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Comments: I'm writing to oppose exempting Alaska Region Forest Service lands from the "roadless rule." I'm old enough to remember when the rule passed, the controversy, and the hatred for the President that signed the rule. I'd hoped these were old battles that had been settled. It's nearly 3 decades ago now and we should have resolved the controversy by now; unfortunately, a few influential companies and politicians have refused to accept defeat. Now, they are compromising the credibility of the Forest Service; forcing the agency to make recommendations that are not consistent with its own professional's advice or the agency's long-standing motto of "Caring for the Land and Serving People." If the Alaska is exempted from the rule, the Forest Service will suffer from a distrustful public long after these few company's and politician's foolhardy actions are forgotten.

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