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Comments: Keep the Roadless Rule in Place for the Tongass National Forest

Dear Interdisciplinary Team Leader, Alaska Roadless Rule Ken Tu,

Please retain the Roadless Rule for the Tongass National Forest. Forty years ago I worked for the Tongass National Forest in Petersburg as a young civil engineer; planning, designing and building roads so that timber could be extracted from different tracts throughout what was then called the Stikine Area of the National Forest (now the Petersburg and Wrangell Ranger Districts). While I still support logging as a viable economic activity on national forest lands, I recognize that there are areas that should be exempt from logging and road building. The Tongass has far more value as an extension of the fisheries of Southeast Alaska. It's streams, estuaries and more exposed shorelines provide invaluable habitat to high value fish and other aquatic species. This natural resource value extends to the terrestrial animals that populate the remaining roadless areas in the Tongass.

The Tongass roadless areas are too valuable to change their status.

Sincerely,

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