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Comments: Don't end 'Roadless Rule' protections for the Tongass National Forest

Dear U.S. Forest Service,

Please do not eliminate "Roadless Rule" protections for the Tongass National Forest. I strongly urge you to keep these critical protections and select the "no action" alternative.

Tongass belongs to all Americans and shouldn't be sacrificed to the timber industry, which provides a small fraction of the jobs and income in Southeast Alaska compared to tourism and fishing - both of which rely on intact forests to thrive.

Further, I 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.

Please - think of future generations by selecting the "no action" alternative to maintain "Roadless Rule" protections for the Tongass and Chugach.

Sincerely,

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