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Dear U.S. Forest Service,

Seriously now! The Roadless Rule helps protect old-growth habitat for birds like the Prince of Wales Spruce Grouse and Northern Goshawk, as well as for mammals like wolves and deer... and an entire spectacular unique irreplaceable ecosystem!

We must stop opening roadless areas to more logging and roads will fragment the forest and eliminate more of the big old trees that these animals rely on. Furthermore and most importantly!... intact, ancient forests are strongholds of climate resilience, and the Tongass is one of world's largest.

Absolutely unbelievable that all of the action alternatives in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement allow more roadbuilding and logging across the Tongass National Forest... this is definitely unacceptable and it must change to protecting all the large old forests and these important habitats! Think about the Logging roads and timber operations cost tens of millions of taxpayer dollars every year, with zero return on investment... this is absolutely wrong! Stop these destructive road building and logging activities which degrade the naturally sustainable wealth of salmon, wildlife watching, and tourism opportunities.

Absolutely!... It is time to stop opening more and more acres to the timber industry and instead bolster protections to the old-growth forests and wild areas on the Tongass National Forest!

Most Definitely!.. I strongly urge you to select the "No Action" Alternative (Alternative 1) and allow the Roadless Rule to remain intact on the Tongass National Forest.

We must do the right thing!... which is absolutely to comprehensively stop these destructive large Forest logging and roads!.. For ALL America's healthy futures depends on healthy intact functioning ecosystems!!

Sincerely,

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