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I thank you for this opportunity to comment on this decision. I will speak plainly.

This land had already been part of the 2001 Roadless Rule. All the reasons why it should not be opened to new roads still stand today. Businesses and politicians would like to try to open it up again.

There are other forested federal lands that are already open for commercial use. These can be used by the timber, mining, and oil companies. There will always be companies that want land to open up for them to obtain leases to use them, and roads to explore and exploit. If more areas open up, more companies will just be formed to take advantage of the openings. There will always be someone who wants to make money off what technically belongs to the American people, and they will have persuasive arguments for why they should be allowed to do so.

This land should not only be managed, but preserved. As one of the last remaining areas of old growth forest, as an important watershed area, as an area of Native land, as an area that brings in tourist dollars because of its untouched beauty, this is an area that should be set aside from commercial development. If there are no additional roads, then there is a chance that some of the land may be left alone.

Once land is open for development, there is no going back. You can't restore an old growth forest.

I DO NOT support Alternative 6. I support Alternative 1 - no action, and urge the Forest Service to choose this option. No more new roads.

Thank you,

Lisa

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