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

Dear U.S. Forest Service,

The Tongass is America's wildest remaining national forest and it's home to a wide range of wildlife including Alexander Archipelago wolves, plus bears and salmon. It stores vast amount of carbon with its centuries-old trees serving as a carbon-reserve life raft in this time of climate change. Your proposal to open the door to clear-cut and bulldoze is exceedingly irresponsible. The Tongass belongs to all Americans and will not be sacrificed to the timber industry which provides a small fraction of the jobs and income in Southeast Alaska, compared to tourism and fishing. It's even more important to save these last remaining roadless forests since your agency fragmented and logged so much of our national forests harming wildlife and our waters along the way.

I absolutely oppose your plan open any of the 5 million acres of roadless areas on the Chugach National Forest to logging. This is simply a backdoor repeal of the 2001 Roadless Rule which protects all roadless lands for the critical role they play in protecting our water, wildlife and remote recreation.

Future generations -your own and mine are best served by the No Action alternative to maintain "Roadless Rule" protections for the Tongass and Chugach.

Sincerely,

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