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The Tongass should be kept 'roadless' and not exposed to roadbuilding through existing oldgrowth and mature forest. The wildlife of the forest is one of the big tourist attractions here and that should not be spoiled. Roads of course increase access by hunters, dogs, ATVs etc, creating ecological damage on top of the devastating logging activities that would use the roads to destroy much needed and very important habitat (namely oldgrowth and mature forest). The proposal to exploit second-growth timber had much to recommend it, and the FS has already invested a lot of time and effort in it. Keep the Tongass roadless! That is the ecologically sound way to go.

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