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Dear Forest Service people,

I feel very strongly that we should leave all of Alaska under the 2001 Roadless Rule. I favor Alternative 1. We are in a time when we should be planting more trees, not cutting them down - especially old growth, like in the Tongass. We don't have much control over checking deforestation in the Amazon, but we have utter control over the Tongass. Opening up the Tongass to roads will bring in logging, and that is the last thing we need! I've spent time in the Inside Passage. I've had the privilege of hiking on the margins of the forest. It's incredibly beautiful, a draw for tourists. The waters are a nursery for salmon, and a beautiful web of life. Opening up the Tongass to development and logging would destroy those values. Don't do it! Seems like we have to save healthy natural systems over and over again, but lose them once, and they're gone forever. Do not sacrifice the Tongass for greed, or even for logging jobs. Sorry, retrain. We all gotta do it.

Thank you.

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