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Comments: I write regarding the push to open the old-growth Tongass National Forest in Alaska to logging, a move that imperils the future of Alaskans such as my family and the state's economic health.

The Tongass is an invaluable ecosystem for animals and plants, as well as a vital part of the economic survival of the state and central Alaskan industries such as tourism and fishing. Creating roads within the Tongass and logging it will damage this ecosystem and the livelihoods that depend on it.

Furthermore, given the increasingly damaging effects of the climate crisis and the many taxpayer dollars that have already been spent to address the increased flooding, fires, and illnesses related to climate, to destroy an old-growth forest that does so much to absorb carbon and moderate temperatures is short-sighted and foolhardy. It is a horrible irony that at a time when nations across the world from Iceland to Nigeria are investing in massive reforestation projects to address the climate crisis the the government of the United States is considering damaging one of our greatest natural resources and thereby increasing the monies that will have to be spent to address the climate crisis.

Thank you for taking my feedback.

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