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Comments: To whom it concerns:

I have had two years' experience living next to and recreating within the Tongass, both from the land, air and sea. It is such an incredible forest that truly enchants any who ventures into it. Experiences like those I have had with the Tongass are worth sharing and worth PROTECTING. Exempting the Tongass from the Roadless Rule would do the exact opposite.

The world needs paper and wood - yes. We have mechanisms to do this in a sustainable way that do not involve raping the last existing old growth stands and forever damaging their health and their charm. It is not worth doing so in the long run - let us keep the Tongass as it is and allow people to benefit from it in other ways, as I have.

Please do not follow through with the plan to make the Tongass exempt from the Roadless Rule.

Regards,

A Blake Brown

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