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Comments: I strongly urge the Forest Service to retain the "Roadless Rule" in the Tongass Forest.

I have lived in Port Alexander, part of the Tongass Forest on Baranof Island, for over 40 years. I have commercially fished, taught high school for SISD, and started the Laughing Raven Lodge, a sport fishing lodge, in 1994. These endeavors have supported my family for three generations.

Both locally, and globally, it is short sighted to open this area to resource exploitation. Not only does my family and community depend on a healthy ecosystem in the Tongass, it is an increasingly important carbon sink and wildlife habitat for the entire country. Moreover, Government-sponsored road building was a benefit to logging companies, but not to the taxpayers who footed the bill.

Thank you for your consideration, and hope my reasons resonate, and help you decide to keep the Tongass roadless.

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