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Comments: We are writing to you as former residents of the Tongass and former employees of the Forest Service. We urge the Forest Service to abandon the misguided idea that opening up roadless areas for logging would magically rejuvenate the logging industry. One needs only to look to the coal industry in the lower 48 to understand that resource extraction-based industries are declining, not from environmental protection measures, but from changes in market demands. Logging in SE Alaska is too expensive, for too little monetary gain, to begin to spark the economic and community development that the timber industry promises. The timber industry spokespersons reminisce on a bygone age of endless timber, bottomless fisheries and boundless subsistence resources. On the eve of the year 2020, please look to the future, not the past, as your guide for caring for the Tongass. THAT would be caring for the people and caring for the land.

Sincerely,

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