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Comments: Comments to oppose modification to the Roadless Rule

Dear U.S. Forest Service,

The Roadless Rule: An assurance to millions of birds and animals that there is a home to return to. Home. What is it's meaning? To a Spruce Grouse, maybe a whole forest full of trees to hide in from predators; to a Goshawk, maybe a bountiful supply of small birds and mammals to hunt; to an American Black Bear, maybe plenty of food to feast on before entering a warm den to hibernate in. All these animals, and millions more, depend on the one and only Tongass National Forest, a haven for creatures that rely on old-growth forests. But in the future, they might not have a home to return to.

The U.S. Forest Service has proposed a new rule that would allow clear cutting to destroy the great Tongass. Imagine that a force beyond our control destroyed all of our cities, burned, drowned and did damage way beyond our repair to civilization. Fortunately for us, history has proven that civilization will jump back to it's former glory. But in this case, we wouldn't be able to build our buildings again, wouldn't be able to survive. This is the life of a resident of Tongass National Forest. But, we can allow them to continue to thrive, if only we take action. So please don't gut forest protections to the great Tongass.

It is time to stop opening more and more acres to the timber industry and instead bolster protections to the old-growth forests and wild areas on the Tongass. I urge you to select the "No Action" Alternative (Alternative 1) and allow the Roadless Rule to remain intact on the Tongass National Forest.

Sincerely,

Oliver Winn

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