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I and my family wish to go on record as strongly supporting the continuation of the existing 2001 Roadless Rule since its inception. The state has lost multiple lawsuits regarding the Rules application on the Tongass.

In 2019 the Governor privately lobbied to Trump administration for a full exemption for Alaska. The trump administration pressed the Forest Service to rewrite the DEIS to accomodate this political agenda. This is an outrage!!

The Forest Service released the DEIS on Oct 17, 2019 and from the various altemotes that protect resawses other than timber, identified the alternative providing maximum timber production and a full exemption from the 2001 Roadless Rule. For Alaska this plan to hand over Alaska Public lands to industry for single purpose resource extraction to the degradation of other resources suc as fish, wildlife, tourism, and subsistence.

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Hundreds of thousands of acres of the most valuable timberland of the Tongass N.F. have been granted to teh Alaska Native Corporations who are swiftly clearcutting and exporting row logs to foreign countries there is relatively little high volume old growth left on the remaining Tongass N.F. lands. To list a few of the areas that are most valuable to preserving the production of fish, wildlife and the Southeast Alaska ecosystem, and known to me are as follows:

NW Baranof Island Planning Area [text underlined for emphasis]: that was determined by interdiciplinary team to be more valuable to be undisturbed for protection of other resources.

Kruzof Island [text underlined for emphasis]- still recovering from logging and stream degridotion of the 1960's. Pulp mill days.

Halak Istond [text underlined for emphasis] the same situation.

Kelp Bay [text underlined for emphasis] and Katherin Island: logged heavily but has leave strip

Kadashan River, Tonalite Creek [text underlined for emphasis] - surrounded by clearcutting

The eastside of west Baranof [text underlined for emphasis] including Poison Cove Ushk Bay Patterson Bay. This area borders the west Chichodof Wilderness Area and should be included as wilderness.

Nakwasina Bay, Sound and Narrows [text underlined for emphasis]. Borders on Halak Island on west and Bavonof Island to the east. Heavily logged durring 1960's but leave strips left. Cut over areas thick reproduction and steril for wildlife. Leave strips should be left for perminate.

Cleveland Penensula near [text underlined for emphasis] Ketchikan - Heavily logged by Native Corporations recently, under the tootless and ineffective Alaska Forest Protectas Rule, un cut areas should remain as such for fish and wildlife. I can continue listing areas I am familar with.

I am sending this document certified most with return receipt of delivery.

I request it be entered into the perminate record of public comments.

I have lived, worked, hunted, fished and explored through out Southeastern Alaska from Yakutat [illegible] to Cape Fox since 1965.

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