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Comments: To Whom it May Concern -

I am writing regarding the Roadless Rule. I support Alternative 1 takes no action and would leave all of Alaska under the 2001 Roadless Rule, including the Tongass National Forest.

I live in SE AK for a reason. Our physical, mental and food health is directly linked to the forest around us. I am having my first child and intend to raise this child here and stay in SE AK. We need to preserve it for the long term rather than consider the one time payout to a few from the cutting of a tree. Please respect the original work and intention of the roadless rule and respect the prior comments of people of the region. The roadless rule allows for needed infrastructure for communities in the region.

Those of us that actually live here do not feel that we are being represented by our governor or US representatives. They represent other parts of the state.

If the roadless rule is changed I ask all US legislators to explain to all American tax payers the following:

- Where the funds will come from for the federal subsidy of building of roads and infrastructure for a few private jobs that will be abandoned after use?

- How they will pay for the cost of fighting the future of wild fires that are making their way north? In Sitka we have areas of clear cut that were done in the late 1800s. Now that area of second growth has no life in it. You and I, let alone deer and animals cannot walk through it. No life grows underneath it. It is literally a bunch of match sticks ready to burn.

- How will you pay to rebuild and relocate communities in rural area affected by the future risk of wildfires, loss of tourist and the related jobs, loss of fish habitat and streams?

- How will you fund the subsidies that will be needed to be paid to the fishermen that dominant the economy in this area, after you destroy the fish habitats and fish runs? Just as we subsidize the US farmers. Where will this money come from?

- How will you subsidized the cost to import food to individuals that live in these communities after the destruction of fish, deer, sea life for us to gather for subsistence?

- How will you pay for the loss of human life in building these dangerous roads? That is something you cannot put a price tag on. Just like a forest that has been around much longer than ourselves is priceless. What is the price of destroying something that will never return to the same state as today? Save not only SE AK but the air quality and an ecosystem that affects the rest of the world. Think about something more than an economy report, your campaign donors and your next election. My baby will not be able to vote for 18 years so I know that sentiment is ignored as it will likely be after your time. However I can and do vote now.

Thank you for reading and listening to the SE AK public.

~Jessica Pyatt

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