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

Dear U.S. Forest Service,

Please record my steadfast opposition to the Forest Service's plan to eliminate "Roadless Rule" protections for the Tongass National Forest. I urge you to select the "no action" alternative instead.

The short sighted proposal to open the door to clearcutting and bulldozing is an attack on America's natural heritage and irresponsible destruction of one of the planets most valuable carbon filters.

It is also an assault on Alaska's economically productive and quality of life enhancing tourism sector. These two measured are far more productive and durable than short term exploitation by the timber inustey.

I also 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.

It is your duty as a public servant to think of future generations by selecting the "no action" alternative to maintain "Roadless Rule" protections for the Tongass and Chugach.

Sincerely,

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