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Comments: Please be cautious and do not allow a full exemption of the 2001 Roadless Rule within the Tongass National Forest. Old-growth forests are important areas, vital to health of all species, including the mental health of people. Allowing a total exemption of these rules will open the forest up to destructive activities that cannot be undone.

Rarely, if ever, do private companies put long-term health over short term profits. Loop holes that noone notices except for corporate lawyers are legislated and then any verbal assurances given prior to legislation are tossed out the window. It is how they do things.

If any amendment is made for the Tongass, it must have the support of local people who need sustainable activities. Activities that alter the landscape and mine it for resources that are shipped elsewhere do not support the needs of the local population. And in this case, the resources unique to the Tongass are not replaceable for multiple generations and their removal will negatively impact the ecosystem services the forest provides. Adopting Alternative 6 is not kind, not smart, and not wise.

Please do better.

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