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Comments: No development in the Tongass!

The Tongass is one of our country's - and the world's - most valuable properties in terms of keeping the air we breathe breathable, and preserving life as we know it on earth. The information that the Trump administration is dishing out is baseless, unproven, unscientific, and only meant for making money ----- a mighty temporary pleasure when considering the generations-long continent-wide benefits of leaving the Tongass as is. It is increasingly critical to life on earth as we observe the melting of the arctic permafrost, which is releasing dangerous amounts of carbon dioxide. Longitudinal, non-partisan, factual studies have shown this about the area:

Tongass is a carbon sink, in climate science jargon. Its old-growth trees store vast amounts of carbon - an estimated 10-12 percent of all of America's national forests - and play a critical role when it comes to reaching global climate goals. The Roadless Rule protects 9.3 million acres of undeveloped roadless land in the Tongass-- twice the size of Yellowstone, Glacier, and Grand Canyon National Parks combined.

Under Trump's unfounded, disastrous proposal, old-growth trees that help us to mitigate climate change by storing vast amounts of carbon would be especially targeted. In addition, this rule could potentially undermine protection of the 5.4 million acres of roadless lands in Alaska's Chugach National Forest.

Alaska cannot afford this loss. America cannot afford this loss. Human populations cannot afford this loss. Leave the Tongass alone, to do its job for planet Earth.

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