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Comments:

The developed portion of the City and Borough of Juneau Alaska is surrounded by USFS property. As a result, the City owns significant property which borders USFS property on the urbanized edges of our community. There are many potential local road projects that would benefit the community but due to their proximity to developed areas of the city would have little impact on wild areas of the Tongass. Due to the city's very limited land base, a ban on local construction that partially uses USFS property would eliminate opportunities for community expansion, housing, traffic safety improvements and energy efficiency as delineated in adopted plans. Without some consideration for these functions, the community of Juneau will face significant constraints for future safe, efficient and rational growth. The City and Borough of Juneau requests an exception to the Roadless Rule for any USFS property within 5 miles of CBJ owned property.