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Comments: I support Alternative 1 (to leave the current management approaches and regulations in place.) Years of careful thought and public input went into protecting the old growth and Roadless Rule in Alaska's Tongass National Forest, over several presidential administrations. It should not be undone by the one in power. The forest belongs to all the citizens of the USA - not just to the state. Opening the area to development will not significantly affect jobs in the area - fewer than 1 percent of the jobs in the region come from logging. There are millions of acres in the Tongass with no roadless restrictions and plenty of resource extraction. And we know the USFS subsidizes logging at a loss to taxpayers. So trying to open up what has been decided years ago is about short-term gain for a few, and long-term destruction overall of a unique ecosystem. Please leave Alternative 1 in place. Thank you.

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