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Comments: Comments to oppose modification to the Roadless Rule

Dear U.S. Forest Service,

The Roadless Rule helps protect precious old-growth habitat for birds like the Prince of Wales Spruce Grouse and Northern Goshawk, as well as for mammals like wolves and deer.

Opening roadless areas to more DESTRUCTIVE and absolutely SENSELESS logging and road construction will fragment the forest and eliminate more of the large, historic trees that these animals rely on.

Furthermore, intact ancient forests are powerful strongholds of climate resilience, and the Tongass is one of world's largest and most potent carbon sinks.

However, all of the action alternatives in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement unfortunately allow only *more* road-building and logging across the Tongass National Forest. Logging roads and timber operations cost tens of millions of taxpayer dollars every year, with ZERO return on investment. Meanwhile, these destructive and environmentally unhealthy activities degrade the naturally sustainable wealth of salmon, wildlife watching, and tourism opportunities.

It is prime time to STOP mindlessly opening more and more acres to the timber industry and instead continuously BOLSTER long-lasting protections to the old-growth forests and wild areas on the Tongass. We have already severely undermined the health of our planet enough as it is--& now is the moment when invested individuals like me begin to fight back.

I sincerely urge you to select the "No Action" Alternative (Alternative 1) to allow the Roadless Rule to remain FULLY INTACT on the Tongass National Forest.

We WILL secure our planet's health to make a POSITIVE environmental impact, but we absolutely NEED YOU TO BE ON BOARD WITH US. For our planet, & for everyone who call it home.

Sincerely,

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