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Comments: Please. Just say no to roads.

Please do everything in your power to maintain the roadless rule in order to preserve this and other valuable resources.

Biodiversity is essential for the long term health of the planet.

Old growth forests are a significant part of our country's cultural heritage

...and they are almost gone.

Roads deprive the water table.

Roads pollute rivers.

Roads are massive heat sinks

Vehicles:

Pollute the air.

They dump oil, fuel, asbestos, rubber, etc. into the surrounding ecosystems.

They kill wildlife,

They create noise pollution

They are a major source of light pollution.

Old growth forests will never, ever, be again. We cannot bring them back, we cannot plant another one, and there are only a handful of these national treasures still in existence.

As the earth gets warmer, our southern forests will and indeed are burning themselves into extinction. The northern forests will eventually be all we have left.

There are substantially better agricultural alternatives for manufacturing paper and developing composite lumber.

We don't need to mow down our children's future for the sake of fine home building in Asia.

Please do not let shortsighted greed desecrate and destroy one of our last, great, American treasures. In Europe, they have Notre Dame, The Parthenon, literally thousands of ancient revered and holy sites that pre-date the existence of the United States. And they protect them. We...have wilderness. We have majestic ancient forests teeming with life. We have the freedom to wander. We have public land. We have ancient groves of stately fir trees that are more sacred than any cathedral. No one is building a road into Notre Dame to harvest bricks. No one should be building a road into the Tongass National Forest to harvest boards.

Thank you,

Judy Ford

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