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Roadless Rulemaking,

RE: Alaska Roadless DEIS Comment

Dear Secretary Perdue:

I speak for THREE GENERATIONS of my family -- in the strongest possible ways, we SUPPORT the No-Action Alternative for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the proposed Alaska Roadless Rule, Alternative #1.

It is IMPERATIVE (big word, I know, but there's no way around it!) that the existing Roadless Rule protections STAY in place and INTACT for the Tongass National Forest.

YOU KNOW THIS -- or at least we TRUST that you do ---> The Tongass is a carbon sink containing some of the largest intact old-growth temperate rainforest in the WORLD. There is NO OVERSTATING the value in providing clean water for fish and wildlife habitat is essential to the economic and ecological health of Southeast Alaska.

We sincerely, earnestly, urgently PRAY that you will KEEP the federal Roadless Rule intact and current protections in place for national forests in Alaska.

Just so you know...

We STRONGLY OBJECT to ANY plans -- including YOURS -- to reduce and remove protections from our national forest's roadless areas.

The Roadless Rule is one of the smartest and most popular land management policies the Federal Government has ever adopted. It BOTH preserves some of America's best fish and wildlife habitat -- VITAL HERE IN MONTANA -- AND it also saves untold millions of taxpayer dollars that might otherwise be spent to subsidize money-losing timber sales.

The value of the Roadless Rule in preventing environmentally damaging and economically wasteful road-building and logging is particularly relevant in the Tongass, where logging costs vastly exceed timber revenues and require unconscionable taxpayer subsidies.

Thank you.

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