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Comments: I have gotten the opportunity to live and work in Southeast Alaska while serving in the Coast Guard operating out of Sitka. Through work I have had the opportunity to fly and access places in the Tongass that are nearly impossible to reach for the general public. From the air, the impact of roads and everything that they bring with them is extremely evident. Although there are not as many recent cuts as there once was, their scars are easily seen on the mountain sides, and it is easy to pick out the outline of the old logging roads as they wind their way through the woods. The impact that we have already left on the Tongass is extremely evident. What makes this place special is the pristine forest and the general lack of human impact. Allowing more new roads in the Tongass seems short sighted. Who benefits from these roads? It doesn't seem to be the people of Southeast AK. Let's take a step back from our usual Alaskan "Cut, Kill, Dig, Drill" mentality and try to preserve this special place for more than just some international logging interests.

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