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Comments: Keep the Roadless Rule in Place for the Tongass National Forest

Dear Interdisciplinary Team Leader, Alaska Roadless Rule Ken Tu,

I am an outdoor recreation enthusiast writing to express my interest in continuing to protect the Tongass National Forest and its backcountry and roadless areas from unnecessary logging and development.

I am Alaskan Native. I was born in the town of Sitka, AK. Some of my absolute fondest memories come from spending time in the Tongass. It is unlike any other place in the world. So untouched, so pristine, so wild, it harbors diverse wildlife, unique ecosystems, and provides a bounty of resources for Natives. Not to mention the resources it provides the health of our planet, especially during this critical time when climate change is more apparent than ever. This forest serves as lungs to our earth, which is crumbling.

The Tongass is my home. It has raised me in many ways and taught me lessons that nothing else ever could have. My heart belongs in the Tongass. Please protect this precious place.

Sincerely,

Kacie Larson

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