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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.

The Tongass has tremendous value for outdoor recreation in the region, and also provides clean water, clean air, and wildlife habitat, all of which are foundational to the economic and ecological health of Southeast Alaska. Road building, logging, and development should continue to be prohibited in the Tongass's roadless areas through upholding the Roadless Rule.

The Roadless Rule was created after a lot of public outreach. It's a popular and sensible approach to land management.

As such, I strongly encourage and implore all involved in the relating processes of law to maintain and uphold the roadless rule of Alaska's Tongass National Forest. Endless amounts of people from around the world and nation benefit from it's protection from roadways and industry. And our environment benefits right alongside us. Without protections there simply would be no safety or refuge left for the unique wildlife of Alaska, nor for that of our Native peoples, of which have historically been woefully abused, discriminated against and even persecuted but the US and State governments and that of US industries and corporations. The Tongass is one of the last remaining fully protected habitats and forest in the nation, and one of the last remaining places our indigenous tribes are allowed to live as they always have in peace and safety. By maintaining the roadless rule on the whole of the Tongass, we all benefit massively, and so does the wildlife, which we all rely on, and the earth as well.

Please do not make the mistake of retracting any portion of the Tongass from it's protection by the roadless act. We the people and our environment are counting on it.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Danny Grogg

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