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Comments: Hello,

I was lucky enough to visit the Tongass Nat'l Forest (POW Island) for the first time last summer on a deer hunting trip. It was an amazing experience and redefined my understanding of what a well cared for, wild place can be. There were six guys in our group and we all filled our tags. We also spent time fishing in creeks that held an incredible amount of salmon like I had never seen anyplace else. I believe the amount of fish, game, and healthy habitat we observed on our trip were largely a result of the Roadless Rule. I fully support the rule as it stands, and wanted to voice my support for not amending the rule in any way that weakens it. The world's wild places are quickly disappearing and the places we have left need to be preserved to the best of our abilities. From an economic perspective, eco tourism and sustainable fisheries are going to be a much stronger long term option for the residents of the Tongass. I am not against logging at all, it can create habitat if done correctly, but I believe that responsible forestry can still happen under the limitations of the current rule. Weakening or eliminating the rule would only open the door for the type of irresponsible operations that have given logging a bad reputation.

Thank you

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