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Comments: As a visitor to the Tongass National Forest, I am opposed to the proposed exemption of the Tongass National Forest from the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule and support Alternative 1--the no action alternative continuing the implementation of the 2001 Roadless Rule.

Your own website describes the Forest well:

"The Tongass is the nation's largest national forest and covers most of Southeast Alaska, surrounding the famous Inside Passage and offers unique chances to view eagles, bears, spawning salmon, and the breath-taking vistas of "wild" Alaska."

The Tongass is also the largest intact temperate rainforest on earth and we must not disrupt and thus destroy the delicate balance that exists in the here. The Tongass is a unique and precious place on this earth. Once the old-growth trees are gone, along with other impacted flora and fauna, they are gone forever.

For these reasons, I urge you to maintain the current Roadless Rule in the Tongass. We have the chance to protect this special place, so let's continue to do that.

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