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Comments: Please protect the Tongass National Forest. Please uphold the Roadless Rule.

The Roadless Rule is a 2001 federal rule that protects the last wild lands in our national forest system from road-building, mass resource extraction, and timber harvest. It was created to honor our public lands and to protect clean water, productive wildlife habitat, and vast intact ecosystems.

We need to protect the forests that are keeping our air clean. The Tongass supports many people and businesses without being logged. The Tongass is better kept in tact than logged to a forest of stumps. We are hypocrites to ask that the Amazon not be logged and then log our own forests. The trees of the Tongass National Forest are the lungs of Alaska.

I hope the people in Washington will listen to the people of Alaska and not only the politicians.

Thank you for your time - Bridget Kauffman

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