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Dear Mr. Director Of the USDA:, Sonny Perdue,

I am writing today to express my concern in your recent actions. You see, the earth, even though it seems like it is a hardy, unlimited, and boundless treasure trove of timber, land, and minerals, it is actually a very delicate, complex and, unique environment. Where when you make one action, a cascade of other actions is sure to follow. The earth, the home of all humans, is a gift from ethos, that we are the stewards of: this great and beautiful gift. It is essential that when we are in positions of power, that we make decisions, that are responsible, and look at the, large and long term picture.

The Tongass National Forest, in Alaska., is a beautiful Gem, of our national lands. No where else in the country, or probably the world is there such a huge area, that is so well preserved, and so diverse. It, on a daily basis acts like a giant set of lungs for our planet, taking in carbon, and releasing clean, and clear oxygen and (probably offsetting the very carbon from me typing on this computer right now). So when it came to light that the Road-less rule, was being re-evaluated, and that an environmental impact study had been conducted. I felt that it was extremely important to voice my concern.

Making sure that we value, and are responsible and respectful about our every action, is critical when talking about species (old growth forrests) that are in many cases 800 plus years old, and may very well end up as toilet paper next year. I know that money speaks, especially when coming from large corporations that stand to profit greatly from opening up this area to development. But please, hear the voice of nature too, go into these beautiful areas, and see for yourself. Allow the awe inspiring sights and vistas to guide your decision. I just feel that, undoing something that took hundreds and hundreds of years to form, and to allow it to disappear in a matter of years, would be a great tragedy, to our planet , and a stain in our nations history books.

This is why I think Alternative number 2, from your environmental impact study , would be the best , most realistic option. It actually values , and respects a majority of the lands, that our great nation has protected thus far, and allows for a little bit of development to make its way in. We can always open up more forests in the future, but once these old growth Forrest's are gone, they are gone forever.

Please take the time to visit every area you are considering to open up for business and development, just seeing the majestic beauty of this great nations lands may sway your final decision.

Respectfully,

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