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Comments: Good morning,

I'm writing you today as a resident of Arizona and an outdoor enthusiast in regards to the exemption of Tongass National Forest from the Roadless Rule and why we need to maintain it's protection for future generations of American's and wildlife. I urge you to consider what is at stake in opening up this national treasure to the logging industry, and what that means for the heritage of Alaska as well as the United States as a whole. Our National Parks and Forests are North America's greatest resource, representing the history of the peoples of the United States as we sought out greener pastures, braving danger and hardship to establish a better life and future. As a resident of Arizona, a state whose borders contain nearly all of the major biomes of our planet, I cannot express how important it is to maintain protection of these lands so that they may be enjoyed as intended; free from the stripping of resource industries. They say that in Europe, 200 years is not very long and in America, 200 miles is not very far. Throughout our short history the United States has taken pride in establishing itself as the paragon of civilization in our modern age, taking action domestically and abroad to create a better world. To me, Theodore Roosevelt's establishment of protected lands was our greatest step forward in that endeavor. Regressing in those protections for a quick buck would not only be a step backwards for American idealism, it would be a national embarrassment. Thank you for taking the time to read my letter. Please consider what it truly means to sell out our greatest national resource, and take action to keep America great; oppose opening Tongass up to old growth logging.

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