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Comments: I strongly feel that the Roadless a Rule for the Tongass National Forest needs to stay in place. Any exemptions will only hurt Southeast Alaska's economies.

My choice is NO ACTION!

I have spent all of my adult life living in Sitka. As a commercial fisher I know the value of healthy forests and salmon streams. As a subsistence hunter I know the value of old growth forests. As an avid hiker and lover of nature I know the value of intact forests and their ecosystems.

We are seeing the effects of warming climate and oceans. The largest temperate rain forest in the world needs to stay that way.

You cannot recreate old growth forests. Their contribution to the world is undeniable and irreplaceable.

SE Alaskas economy is not dependent on logging. It is dependence on fisheries and tourism is totally tied to a healthy intact old growth forest.

It is time to look ahead and face the many challenges of a changing climate, changing priorities and dependence on intact forests. Returning to clear cut logging and the supporting road building is going backwards in so many ways.

I urge you to select NO ACTION.

Thank you

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