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Comments: Stop Deforestation and exploitation of Land

Dear U.S. Forest Service,

I think this rule is outrageous and extremely short sighted. I strongly oppose the Forest Service's plan to eliminate "Roadless Rule" protections for the Tongass National Forest and URGE you to select the "NO ACTION" alternative instead.

You may not know this (if you did I can't imagine you'd still want to exploit it) but the Tongass is America's wildest remaining national forest, with more than 9 million acres of roadless areas. And it's home to a wide range of wildlife, and also stores a vast amount of carbon, with its centuries-old trees serving as a carbon-reserve life raft in this time of climate change. Logging releases most of that carbon into the atmosphere.

Why are you serving in the FOREST SERVICE IF YOU ARE SELLING AMERICAS LAND TO COMPANIES TO COME IN AND CUT DOWN THE FOREST.

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. This is simply a backdoor repeal of the 2001 Roadless Rule, which protects all roadless lands because of the critical role they play in protecting pure water, secure wildlife habitat and remote recreation.

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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