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Comments: We already have a viable, sustainable, long-term legal framework for the Tongass. Key among them is the Roadless Rule. Please don't disrupt Southeast Alaska's thriving economy and wonderful lifestyle by changing this Rule. None of the Alternatives described in the Draft EIS manage to address the minor defects of the Rule without doing more harm than good.

Juneau is my home town and I'll recreate in the Tongass for the rest of my life. Most summers find me commercial fishing on the Tongass's coast, and I used to work full-time in the tourism industry. I can't do any of these things if the forest is permanently damaged by industrialization. A forest like the Tongass is at its peak value when it's intact.

The Draft EIS for changing the Roadless Rule only analyzes the direct and immediate impacts of rewriting the Rule. This falsely presents the impacts, as the impact will be a long-term cascade of development. Permits beget more permits. While I'm sympathetic to the difficulty in projecting these effects, any analysis without them is meaningless.

Please update the Draft EIS analysis to include long-term, corollary impacts. And please understand that rejecting the changes proposed would be the best thing for Southeast Alaska.

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