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To the U.S. Forest Service, ATTN. Alaska Roadless Rule:

As a proud citizen of this country and an avid user of public lands, I would like to express deep concern over the proposed removal of Roadless Rule protection from the Tongass National Forest. Our parks, forests, and wild places are this nation's greatest treasure. In my lifetime, I have seen these treasures dwindle. What little old growth forest we have left, we have because it is protected by the U.S. Forest Service. The Forest Service ensures we are responsible caretakers of this land, protecting against greed and short-sightedness. I fear that the proposed change represents a slippery slope toward allowing the management of public land to be driven by greed for a quick buck. This decision threatens a backslide toward the removal of Roadless Rule (and other) protection from other irreplaceable public lands. As a lover of this country and its wild places, I implore you to maintain Roadless Rule protection of the Tongass National Forest. I want to bring my children to Alaska to walk among ancient trees, dense undergrowth, and native wildlife, not to stare across a barren clear cut.

Thank you for reading my comment; I hope you are able to do what is right for our land and those who love it.

Happy holidays,

Noah Fox

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