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Comments: Oppose End of Roadless Rule

I choose Alternative One. I strongly oppose the effort to end the vital protection that the Roadless Rule provides.

Alaska experienced unprecedented heat waves this summer and the Tongass serves as a buffer against climate change and as a refuge for all kinds of wildlife. Much like the Amazon rainforest, the Tongass' stands of ancient trees are champions at absorbing greenhouse gas emissions, storing approximately 8 percent of the total carbon in all national forests of the lower 48 states.

Logging the Tongass would damage the Alaskan salmon fishery by polluting rivers and streams, and by removing trees that help regulate water temperature. Once those 1000 year old trees are gone, they cannot be replaced.

The Roadless Rule also protects cultural and sacred sites of great importance to Alaska Native people, who rely upon the Tongass. Do not

Thanks.

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