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Comments: The intent of the 2001 Roadless Rule is to provide lasting protection for remaining wild and pristine areas within the national forest system in the context of multiple-use management. Having said that, it is inappropriate to road, log and mine this area, as roadless areas and old growth forests are a rarity; once logged they will never return, taking with them the unique flora and fauna that thrive in such an ecosystem. Take the Woodland Caribou that once thrived in northwestern Montana. The last one disappeared last year after decades of logging, never to return, as they depend on old growth forests. Don't let this happen in Alaska!

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