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Comments: To Whom It May Concern:

I strongly object to the draft rule proposing a full exemption for the State of Alaska from the national Roadless Rule. This appears to be nothing more than a tax-payer gift to the logging industry in Alaska. Allowing the exemption would put the Forest Service on the hook for the maintenance of roads through the Tongass National Forest, and would put at risk several other industries and endeavors (including sport and commercial fishing, recreational activities and tourism) all for the benefit of the logging industry. This is even more egregious given the fact that logging in the area has cost the taxpayers tens, if not hundreds of millions of dollars over the years.

This appears to be nothing but a pay-off to some vested logging interests and is certainly NOT in the national interest. Please do the right thing and protect these lands from unwise, unproductive and unprofitable exploitation, while also protecting the American taxpayer, by not allowing the exemption to the Roadless Rule.

Thank you...

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