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Comments: The Tongass and Chugach National Forests must remain protected

Dear Secretary Perdue,

Let the No-Action Alternative for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the proposed Alaska Roadless Rule, Alternative #1, prevail.

The current Roadless Rule protections must remain in place and intact for the Tongass National Forest. With some of the largest intact old-growth temperate rainforest in the world, its value in providing clean water for fish and wildlife habitat is essential to the economic and ecological health of Southeast Alaska.

You MUST keep the federal Roadless Rule intact and current protections in place for national forests in Alaska.

Also, you must change your plans to reduce and remove protections from our national forest's roadless areas. The Roadless Rule is one of the smartest and most popular land management policies the Federal Government has ever adopted. Not only does it preserve some of America's best fish and wildlife habitat, but it also saves untold millions of taxpayer dollars that might otherwise be spent to subsidize money-losing timber sales.

The value of the Roadless Rule in preventing environmentally damaging and economically wasteful road-building and logging is particularly relevant in the Tongass, where logging costs vastly exceed timber revenues and require unconscionable taxpayer subsidies.

Sincerely,

Signed,

Vicki Hambrick

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