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Dear U.S. Forest Service,

Intact, ancient forests are strongholds of climate resilience, and the Tongass is one of world's largest. More than half of the large, old-growth trees have already been cut in the Tongass, and the Roadless Rule protects about half of what is left.

Please keep the Roadless Rule in place.

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. 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, intact, ancient forests are strongholds of climate resilience, and the Tongass is one of world's largest.

Our grandchildren deserve a future to enjoy an intact ancient forest.

Sincerely,

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