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Comments: Keep the Tongass Roadless Rule

As a conservationist and person of faith who believes we are called to care for what God has entrusted to us, I urge select the "No Action" alternative on the Alaska-specific Roadless Rule.

Our nation does not need the sweeping changes the administration is promoting that would completely remove the Tongass National Forest from roadless protections.

The Tongass National Forest is one of the last intact temperate rainforests on Earth. We should not threaten wildlife including salmon, wolves, bear, deer, and birds of prey such as the Northern Goshawk. The Tongass stores about 8 percent of the total carbon of all the national forests of the lower 48 states combined. It also contains sacred sites of great importance to Native people of Alaska.

The rule will fragment the forest and harm wildlife that rely on old-growth habitat. For example, the rule will allow new roads and logging that threaten important wild salmon populations.

I strongly urge the Forest Service to select Alternative 1, the "no-action" alternative.

Thank you,

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