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I feel the need to put a second oar in the water and voice again how vital it is for the Forest Service to choose Alternative 1- NO ACTION-and keep the Roadless Rule on the Tongass.

As a resident of Petersburg I am surrounded by the beauty and awe of this Place, the Tongass. And just as communities here in Southeast Alaska need to thrive as safe, sustainable and healthy places so does the Tongass need to thrive as an intact forest. We can't do it without the Tongass. And the Tongass can't flourish in this century with out our good guidance. The USFS has stewardship of much of this grand and great landscape. The choices for the future need to be directed with the best available science, open and a clear rendering of past mistakes. On January 26, 2018 218 diverse natural resource scientists sent a letter to Congress, the letter stated : "Nowhere are the benefits of protecting roadless areas and similar ecologically important lands greater than on the Tongass." This is the voice of science- it is clarion clear. Make the choice of Alternative 1-Keep the Roadless rule on the Tongass.

Industrial clear cut logging did not lead to long term prosperity.

It was not sustainable for us or the forest.

It boomed and busted and left the Tongass fragmented.

We need to learn from the past.

New generations are coming.

They will stand on our shoulders,

If we let them.

Love the Tongass for what it is.

A Salmon forest.

A salmon forest that needs to be our arsenal of good work

Facing Climate Change.

I join my voice with six Southeast Alaska Tribal Governments, the Boroughs of Sitka and Skagway, the Alaska Longline Association, the Sitka Fish and Game Advisory Committee, 218 natural resource scientists and many others stating that the path to a heathy future for us and the Tongass is one that keeps the Roadless Rule in place. Choose Alternative 1- Keep the Roadless Rule on the Tongass.

Thank you for taking my comments..

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