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As a former resident of Ketchikan, I speak with conviction on this subject, and can not state too emphatically that the Roadless Rule must be maintained in the Tongass. As a former USCG boat coxswain, I travelled the waters around Ketchikan and came upon many remote areas during search and rescue operations. (often in search of hunters stranded on remote islands due to their own carelessness) These are pristine regions with 150 inches of rainfall every year. To say that the ecosystems here are fragile would probably be an understatement. Have you heard of muskeg?

Please, maintain the Roadless Rule.

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