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Comments: Tongass Roadless Rule

Ladies and Gentlemen of the USFS,

Thanks for your effort in gathering input for Secretary Perdue's decision regarding a Tongass roadless rule exemption.

I'm sure you've heard a lot from every perspective out there.

In a nutshell, it just seems unreasonable to apply a roadless rule, appropriate to the continuous lower-48, to the Tongass.

After all, we live within the Tongass. Its not as if we can drive around it. Or avoid it.

The timber industry that once existed here is a mere shadow of itself; there is no market for its return.

Furthermore, a robust framework of regulations and safeguards have evolved to protect all features of the Tongass.

Within that framework reasonable initiatives are allowable to enable our livelihood and existence.

The roadless rule jeopardizes such reasonable management.

We are confident a total exemption is the only reasonable and pragmatic course of action for the Secretary.

We respectfully ask he provide a total exemption.

Yours Truly, A resident of Alaska Since Before Statehood.

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