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Comments: Please do not exempt the Tongass national forest from the roadless rule. This forest is vital to our way of life as Alaskans, and the short term economic gains from logging and development are not worth the long term destruction of our ecosystem. The Tongass trees are especially important to our global ecosystem as so many other forests around the world get cleared for our growing population. Carbon sinks are becoming more and more valuable as the climate warms, and it would be absolutely insane to cut down portions of the worlds largest temperate rainforest right now. These lungs of our planet are so necessary to not only our lives as locals, but also to the fate of humanity on planet earth. Think globally before destroying locally. We can not afford to live without the Tongass national forest intact and wild. Thank you for taking time to consider this opinion.

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