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

Dear U.S. Forest Service,

I strongly oppose the Forest Service's plan to eliminate "Roadless Rule" protections for the Tongass National Forest and urge you to select the "no action" alternative instead.

The Tongass is America's wildest remaining national forest, with more than 9 million acres of roadless areas. It is home to a wide range of wildlife, including Alexander Archipelago wolves, grizzly bears and salmon.

The Tongass is of grave importance as it stores a vast amount of carbon, with its centuries-old trees serving as a carbon-reserve life raft in this time of climate disaster. Logging releases most of that carbon into the atmosphere.

Opening the door to clearcutting and bulldozing is irresponsible and fundamentally threatens the future of our world. The Tongass belongs to all Americans and should NEVER be sacrificed to the timber industry! Tourism & fishing are important industries that both rely on intact forests to thrive.

I also totally oppose your plan to allow the agency to open any of the 5 million acres of roadless areas on the Chugach National Forest to bulldozing and clearcutting for logging. This is simply a backdoor repeal of the 2001 Roadless Rule, which protects all roadless lands because of the critical role they play in protecting pure water, secure wildlife habitat and remote recreation -- and in their calming affect on climate change.

For current & future generations you must take the "no action" alternative to maintain "Roadless Rule" protections for the Tongass and Chugach.

Sincerely,

Sherron Bull

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