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Comments: I am writing to :SUPPORT the NO ACTION ALTERNATIVE for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the proposed Alaska Roadless Rule, Alternative #1.

I FULLY SUPPORT keeping the current Roadless Rule protections in place and intact for the Tongass National Forest.

The Tongass contains one of the largest intact old-growth temperate rainforests in the world. It provides clean water for fish and wildlife habitat that is essential to the economic and ecological health of Southeast Alaska.

In addition, I STRONGLY OBJECT to your plans to reduce and remove protections from our national forests roadless areas.

It helps & preserve some of Americas best fish and wildlife habitat& save untold millions of taxpayer dollars that might otherwise be spent to subsidize money-losing timber sales.

The value of the Roadless Rule in preventing environmentally damaging and economically wasteful road-building and logging is particularly relevant in the Tongass. It has been determined that & LOGGING COSTS WOULD VASTLY EXCEED TIMBER REVENUES & WOULD REQUIRE large taxpayer subsidies.

That is UNACCEPTABLE! The US government HAS TO STOP socializing private enterprise costs while privatizing revenues - especially in environmentally protected areas~

Regards, Margaret Burwel

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