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Comments: To Whom It May Concern,

As a member of the Tlingit tribe, a concerned citizen of the United States, and a resident of planet Earth, I object to removing any protections from the Tongass National Rainforest. At a time when the Amazon rainforest is undergoing continued devastation and destruction, and climate change is reminding us how important the rainforests are for consuming carbon dioxide and supplying us with the very air we breathe, it is very upsetting to see this even being considered.

Alaska contains the remaining pristine wilderness we have in our country. If anything, we should be adding \*more\* protections (I did not see this listed as an alternative), not removing them! Let's not go down in history as being failed stewards and protectors of our remaining rainforests. Let's not make our grandchildren wish that someone else had been in charge. That's what will happen if we allow any part of our now-protected rainforests to be destroyed. Let's not give in to short-sighted reasoning. Let's look at the long term and consider how we can go in the right direction: preserve ecosystems and protect wildlife. Let's do the right thing and continue protecting this land. Please choose Alternative 1 (retain all existing protections).

Thank you for your consideration,

Evan

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