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Comments: Preserve Tongass National Forest

Dear U.S. Forest Service,

I strongly oppose the Forest Service's plan to eliminate "Roadless Rule" protections for the Tongass National Forest and urge you to select the "no action" alternative instead.

As you know the Tongass is home to a wide range of wildlife, including Alexander Archipelago wolves, grizzly bears and salmon. It also absorbs a vast amount of carbon, with its centuries-old trees serving as a carbon-reserve life raft in this time of climate change. Logging releases most of that carbon into the atmosphere.

The Tongass belongs to all Americans and supports tourism and fishing - both of which rely on intact forests to thrive. It's important to save these last remaining forests for the wildlife and waters they contain.

Further, the 2001 Roadless Rule, protects all roadless lands because of the critical role they play in protecting pure water, secure wildlife habitat and remote recreation.

Please - think of future generations by selecting the "no action" alternative to maintain "Roadless Rule" protections for the Tongass and Chugach.

Sincerely,

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