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Comments: Please choose No Action on undoing the Roadless area in the Tongass National Forest.

In times like these, this country needs more forest protections, not less. We need an even bolder NWFP to strengthen these rural economies and their recreation industries, not dead wastelands where there once stood mighty Old Growth Sitka Spruce, Western Red Cedar, Western Hemlock, and the world renowned Douglas Fir.

I once believed the USFS was a world leader in blending sound forestry conservation with judicious approaches to logging when it makes clear economic and environmental sense. Now it seems, unfortunately, that Alaskan congressional leaders have convinced the USFS that the political stunts of the White House actually contain sound scientific and ecological merits and clear economic reasoning. Unfortunately, the largest temperate rainforest in the world is being short changed because the USFS is no longer placing conservation for the benefit of the multitudes over destruction for the short term profits of the few.

Sadly, this proposition is nothing but a political stunt, and in a time when we need to be protecting this planet, the USFS is betraying not just the modern zeitgeist, but the wishes of a clear majority from decades ago that forests like the Tongass deserve extra protection, not clear cuts and carbon emissions so Asian investors can make a tidy profit, and so the White House can disingenuously whittle away at the trade deficit because they have so far utterly failed to do so by any other means.

I ask the USFS to treat these new proposals with the contempt they deserve, and give the vast majority of Native Americans what they have been asking for the last century: protect the wishes of the majority that these trees should be left to stand.

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