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Comments: I do not support the proposed total exemption of the Tongass National Forest from the Roadless Rule. The Tongass is a forest of national as well as global significance. It is the largest carbon sink in our National Forest system, serving as a natural buffer to clearly rising CO2 levels. The timber industry has supported only 1% of the regional economy for decades. Tourism jobs outnumber timber jobs 20 to 1. There is no rational basis for an exemption. I strongly object to any action that initiates road building or timber operations in the Tongass National Forest.

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