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Re: Roadless Rule

To whom it may concern,

As a business owner and resident of Skagway, Alaska I would like to comment on the Draft Roadless rule determination.

I am the owener of Packer Expeditions Ltd. In Skagway AK. Packer was started in 1992 and my company makes the majority of its income utilizing the Tongass National Forest. Over the course of 28 years we have grown from a 2 man company to a company that employs 28 seasonal employees and 4 year round employees. This company's very existence relies on a remote wilderness experience for our clients in The Tongass. In addition to educating thousands of clients each year about the Tongass, we are a permitted entity that pays over \$26,000.00 annually for use of Forest Service trails. We have a volunteer agreement with the forest Service for trail maintenance on the Denver and Laughton trails in the Forest that helps the federal government to operate more efficiently. Any decision that relates to the Tongass has direct impact to my livelihood and the people I employ.

Tourism is the strongest sector in a struggling Alaska economy and decisions made on the Tongass have significant economic impacts on both the tour industry and fisheries industries and these impacts will be felt statewide. Making decisionis that affect these industries must be viewed with great care.

As a resident of Skagway, I can say that the road issue north of Katzehine flats is already settled law and this area should be removed from any consideration.

Thank You

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