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Roadless Rulemaking,

RE: Alaska Roadless DEIS Comment

Dear Secretary Perdue:

Please support the No-Action Alternative for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the proposed Alaska Roadless Rule, Alternative #1.

In this time of unprecedented global existential danger due to our changing climate, it is vital that we recognize and protect rainforests in their essential work of acting both a carbon sink and as an environment that supports biodiversity. Both of these help humans--the first through simple cleansing of the air and water we rely on; the second through complex interactions of organisms that can lead to a domino-like reaction of one species supporting (or in its absence, undermining) the health and safety of others.

The US is well aware of the urgency of climate mitigation and the dangers of both continuing to emit greenhouse gases and reducing natural protections. Financially, too, it is in our best interests to support a cleaner, healthier Earth. The cost of cleanup is always greater than that of prevention. In this case the moral imperative is astronomical. We must keeping the current Roadless Rule protections in place and intact for the Tongass National Forest.

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