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Comments: Don't exempt the Tongass from the Roadless Rule

U.S. Forest Service

RE: Don't exempt the Tongass from the Roadless Rule

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Docket Number: FS-2019-0023

Secretary Perdue:

I urge you to keep the Roadless Area Conservation Rule intact for the Tongass National Forest.

I just saw the movie Fantastic Fungi. It affirms the imperative that old growth forests MUST be preserved and protected.

The Tongass serves as a habitat for hundreds of species of wildlife, including wolves, grizzly bears and so many others. More than 300 species of birds make their homes in its trees, and its streams and waterways provide habitat for spawning salmon and trout. The vast fungal web that exists there deep underground is an ancient ecosystem of living value! We have much more to learn about that treasure that destroying it would make impossible.

To open this pristine wild space up for destructive development by removing its Roadless Rule protections would be a tragedy. Keep the Roadless Rule -- and the Tongass National Forest -- intact.

Sincerely,

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Mari Heart

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