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Comments: In Support of the Continuation of the 2001 Tongass Roadless Rule in particular Old Growth Forest

As a life long American citizen, and a Southeast Alaskan since 1975, I deeply urge you to keep the 2001 National Roadless Rule intact and current protections in place on the Tongass National Forest. Of particular importance is the preservation of the 9 million acres of intact habitat and old growth forest.

It is no wonder that the Roadless rule has been deemed valuable legislation for a great number of reasons. Of note it has saved millions of taxpayer dollars that would have gone to money depleting timber sales. Equally impressive is the 2001 National Roadless Rule is flexible enough for access and development projects that have been approved in the Tongass.

Of particular importance is the fragile environment and the threat to the salmon industry, to tourism and to the particular environment of Alaskan brown bears. And as we think about climate supports, the Tongass National stores a vast amount of carbon storage opportunities in fighting the climate challenge.

Once again I can't express enough how much I want you to keep the 2001 National Roadless Rule intact and the current protections in place, ESPECIALLY the preservation of the 9 million acres of intact habitat and old growth forest.

Most sincerely,

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