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Comments: Roadless rule

I am opposed to ending the roadless rule in the Tongass national forest. As a 36 year resident of SE Alaska I have seen the cumulative effect of old growth harvest on our fish streams and animal populations. Even though the FS is attempting to say that getting rid of this rule will not make any difference in forest management, this is not credible. The loggers association seems to think it will, they must have a reason. The taxpayers have funded enough subsidies already to the timber industry and every time we build another road it is just another subsidy to a industry that can't support themselves. Tourism and the fishing industry provide income for thousands of people in SE ...the timber industry a few hundred, and the wood shipped away to Asia. It is time we protect this forests resources for the American people, and quit paying for it to be given away. The bulk of the comments has been against this change, towns and communities, native groups, fishermen, tourism groups and subsistence users have all come out against it. Shame on the forest service if it does not listen to the people.

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