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

Dear U.S. Forest Service,

Taking away Roadless Rule protections from the Tongass National Forest to expand logging is deeply repugnant to me as a person who loves our country and fears what climate change is bringing. I implore you to select the "no action" alternative instead.

I have long admired the Tongass NF and regarded it as a national treasure. The ancient trees store carbon and preside over an ecosystem that is home to the wildest of wildlife, including wolves and bears and salmon.

It is hard to imagine that the Forest Service could be so blind as to open the door to clearcutting and bulldozing. Everyday there is more dire news about climate change, and the need to reduce the release of carbon. Would you sell out the world for the timber industry?

I also strongly oppose your plan to open any of the 5 million acres of roadless areas on the Chugach National Forest for logging.

You must think of all the suffering that climate change is causing and will increasingly cause. Select the "no action" alternative to maintain Roadless Rule restrictions on the Tongass and Chugach NF.

Sincerely,

Debra Patla

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