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Comments: I am writing to object to the US Forest Service's preferred alternative for Tongass National Forest. Removing the "Roadless Rule" from the forest will lead to significant irreversible impacts, as there is no mechanism set out in the proposal to prevent the logging of most old-growth forest within Tongass (which is currently prevented by the "Roadless Rule"), and no mechanism set out in the proposal to adequately replace any old-growth forest lost as a result of the proposed change.

In addition, the proposed impacts to nearby Chugach Forest have not been sufficiently studied, as the proposed changes have not been described in enough detail to allow an evaluation of the implications.

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