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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment. It is essential that you NOT exempt the Tongrass National Forest (TNF) from the No Roads Rule(NRR). The TNF is too vital to our earth to sacrifice it for money. The TNF is valuable on its own. In addition, the TNF provides ecosystem services that will be lost if it is exempted from the NRR. These priceless ecosystem services include carbon sequestering, soil creation, erosion prevention, water recycling, air purification, providing wildlife habitat, and growing vegetation. Please realize that old growth forest once taken cannot be re-created. With climate change and the potential for unforeseen natural/human caused catastrophes, we simply cannot risk sacrificing a known entity like the TNF for furniture, plaques, paper, or any other forest products. Everything a human might need can be produced some other way-- the TNF can never be re-produced. Allowing roads only increases the likelihood for irreparable harm. Money and other resources that might be spent on roads should instead be devoted to caring for the Tongrass National Forest in a sustainable, ecologically respectful way.

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