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To whom it may concern,

I'm emailing in hopes that my voice finds ears because the trees of the Tongass don't have the ability to speak for themselves. The Tongass roadless rule protects one of the most crucial carbon sinks we have on earth, not to mention it's a wonderful place that supports vast ecosystems - both natural and financial. Salmon and tourists both depend on the Tongass. There is a massive tourism industry that certainly supports the roadless rule. I know the future generations that haven't yet enjoyed the splendor of the Tongass also support the roadless rule.

The current system in place allows timber companies to petition to build roads to sustainably log in the area. Never has a logging road that's been applied for been denied. Why change a system that isn't broken? Further, how can the United States tell Brazil to stop logging their precious firsts when the United States isn't protecting its own precious forests?

Please don't get rid of the roadless rule,

Anthony Lubetski

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