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Comments: I strongly feel that Alternative 1 is the ONLY reasonable, responsible, and acceptable option here. We are destroying the largest rainforests we have on this planet at the rate of an acre/second to the South of us, we must not start destroying our protected lands in the North. We are facing a time where we need to do all we can to save this planet and all living beings on it. In the next 30 years scientists estimate there will be 25 million to 1 billion human environmental immigrants because of climate change. When roads are built through forests and trees are cut down, the trees release the carbon they are storing into the atmosphere. Carbon is a greenhouse gas that is a primary contributor to climate change. Trees play a critical role in absorbing this greenhouse gas. When you cut down these trees, there is less absorption of the carbon AND you are releasing carbon that has already been stored, causing more greenhouse gases to enter the atmosphere and increase the intensity and rate of global warming. Also, it would be destroying an exorbitant amount of wildlife and other biodiverse species that depend on forests to live. I am truly disheartened that this is being proposed as an option. I ask that you please take a few serious moments to look at the importance of the health of the planet and all its inhabitants. Long term, protecting these forests will benefit you, your families, other humans and all other living beings inconceivably more than putting our human mark on them now. The courageous move would be to protect them. Thank you.

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