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Hello,

As a professional botanist who worked a career in the USFS on various national forests before my retirement in 2018 I am DEEPLY HORRIFIED at the proposal to change the roadless rule just so our Evil President can give away yet another chunk of pristine and priceless Mother Earth to an endlessly greedy corporate machine! To hell with this!

The Tongass is the last largest remaining temperate old-growth rain forest on the planet. It sequesters no small amount of carbon - carbon that would otherwise be in our atmosphere making the Global Climate Apocalypse just that much more intense. Recent research - Stephenson, N., Das, A., Condit, R. et al. Rate of tree carbon accumulation increases continuously with tree size. Nature 507, 90-93 (2014) doi:10.1038/nature12914 - shows that old-growth forests sequester more carbon as they grow older. This research MUST be taken into account when considering this DEIS. You are under the microscope USFS. I saw the growing influence of corruption in the agency a few years prior to my retirement. You WILL be held accountable. If this evil proposal goes forward I will be one of the people chaining myself to trees, bulldozers, office doors, FS vehicles...you name it. I'll give my life for this...plain, period, simple.

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