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Comments: Keep 'Roadless Rule' Protections for the Tongass National Forest

Dear U.S. Forest Service,

I strongly oppose the Forest Service's plan to eliminate the "Roadless Rule" protections for the Tongass National Forest and urge you to select the "NO action" alternative instead.

The Tongass is America's wildest remaining national forest, with more than 9 million acres of roadless areas. It's home to a wide range of wildlife, including Alexander Archipelago wolves, grizzly bears and salmon. It also stores a vast amount of carbon, with its centuries-old trees serving as a carbon-reserve life raft in this time of climate change. Logging releases most of that carbon into the atmosphere. As a species, we can no longer afford to keep adding carbon to the atmosphere. If humans are to still be here a century from now, then it is imperative that we ALL help to accomplish a dramatic about-face and drastically curb human pollution and massive planetary degradation.

Humans, in a short 50 years, have done irreparable damage to ourselves, other species and this planet. The situation is expanding exponentially with our rampant overbreeding, uncontrolled migration in the US, and increasingly excessive and careless use of resources. Our current so-called President is one of the worst things to happen to this entire planet in history. There is no longer any leeway, or any time to sit and do nothing. We MUST stop destroying everything, including our own species, with wanton carbon release and raping of natural resources.

Your proposal to open the door to clearcutting and bulldozing is irresponsible and treasonous. The Tongass belongs to all of us! It's even more important to save these last remaining roadless forests because YOUR agency has already fragmented and logged so much of our national forests, harming wildlife and waters along the way. STOP being short-sighted and greedy and start thinking about doing the right thing!! PLEASE!

I also oppose your plan to allow the agency to open any of the 5 million acres of roadless areas on the Chugach National Forest to bulldozing and clearcutting for logging. This is simply a backdoor repeal of the 2001 Roadless Rule, which protects all roadless lands because of the critical role they play in protecting pure water, secure wildlife habitat, remote recreation and planetary health.

Please - think of future generations by selecting the "no action" alternative to maintain "Roadless Rule" protections for the Tongass and Chugach. If you don't do the right thing, then one must assume that you have no children, no friends and someone is lining your nest egg with bribes. There is no other reason to allow this level of destruction.

Sincerely,

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