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Comments: Maintain protections for Alaska Roadless Rule

Dear Secretary Secretary Perdue,

I am an avid fan of the outdoors, as well as a father of 3. I appreciate the need to balance nature and commerce, but feel unequivocal that the USDA Forest Service does not strip Roadless Rule protections from more than 9 million acres of the Tongass National Forest in Southeast Alaska, and I am writing to ask you to select Alternative 1, or no action.

I shouldn't need to point out how critical, and diverse, The Tongass National Forest is. It's also the largest intact temperate rainforest in the world, and is incredibly productive habitat for Sitka blacktail deer, brown bears, wolves, mountain goats, and all five species of wild Alaska salmon. As one of the last, wildest stretches of America - and one of the last places people can get up close with healthy populations of all these animals - keeping the Tongass National Forest wild is also good business. Let's do the right thing here, and protect this Forest for generations.

I urge you in the strongest terms possible to select Alternative 1, or "No Action," for USFS Docket ID: FS-2019-0023 Alaska Roadless Rule #54511. Keep the roadless areas of the Tongass National Forest protected and open to millions of visitors in the years to come.

Sincerely,

Andy Levine

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