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To Whom it may concern,

The roadless rule currently protects the largest temperate rain-forest on the planet from the threat of logging and mineral extraction. It would be appalling to remove this rule and allow private companies to destroy our public lands so they can enjoy a short term profit.

I have spent 5 years completing two degrees studying geology and I acutely understand the importance the old growth forest has on keeping the land stable, and healthy. Removing old growth forest will effect not only the plants, animals and insects that rely on the Tongass for food and and shelter, it could also have catastrophic effects on the landscape.

As a citizen of the United States, as a hiker, hunter, and geologist. I urge you to not remove the roadiess rule and keep our public lands public and pristine.

Thank you for your consideration,

Justin Germann

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