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Comments: As someone who lives, works, and recreates in the Tongass, I would like to see the USDA and forest supervisors ensure that the Tongass DOES NOT become exempt from the 2001 Roadless Rule.

One particular passion I have, is working with at-risk youth for Alaska Crossings. Crossings takes Alaskan youth aged 12-17 into the Tongass for 63 days of remote canoeing and backpacking. Crossings currently operates exclusively in the Tongass, on a special use permit with the Forest Service. If the Tongass became exempt from the Roadless Rule, not only would some of the last virgin stands of old growth rain-forest be threatened, but also the opportunities for these youth to reflect in wilderness (both designated and non-designated) would be threatened as well.

The Tongass is an incredibly special place, and continuing to ensure its legacy is preserved for future generations should be the work the Forest Service is promoting. As stewards of our public lands, please consider the wishes of the bulk of the public when considering any changes in regulations.

Thank you for the hard work you do,Best,

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