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Comments: Alaska Roadless Rulemaking (Docket ID FS-2018-0059)

Dear US Forest Service,

Dear Secretary Perdue:

I am writing in support of the No-Action Alternative for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the proposed Alaska Roadless Rule, Alternative #1. The current Roadless Rule protections for the Tongass National Forest should be kept intact. Old-growth forests like the Tongass play a critical role in fighting climate change because they store large amounts of carbon. They also protect wildlife and support local communities that rely on tourism and recreation.

The Roadless Rule is one of the best and most popular land management policies that the Federal Government has ever adopted. In addition to preserving some of America's best fish and wildlife habitat, it also saves 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 substantial taxpayer subsidies.

For these reasons, I ask you to select the No-Action Alternative for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the proposed Alaska Roadless Rule, Alternative #1.

Thank you

Sincerely,

Joan Siegwald

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