

Data Submitted (UTC 11): 10/24/2019 8:00:00 AM

First name: Anon

Last name: Anon

Organization:

Title:

Comments: FW: WWW Mail: Protect the Tongass!

Sharing this comment that came to our webmaster email address.

Dru J. Fenster

Public Affairs Specialist (Media Relations)

Forest Service

Alaska Region

Juneau, AK 99802

Caring for the land and serving people

-----Original Message-----

From: FS-r10 webmail

Sent: Thursday, October 24, 2019 8:32 AM

Subject: FW: WWW Mail: Protect the Tongass!

From the RO WWW inbox

-----Original Message-----

Sent: Thursday, October 24, 2019 7:55 AM

Subject: WWW Mail: Protect the Tongass!

To whom it may concern,

I strongly urge you to oppose the opening of over nine million acres of land in Alaska's Tongass National Forest for mining and logging projects. This would severely compromise our last remaining truly wild forest and be a huge blow to biodiversity. These lands are home to pacific salmon, iconic bald eagles, southern resident orcas, and even a 1000-year-old tree. They also contain the traditional homelands of the Tlingit, Haida, and Tsimshian Peoples.

Beyond its natural beauty and cultural importance, the Tongass Forest is one of the world's best climate defenses. The old trees store 10--12 percent of all carbon consumed by America's national forests, and the Tongass is Alaska's first defense against the worsening climate crisis.

If the current administration gets its way, 9.2 million acres of the world's largest intact temperate rain forest, one of our nation's most iconic wild places, could be destroyed. These lands must be protected. A responsible agency

would be taking action to block this destructive proposal.

Thank you.

[Position]