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Comments: At a time when the rate of climate change is so dramatically impacting many parts of the globe, and in particular the Arctic and northern regions, it is especially important we proceed cautiously in eliminating old growth timber resources in the Tongass National Forest.

SE Alaska has experienced drought conditions in the past two years and the trend is likely continuing.

Tourism is a key industry to Alaska and traveling visitors marvel in wonder at the pristine environment they witness on their voyage through the archipelago within the Tongass.

The political haste to reverse the Roadless Rule is not sufficient reason to needlessly injure our forest resource at a time when our society is becoming increasingly aware of the challenges and threats caused by increased warming and diminished rainfall.

I speak against reversing the Roadless Rule.

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