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Comments: Keep 'Roadless Rule' Protections for the Tongass National Forest

Dear U.S. Forest Service,

I strongly oppose the Forest Service's plan to eliminate "Roadless Rule" protections for the Tongass National Forest and urge you to select the "no action" alternative instead.

Your proposal to open the door to clearcutting and bulldozing is irresponsible and fundamentally threatens the forest. The Tongass belongs to all Americans and shouldn't be sacrificed to the timber industry.

It is even more important to save these last remaining roadless forests because your agency has fragmented and logged so much of our national forests.

I strongly oppose your plan to allow the agency to open any of the 5 million acres of roadless areas on the Chugach National Forest to bulldozing and clearcutting for logging. This is simply a backdoor repeal of the 2001 Roadless Rule, which protects all roadless lands because of the critical role they play in protecting pure water, secure wildlife habitat and remote recreation.

I demand that you select the "no action" alternative to maintain "Roadless Rule" protections for the Tongass and Chugach.

Sincerely,

Thomas La Point

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