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Comments: Please don't allow the Tongass & Chugach National Forests to be destroyed

Dear U.S. Forest Service,

We need more wild forests, not less. I OPPOSE the plan to eliminate the Roadless Rule protections and I beg you to choose the No Action alternative instead. If you allow the timber industry to destroy the Tongass National Forest, one of our last wild forests, it will only hasten the severity of climate crisis that we are just beginning to experience. We have a moral obligation not to allow rampant human activity and development to turn our planet into a wasteland where only humans and cockroaches live. Our planet's health is dependent on biodiversity. Bulldozing ancient trees to create roads that will allow for the killing of more trees would be a tragedy that would be beyond heart-breaking. Please give me hope that this government is capable of doing things that will benefit all life and not just a few selfish, short-sighted humans whose sole interest is to make money for themselves. There are plenty of recycled materials that can be used in place of wood. As I understand it, you are also allowing bulldozing and clearcutting in the Chugach National Forest. Again, I beg you to reconsider and once again protect these areas by selecting the No Action alternative and preserve the Roadless Rule protections.

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Sincerely,

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