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Comments: Keep 'Roadless Rule' Protections for the Tongass National Forest

Dear U.S. Forest Service,

I vigorously oppose the Forest Service plan to remove the Roadless Rule for the Tongass. I am a botanist who has worked in many areas of the United States. I value all our national forests for the many benefits they provide and the Tongass is certainly one of our most pristine and valuable. Allowing the construction of roads and logging in the Tongass, and the changes it would inevitably lead to, eliminates most of these benefits. And this at a time when we so desperately need to retain our carbon sinks.

Also, I understand that your plan will also allow the agency to open any of the 5 million acres of roadless areas on the Chugach National Forest to the same treatment. This is wrong!

You have an obligation to think of future generations and so please do the right thing for the planet and our future and maintain the Roadless Rule protections for the Tongass and Chugach.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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