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I do not want to receive a copy of the Final Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Roadless Rule Planning Team,

I live in Southeast Alaska, where my lifestyle, the ecology of the forest, and the economy of our communities are all intricately intertwined. I live in this region for the bountiful salmon runs, the beautiful scenery, the clean air and water, and the endless opportunities to recreate in our expansive outdoors. I am one of the 94% of Southeast Alaskans who eat salmon every year. I depend on the Tongass - from the freshwater streams where salmon spawn to the old-growth forests that deer rely on, the Tongass fuels our families and our economy. The health of our economy, which is heavily reliant on the fishing and tourism industries, also depends on the salmon, wildlife, and presence of old-growth forests. A sustainable future for Southeast Alaska requires protecting expansive areas of intact habitat - in short, it requires keeping inventoried roadless areas roadless! I urge the Forest Service and Secretary Perdue to protect important salmon spawning habitat, maintain old growth forests for winter deer habitat, and keep the places I like to recreate free of clearcuts and roadbuilding. A full exemption from the Roadless Rule will not work for the Tongass.

WHO I AM: [text bolded for emphasis] *Include your name, where you live, and any relevant biographical information. Do you live or work on the Tongass National Forest? What is your relationship to the Tongass?* [text italicized for emphasis]

My name is Tara Nassuk, I'm from Koyuk, Alaska and this is the 1st time I've been informed about the Tongass Forrest.

ALTERNATIVE: [text bolded for emphasis] *The Forest Service will choose how to proceed from a number of different alternatives. If you want the Roadless Rule to remain on the Tongass, write "Alternative 1, No Action." Why do you support this alternative?* [text italicized for emphasis]

The alternative I support is: 1, no action

Because: I don't want it to be cut down because it's not good for our environment.

AREAS: [text bolded for emphasis] *Are there specific islands, watersheds, or mountains that you care about? It's especially important to specify areas you use for subsistence hunting, fishing, and gathering. Examples include Tenakee Inlet, Nakwasina Sound, Fish Bay, Ushk Bay, Northern Prince of Wales, T77 salmon watershed areas, Audubon/TNC ecological priority areas.* [text italicized for emphasis]

The areas I want to see protected from road building and old growth timber harvest are: All

USE: [text bolded for emphasis] *What activities do you do on the Tongass? Hunting, fishing, recreation, business, tourism, etc.* [text italicized for emphasis]

Old-growth logging and road building would negatively impact the productivity of the ecosystem that I depend on for the following activities: I rely on the forrest for subistence uses

SUGGESTION: [text bolded for emphasis] *How should the Forest Service manage the Tongass National Forest? More sustainable alternatives to timber harvest include salmon watershed restoration, conservation, visitor industry infrastructure, deer habitat enhancement, young growth thinning, and maintenance of recreation infrastructure such as trails and cabins.* [text italicized for emphasis]

The monofocus on increasing timber production in the Tongass is outdated and out of pace with the current economy and lifestyle in Southeast Alaska. Industrial scale harvesting of old-growth forest does not enhance salmon production, visitor industry values, deer habitat, or my recreation experience. I would like the Forest Service to focus on activities that enhance and support our lifestyle of living off the land and the sustainable sectors of our economy. These sectors are: more subsistence activities

Additional comments for the Forest Service:

Sincerely, [Signature]

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