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Message

Because he said it better than I ever can, an excerpt from the mayor of Skagway...

"Last fall, when the Forest Service asked for public comment in response to the suggested Tongass Roadless Rule repeal, 96% of participants said they were against the repeal and supported Alternative 1 - leaving the rule in place...

If local voices don't matter, then how can anyone believe the process was fair to begin with? If the game is rigged toward dollars and cents, nobody can call these lands "public" and maintain a shred of integrity...

The ignorance of this choice represents a fundamental misunderstanding of this region and our way of life, and a profound disconnect between our leadership and the constituents they are meant to represent.

Alaskans have already spoken their mind on the Roadless Rule. Maybe it's time to lay back in the sun with a dog on your chest and listen."

Please read the full opinion piece here

(<https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.adn.com%2Fopinions%2F2020%2F11%2F07%2Fyou-cant-hear-voices-if-you-ignore-sound%2F&data=04%7C01%7C%7Cbfd2df2dd3354fb2387d08d8857bb4ae%7Ced5b36e701ee4ebc867ee03cfa0d4697%7C0%7C0%7C637406113641714435%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6Ikl1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C1000&data=NHDR9QNU%2BZP4xhjRXBI6TA2X31pgoD4kqV1tr3yU5Ko%3D&reserved=0>)

and LISTEN TO LOCAL VOICES. They know better than you what is best for southeast Alaska.