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Roadless Rulemaking,

RE: Alaska Roadless DEIS Comment

To Secretary Perdue:

I write to support the No-Action Alternative for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the proposed Alaska Roadless Rule, Alternative #1.

As an American Citizen, I share in the ownership of these PUBLIC lands. As a public employee, I direct you to keep the current Roadless Rule protections in place and intact for the entire Tongass National Forest.

You will be held accountable for the protection of N America's largest carbon sink, containing some of the largest intact old-growth temperate rainforest in the world.

Its value in providing clean water is of extreme economic importance.

and now provides stability for the climate of Southeast Alaska.

I call upon you to keep the federal Roadless Rule intact and current protections in place for national forests in Alaska.

In addition, I strongly object to plans to reduce or remove protections from our national forest's roadless areas.

The Roadless Rule is one of the smartest and most popular land management policies the Federal Government has ever adopted. Not only does it preserve some of America's best fish and wildlife habitat, but it also saves untold millions of taxpayer dollars that might otherwise be spent to subsidize money-losing timber sales.

The value of the Roadless Rule in preventing economic damage in the costs of wasteful road-building and logging is particularly relevant in the Tongass, where logging costs vastly exceed timber revenues and require unconscionable taxpayer subsidies.

Keep the Roadless Rule intact.

Keep the Tongass Forest intact.

Your children will hold you accountable for this.

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