

			<p>occurring after the area was designated an inventoried roadless area and prior to the rule.</p> <p>The cutting, sale, or removal of timber under these exceptions is expected to be infrequent.</p>
Procedures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishes procedures to evaluate, as a part of the local planning process, the quality and importance of roadless characteristics and determine whether and how to protect roadless characteristics in the context of multiple-use objectives. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Procedures addressed through new Planning Regulation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Procedures addressed through new Planning Regulation.
Tongass National Forest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A decision on whether to prohibit new road construction in inventoried roadless areas on the Tongass National Forest would be postponed until the 5-year forest plan review scheduled for April 2004. If it were determined that inventoried roadless areas on the Tongass merit protection by applying the road building prohibition, a forest plan amendment or revision would be initiated with full public involvement. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementation of the prohibitions on road construction and timber harvest for the Tongass National Forest would go into effect in April 2004. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applies immediately to the Tongass National Forest. Includes a transition provision that allows projects that have published a Notice of Availability for a draft environmental impact statement by the date of publication of the Final Rule to continue.