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Comments: Comments to oppose modification to the Roadless Rule

Dear U.S. Forest Service,

The Tongass is Earth's largest remaining temperate rainforest. Do not gut the forest protections in the wild roadless areas of the Tongass.

I fully concur with the following and have thought the same many times over:

From an LA Times editorial " [hellip] In the faraway Amazon, politics and commercial exploitation are fueling fires that threaten the world's largest tropical rainforest. Closer to home, in Alaska, the Tongass National Forest, which represents the largest intact temperate rainforest, is facing a serious threat of its own....

The roadless rule has served our national forests well. It affirms a basic truth. Most Americans value their public lands for the clean water, healthy habitat and recreational opportunities they provide. Over a century ago, President Theodore Roosevelt's secretary of Agriculture, James Wilson, wrote that national forests should be managed for "the greatest good for the greatest number for the long run." We urge the president and Secretary Perdue to follow this sage advice and do what is best for the long-term health of the land and future generations of Americans."

Sincerely,

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