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Comments: To Whom It May Concern:

I was born in Southeast Alaska and moved North with my parents when I was quite young. As an adult life circumstances brought me back to the Southeast and here is where I have chosen to finish raising my two children. The life here is rich not only because of the beauty of the mountainous forests, but because of the life that they contain and foster in their completeness. My fear is that Roadless Rule exemption will break apart systems within the Tongass that will not be able to repair themselves after roads are made and timber is harvested. The biodiversity of the Tongass enriches the lives of the people who live here by providing the nourishment of forage foods, deer meat and fish and, although it is not quantifiable, our souls are fed by the Tongass as well.

Please consider the value of places left to be what they are instead of what can be taken from them and what the net result of that is.

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