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Comments: Keep the Roadless Rule intact on the Tongass

Dear Interdisciplinary Team Leader Ken Tu,

I am writing to support the No-Action Alternative for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the proposed Alaska Roadless Rule, Alternative #1. I support keeping the current Roadless Rule protections in place for the Tongass National Forest.

I took my first trip (but not last) to Alaska this September. I was inspired by its wildness and majesty, which is a very valuable reason for protecting these lands. Opening up the Tongass to roads will only benefit the interests of multi-national extraction industries. Americans benefit most by keeping this area in a natural state so that we know, however far away, that there is a wild and special place we may be able to escape to when seeking inspiration. We desperately need to preserve these old growth rainforests in our battle against climate change. Their ability to sequester carbon is essential if we are to maintain a planetary balance that supports all living creatures.

Please do not exempt the Tongass from the Roadless Rule, or make any changes to how the Rule is applied in Alaska.

Sincerely,

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