern Goshawk, as well as for mammals like wolves and deer. Opening roadless areas to more logging and roads will fragment the forest and eliminate more of the big old trees that these animals rely on. Furthermore, intact, ancient forests are strongholds of climate resilience, and the Tongass is one of world's largest.

Yet, all of the action alternatives in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement are disasterous, allowing more roadbuilding and logging across the Tongass. These destructive activities degrade the naturally sustainable wealth of salmon, wildlife watching, and tourism opportunities.

Logging roads and timber operations cost tens of millions of taxpayer dollars every year; I do not want to sell off my grandchildren's American legacy.

Stop opening more and more acres to the timber industry. Bolster protections to the old-growth forests and wild areas on the Tongass.

Be a leader, be courageous, be for future generations and select the "No Action" Alternative (Alternative 1) and allow the Roadless Rule to remain intact on the Tongass National Forest.

Sincerely,

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