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Comments: Dear Forest Supervisor:

I strongly oppose the proposal to remove the Alaska Roadless Rulemaking #54511. I recommend that the Tongass Forest remain subject to national roadless rule. My reasons include four reasons:

The old growth forest is a tremendous buffer against climate change. This unique resource should be a central component to ameliorating carbon-induced climate change.

The forest is a critical part of keeping water clean. Fishing is a big part of the economy in SE Alaska. Fish are a critical resource and component of the ecosystem.

Tourism is a big part of the Alaskan economy. How many will pay to go see clear-cut swatches of forest?

We should not sacrifice this irreplaceable resource for short-term gain by selling wood to China and other international markets.

I appreciate your entering my comments into the record and for your consideration.

John Steward

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