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Comments: We call for the strongest possible protection for the Tongass National Forest. This is the last great temperate rainforest and a critical reservoir of biodiversity, carbon storage, and clean air and water. Keeping this vast forest intact is important to people across America and around the world.

In particular, we urge the Forest Service to maintain full protection of roadless areas from logging, roadbuilding, mining, and other resource exploitation. These areas should be recommended for wilderness designation to ensure that they are kept unimpaired for the benefit of future generations.

Outside roadless areas, the Forest Service should phase out all logging and allow forests to recover from past logging without human interference.

We look forward to reviewing the upcoming draft revised forest plan and environmental impact statement and supporting documentation.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the forest plan revision.