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Roadless Rulemaking,

RE: Alaska Roadless DEIS Comment

Dear Secretary Perdue:

I am writing to voice my support for the No-Action Alternative #1 in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the proposed Alaska Roadless Rule. I support keeping the current Roadless Rule protections in place and intact for the Tongass and other National Forests in Alaska. The Tongass is notorious for money-losing timber sales. It is gloriously renowned for the value of its fish and wildlife, which are essential to the economic and ecological health of Southeast Alaska. Retaining the Roadless Rule is by far the simplest and best way to avoid those environmentally damaging and economically wasteful roads and timber sales, as well as to protect those fish and wildlife and their habitats. But even more important than these factors is the distinction of the Tongass as an enormous carbon sink containing some of the largest intact old-growth temperate rainforest in the world. Now more than ever, we really MUST keep these forests intact, to protect our global climate.

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