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Comments: Dear Secretary Perdue and Chief Christensen,

I am an artist, educator and businessman who has lived in Southeast Alaska for 36 years. I strongly believe in the inherent value of intact, roadless wilderness and protecting the absolutely priceless last stands of old growth forests. My business depends directly on a healthy visitor and seafood industry, both of which are threatened by industrial scale logging. People do NOT visit Alaska to see clear-cut mountain sides and 'developed' areas, they come to see the last remnants of functioning wild ecosystems.

I strongly urge you to select the "no-action" alternative on the Alaska-specific Roadless Rule and protect all inventoried roadless areas on the Tongass National Forest under the 2001 National Roadless Rule.

The Tongass contains some of the last remaining intact old-growth temperate rainforests in the world, and its value in providing endless recreation opportunities, clean water, and fish and wildlife habitat is essential to the economic, cultural, and ecological health of Southeast Alaska. I urge you to keep the 2001 National Roadless Rule intact and current protections in place on the Tongass National Forest.

For these reasons, again, I strongly urge you to select the "no-action" alternative on the Alaska-specific Roadless Rule and keep the 2001 National Roadless Rule on the Tongass.

Thank you,

Ray Troll

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