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Comments: Please don't build roads or log in the Tongass NF

I choose alternative one. Please keep the Tongass roadless.

Most people that have experienced both ancient, intact lowland forest and replanted logged tracts understand that logging (old growth) is permanent whereas preserving it yields benefits forever. The 1000s year old ecosystems can't come back once destroyed, at least not in human scaled time. They are mostly unique to the New World as Europe and the rest logged their ancient lowland forests long ago. These tiny bits of magical forest with individual trees the size of buses, interconnected root systems and 1000s of years of moss piled waist deep return value over and over again as humans from across the planet discover the magic for the first time. The permanent tourism value alone is immense. Once the big trees are gone in Alaska, AK will be just another mostly tree farm state like OR, WA. Human beings need wilderness. We already have too little of it and it can't be replaced.

Thank you,

Kim Judkins

Sent from my iPhone

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