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Comments: My name is Andrea Fraga, and i support the No Action Alternative regarding the Roadless Rule. I believe it is important that we keep the Tongass National Forest intact, with no new roads built. These are the reasons why:

1. Climate change is a very real threat, and opening the Tongass up to large scale extractive activities, in particular old-growth logging, will further excel the harmful affects of climate change.
2. Old-growth logging is not a viable industry in Southeast Alaska, but rather threatens the tried-and-true economies of fishing and tourism, which rely on healthy, intact forests. Opening the Tongass up to old-growth logging, clear-cutting and mining is short-sighted thinking, and has been proven to cost the taxpayers money, rather than boost the economy.
3. Alaskans rely on a subsistence way of life, which is fairly unique these days. An intact Tongass National Forest is the best way to ensure continued subsistence opportunities, which are already under threat from climate change.

When i moved to Southeast Alaska twelve years ago from Southern Oregon, i saw a state with a unique opportunity to learn from the mistakes of the lower 48. States who chose to sell off their natural public wonders, often to the highest foreign bidder, and often at an economic loss for the citizens of that state. We need to preserve what makes Alaska unique - healthy expanses of untouched wilderness and healthy ecosystems.

If nothing else, i ask you to please respect the public comment process, please make it actually mean something, by listening to those who speak in the majority when it comes to the Roadless Rule and the Tongass National Forest.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments,

Andrea Fraga

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