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USDA Forest Service

Attn: Alaska Roadless Rule

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To the US Forest Service,

I am writing to express my strong **\*disapproval\*** of the proposal to exempt the Alaska's Tongass National Forest from the Roadless Rule [text bolded for emphasis].

I visited Alaska in 2015. i saw the vast Tongass National Forest and was awed by it. I saw brown bears and eagles and more amazing wildlife. These wild species are already impacted by climate change. I know from my experience in other forests that roads impact the wildlife and wilderness in countless ways. This forest is a wilderness and there is not many places that are still this wild. It is meaningful to all species including human beings.

We know forests sequester carbon and are essential to the well-being of the planet. This is indisputably important given our current extreme climate crisis. Please save this forest from inroads and destruction.

Though I was not able to set foot in the Tongass when I visited Alaska, just seeing it and knowing it existed gave me hope. This wild resource is rare and we need to preserve it as intact as possible. Roads would transform and desecrate this wilderness.

Please protect this rare, special and amazing resource for everyone and for the health of our planet. We can never go back once the destruction occurs.

Sincerely,

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