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

Dear U.S. Forest Service,

Nine MILLION acres of century-old trees open to logging and bulldozing?!

5.3 MILLION more in the Chugach National Forest?!

This is madness!

I am convinced that this administration will go down in history summed up in three words: chaos, division, and willful destruction.

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

The Tongass is our wildest remaining national forest home to an amazing wide range of wildlife, including Alexander Archipelago wolves, grizzly bears and salmon. Of special importance is the forest's function as being a storehouse for vast amounts of carbon, with its centuries-old trees serving as a carbon-reserve life raft in this time of climate change. Kill the trees, and most of that carbon into the atmosphere.

Additionally, the major industries in Southeast Alaska are tourism and fishing - both would be damaged with clear cutting and bulldozing. forests, harming wildlife and waters along the way.

Likewise, I oppose the 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.

Please [mdash] think of future generations by selecting the "no action" alternative to maintain "Roadless Rule" protections for the Tongass and Chugach. Thank you!

Sincerely,

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