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Comments: I am writing to request that the U.S. government respect the Roadless Rule currently in place in the Tongass forest of Alaska and that they keep the rule in place and that they specifically do not allow logging or in this area or any other practice that is even suspected to possibly harms the environment for any reason. Nothing is a higher priority than protecting these trees that act as a vital carbon sink for our planet at the most important and unstable time in our climate's history to-date. The negative effects of deforestation will have disastrous consequences for all on this planet and should not even be considered simply for the economic gain of a few individuals. If our government supports any further deforestation or any legislation that allows for deforestation, then it is a government that I will actively campaign against. Old growth trees like those found in the Tongass cannot simply be replaced overnight or "when the time is right." They must stay untouched.

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