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Comments: It is apparent to me that many people in and outside of Alaska depend on the protection of the Tongass National Forest for their livelihoods. Many organizations and industries do as well. There is an environmental benefit as well, considering the carbon that the forest absorbs from the atmosphere. I have read many of the comments from this comment period and am more enlightened to the concerns and join them in their plea for the Tongass Forest to be protected.

I am concerned with the precedent this decision will have for future considerations of public land. If the Tongass National Forest becomes exempt from the Roadless Rule, then other forests are in jeopardy. I live in Utah, and just like Alaskans, many communities here depend on tourism for their economies. People come around the world to visit our state and national parks, not any industrial factories and processing plants. Please, I urge you to cease from seeking any alternatives to bypass the Roadless Rule. Instead, have logging and other industries comply with existing laws and regulations as they currently exist.

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