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The Roadless Rule designed to protect critical watersheds must be kept intact. The state's preferred choice of removing protection for the entire area is short-sighted and motivated solely by short term financial interests of private individuals and corporations. Re-designating the area as suitable for commercial logging would do irreversible harm to one of the United States' increasingly rare pristine woodlands.

There are other, more sustainable options for commercial logging interests. Please do not abandon responsible, fact-based decision-making. Choose Alternative 1.

Signed,

Ross Hotchkiss

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