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Dear USFS

News has reached us here in Europe that you plan to lift protection status of the Tongass National Forest - > https://www.fs.usda.gov/roadmain/roadless/alaskaroadlessrule

The unspoilt natural beauties of the state of Alaska and extraordinary natural wonders like the Tongass National Forest are the main reason why many Europeans like me and many of my fellow citizens from Switzerland are visiting the northern USA as tourists. Hence, it is hard to believe that you plan to build a road through this precious and diverse old growth forest.

I kindly ask you to reconsider your current plans to destroy one of your most valuable natural assets and a heritage for our children.

Thank you for your help!

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