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Comments: I urge you to select Option 1 and keep the very Roadless Rule in place.

In a state that is ground zero for climate change, it is shocking that such short sighted policy change is even being considered. If anyone in the country should have a vested interest in keeping carbon sequestered surely it is Alaskans.

The timber industry contributes less than 1% to the south-east Alaska economy, compared with 25% by the fishing and tourism industries combined.

Tongass waterways produce 80% of the commercial salmon annually harvested from south-east Alaska, valued at \$60m. The Forest Service has lost almost \$600m on Tongass timber sales over the last 20 years, according to Taxpayers for Common Sense.

I lived and worked in SE AK for many years, I know it to be a unique place. There is no scenario where changing the Roadless Rules makes economic or environmental sense.

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