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Comments: Objection to the Tongass Roadless Exemption

Dear Alaska Forest Service,

I am an outdoor recreation enthusiast writing to express my strong objection to the decision by the USDA Forest Service to roll back the protections of the Roadless Rule for the Tongass National Forest. The Tongass has tremendous value for climate protection and outdoor recreation in the region, and it also provides clean water, clean air, and wildlife habitat, all of which are foundational to the economic and ecological health of Southeast Alaska. Road building, logging, and development should be prohibited in the Tongass's roadless areas to preserve outdoor recreation opportunities and protect clean water and wildlife and the economic activity that depends on them.

The Roadless Rule was created after a lot of public outreach. It's a popular and sensible approach to land management.

The federal Roadless Rule should remain in place in Alaska, and all current roadless areas in the state should remain protected. I am deeply angered by this decision, which is not in the best interests of our country or the state of Alaska.

Sincerely,
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