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Sincerely,

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Oct 4, 2018

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Do Not Remove Roadless Protections From Tongass Roadless Areas (Oppose Alaska Roadless Rulemaking #53511)

Oct 5, 2018

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Opening the Tongass and other old growth forests to roads and logging is a bad idea. Old growth forests protect many species of plant and animal life and act as better carbon sinks than newly planted trees. The timber from old growth forests is not often usable in industry and is destroyed. Industry does not gain much from the use of old growth forests in mass timber production and the jobs given to people aren't value added either. It's all crappy gains that mean almost nothing in exchange for the destruction of something incredibly rare and awesome. Educate yourself and say "no" to this proposition.

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I support RETAINING ROADLESS areas int he Tongass! Though I have never fished there, I value the idea that I can take my daughter there when she is older and that we can benefit from the salmon harvest in the meantime...As an environmental economist, road building in the MOST productive salmon habitat in SE AK does not pencil out--the damage they cause over time far outstrips the economic benefit. The fisheries of SE AK are critical engines of economic activity, whereas the jobs associated with logging represent 1/25th of scale of the benefit fish provide.

I use wood, and I know I depend on lumber. I do not support logging in the Tongass' most critical salmon habitat.

We JUST settled this question not long ago...why is this up for consideration again? The initial process was fair. This seems like a massive waste of time and resources for the (desired) benefit of relatively few.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

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Do Not Remove Roadless Protections From Tongass Roadless Areas (Oppose Alaska Roadless Rulemaking #53511)

Oct 7, 2018

Secretary Perdue

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Sincerely,

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Iconic wildlife and wilderness deserve the protection of the Roadless Rule. Please keep these protections in place.

Thank you for considering my comments.

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Don't Pave Over Tongass

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Oct 4, 2018

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Thank you for considering my comments.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

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We set this place aside to be preserved and protected for posterity in its natural state so that future generations could visit and personally see the scope and wonder of nature and experience the joy of being a part of it all.

These natural systems are perfection well beyond anything mankind has ever developed and are our greatest inspiration and teacher. Our greatest accomplishments have come about through studying how nature has achieved these wonders. The more we destroy nature the less we can discover how to save our future.

How can we let soulless people who have never experienced the peaceful oneness and wonder of nature and think the only value of anything is found in dollars and financial formulas be the people to decide the future of our national treasures? We can't. Nature is a spell to easily broken.

Our national parks and public lands are the envy of the world. People come from the world over bringing foreign money to help balance our trade deficit. They see what American values are in our wilderness preservation and admire us for it.

The Tongass is a truly precious wild place -- and we don't have many of these untouched places left on the planet. We shouldn't make it vulnerable to destructive development.

Sincerely,

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Oct 4, 2018

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Thank you for considering my comments.

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Sincerely,

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Thank you for considering my comments.

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Do Not Remove Roadless Protections From Tongass Roadless Areas (Oppose Alaska Roadless Rulemaking #53511)

Oct 5, 2018

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Sincerely,

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I'm sorry but there is absolutely nothing that justifies changing the Tongass National Forest's status in regards to the Roadless Rule. The only appropriate course of action is the "no action" option.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

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Comments:
Don't Pave Over Tongass

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Sincerely,

Karen Ecklund
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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

Susan Eckstein
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Stanhope, NJ 07874

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Comments:
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The value of the Roadless Rule in preventing environmentally damaging and economically wasteful road-building and logging is particularly important in the Tongass, where logging costs vastly exceed timber revenues and require unconscionable taxpayer subsidies.

It is vital that the Forest Service disclose the economics of timber harvest on the Tongass, the cost of associated road-building, and the loss to taxpayers in the environmental analysis for this proposal. If you continue to go down this path of creating an Alaska Roadless Rule, you must ensure that all current roadless areas in the state remain protected.

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My family and I elect "no action alternative" to best describe how we feel. If it is currently roadless, leave it roadless.

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Sincerely,

Lyda Eddington
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Thank you for considering my comments.

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Sincerely,

Tim Eddy
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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

Kristin Ede
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Gouldsboro, ME 04607

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Comments:
Do Not Remove Roadless Protections From Tongass Roadless Areas (Oppose Alaska Roadless Rulemaking #53511)

Oct 7, 2018

Secretary Perdue

Dear Perdue,

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Further, this proposal to eliminate protections for Alaska's roadless areas is just the beginning. By carving out an exception for the Tongass you will open the floodgates to enable similar attacks on roadless areas, rivers, fish and wildlife throughout the U.S.

Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Comments:
Protect the Roadless Rule for backcountry recreation

Dear Alaska Forest Service,

I am an outdoor recreation enthusiast writing to express my interest in continuing to protect the Tongass National Forest and its backcountry and roadless areas from unnecessary logging and development. The Tongass has tremendous value for outdoor recreation in the region, and also provides clean water, clean air, and wildlife habitat, all of which are foundational to the economic and ecological health of Southeast Alaska. Road building, logging, and development should be prohibited in the Tongass's roadless areas to preserve valuable outdoor recreation resources.

The Roadless Rule was created after a lot of public outreach. It's a popular and sensible approach to land management.

The federal Roadless Rule should remain in place in Alaska, and all current roadless areas in the state should remain protected.

Sincerely,
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Oct 14, 2018

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Sincerely,

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Jonathan Eden
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Sincerely,

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Provincetown, MA 02657

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Sincerely,

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Comments:
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Dear U.S. Forest Service Interim Chief Vicki Christiansen,

It is with great sorrow that I learned of this upcoming possibility. We are at a critical point in our possible preservation of wild places and this action would be very detrimental.
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Sincerely,

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Comments:
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Sincerely,

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Protect the Roadless Rule for backcountry recreation

Dear Alaska Forest Service,

I am an outdoor recreation enthusiast writing to express my interest in continuing to protect the Tongass National Forest and its backcountry and roadless areas from unnecessary logging and development. The Tongass has tremendous value for outdoor recreation in the region, and also provides clean water, clean air, and wildlife habitat, all of which are foundational to the economic and ecological health of Southeast Alaska. Road building, logging, and development should be prohibited in the Tongass's roadless areas to preserve valuable outdoor recreation resources.

The Roadless Rule was created after a lot of public outreach. It's a popular and sensible approach to land management.

The federal Roadless Rule should remain in place in Alaska, and all current roadless areas in the state should remain protected.

Sincerely,
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Sincerely,

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Do Not Remove Roadless Protections From Tongass Roadless Areas (Oppose Alaska Roadless Rulemaking #53511)

Oct 4, 2018

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Roadless Rule EIS Scoping Comments

Attached is a copy of my Roadless Rule EIS Scoping Comments. A signed original copy was put in the mail today. I tried scanning these comments so I could also provide an electronic copy with my signature but my scanner is not cooperating.

Sincerely,

Brent Edwards

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RE: ROADLESS RULE SCOPING COMMENTS
Dear Forest Service:

I. Introduction

These are comments on the Forest Service's Alaska Roadless Rulemaking scoping process. I have lived in Alaska my whole life, expect for the years I went Outside for college. The last ten years I have lived in Sitka. I know the Tongass well from hikes on the manmade trails, hunter routes and networks of game trails. I kayak, canoe, and power boat along the Tongass's shores. I harvest deer from the woods, muskegs and alpine. I harvest fish from the surrounding waters.
I urge that this NEPA process end with the Forest Service keeping the current Roadless Rule for the Tongass National Forest. Expanses of unbroken wilderness are getting rarer and rarer. The unlogged areas of Baranof Island the the Tongass National Forest more generally should be preserved for my children, their children, and the children of their children.

II. Wilderness is at Stake

A big burled tree on the upper fringes of tree line in the North Fork of Indian River is wilderness. Wilderness is the remarkable grove of big timber tucked away high on Bear Mountain. Wilderness is the mangled deadfalls of trees left by powerful winter storms. The seemingly impassible gully dividing a mountain slope is wilderness. And wilderness is the network of game trails that lead in and out of the few places where a deep mountain gully can be crossed. Wilderness is the three yellow cedars I ate lunch beneath on the side of Verstovia Mountain just the other day. The doe that walked a few yards from my hunting partner minutes after we left those yellow cedars is wilderness.

Knowing that these remarkable trees, natural features, and animals repeat over and over and over again across a great expanse of distance and drainages is wilderness. Wilderness cannot be defined in a precise number of acres. It is not a single drainage or a wildlife corridor. Wilderness is not a strip of trees left standing along a salmon river. A Congressional designation doesn't make a place wildness. Nor is wilderness the

viability of an animal or animals that live in an area. None of these objective measures comes close to capturing, protecting or creating the imagination that unbroken dynamic natural space provides.
Wilderness is diminished with each permanent encroachment. Roads and clearcut old growth forests are permanent encroachments. The clearcuts that I am personally familiar with in Starigavan Valley, Katlian Bay and Nakwasina areas are deadzones. I am certain that the clearcuts that I am not personally familiar with are also deadlines. The remarkable trees whose random variability made up a healthy forest are replaced by stumps and spindly trees. No game trails cross the gullies inside the clear cuts. Even 10, 20, 30 years on the clear cuts have not recovered.
The viability of the wilderness that remains in the Tongass is the core of my opposition to any change to the Roadless Rule that allows for more significant encroachments. The EIS should take into account the personal value of this unbroken wildness. I am certain that many others value the Tongass wilderness in the same way I do.

III. NEPA Considerations

A. No Action Alternative

NEPA requires consideration of the No Action Alternative. Here the No Action Alternative is the Roadless Rule. Analysis of the No Action alternative needs to take into account the vast wilderness that is at stake here.

B. Preferred Alternative

If the Forest Service has a Preferred Alternative besides the No Action Alternative then it that Alternative should include a thorough analysis and discussion of the following:

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RE: ROADLESS RULE SCOPING COMMENTS

Dear Forest Service:

I. Introduction

These are comments on the Forest Service's Alaska Roadless Rulemaking scoping process. I have lived in Alaska my whole life, expect for the years I went Outside for college. The last ten years I have lived in Sitka. I know the Tongass well from hikes on the manmade trails, hunter routes and networks of game trails. I kayak, canoe, and power boat along the Tongass's shores. I harvest deer from the woods, muskegs and alpine. I harvest fish from the surrounding waters.

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The attached audio file is cited in our comments submitted a few minutes ago for Alaska Roadless Rulemaking. It is an audio recording of the Petersburg meeting conducted by the Forest Service and State of Alaska. Please add it to the planning record and the planning record index.

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[Attachment: audio recording of Petersburg meeting conducted by Forest Service]

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Re: Alaska Roadless Rulemaking

Dear Secretary Perdue,

These are timely scoping comments of the Alaska Rainforest Defenders ("Defenders") for the proposed USDA Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rulemaking process. We urge that you select the No-Action alternative, and more that you immediately terminate the rulemaking process.

Defenders' members use the Tongass National Forest for recreation, commercial fisheries, subsistence, wildlife viewing, scientific research and other activities. We have a long-standing interest in the ecological integrity of the Alaska Alexander Archipelago and the importance of that to our local and regional economies, both cash and subsistence. In particular, our board members have engaged in considerable advocacy on behalf of iconic Tongass wildlife species, such as the Alexander Archipelago Wolf, Queen Charlotte Goshawk, black and brown bear, and Sitka black-tailed deer and have a long history of participation in and dependence on southeast Alaska's commercial salmon fisheries.

As over 200 scientists wrote in January 2018,

> *"No where are the benefits of protecting roadless areas and similar ecologically important lands greater than on the Tongass. With towering old-growth trees that can live 700 to 1000 years, it is our country's largest expanse of native forest and one of the last remaining intact coastal rain forests in the world."*[1]

We agree. The 2001 Roadless Rule is working quite well on the Tongass in nurturing the "economic and social fabric of Southeast Alaska"- not the opposite as

[1] Scientists letter on Alaska forest riders to Members of Congress United States Senate and House of Representatives. January 26, 2018. https:/www.dropbox.com/s/pukgfha9fn4x6j6/Scientists%20ltr%20re%20Alaska%20forest%20riders.pdf?dl=0

the timber industry and their sycophants purport. Perpetuation of the 2001 Roadless Rule is the one easy thing the Forest Service and State of Alaska can to "improve forest ecosystem health."—not mowing it down—as most Tongass timber sale purpose and need statements allege logging would do. We support the current 2001 Roadless Rule— in whole—and demand that the Governor of the State of Alaska withdraw his petition for this contentious, costly, and poorly vetted Tongass-specific Roadless Rulemaking.

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Introduction

As explained below, the proposed Tongass Roadless Rule Exemption is a transparent attempt by Alaska Governor Bill Walker, the Forest Service, and the Alaska Delegation—at the behest of the SE Alaska timber industry which contributes less than one percent to the regional economy—to access the best remaining timber on the Tongass—nothing more. The potential levels of timber extraction posed by the proposed Tongass Roadless exemption are unacceptable, particularly in light of the damaged ecological condition of Alexander Archipelago islands in central and southern southeast Alaska. Further, the State of Alaska's and Forest Service's transparent attempt to grab the last bastions of the best and most ecologically important Tongass old growth during a time when the region is supposed to be transitioning away from old growth logging, is at best bizarre and at worst a blatant lie since there is no timber industry in southeast Alaska operating at even a small fraction of the potential scale of logging this Rulemaking would unleash.

This proposed Rulemaking if approved, will continue the trend of mismanaging Southeast Alaska's public old-growth forests as a subsidized federal timber colony that provides high value cedar to Viking Lumber's de facto parent corporation in Washington State or other Pacific Rim wood processors far outside the region. The

Forest Service would then manage its maturing second-growth forests as a plantation for some other out-of-state timber broker, delaying watershed recovery and permanently eliminating habitat for wildlife.

From the outset, agency representatives have pushed the Rulemaking process as a map-marking exercise, and also have repeatedly prompted the public to submit written comments about their "favorite places". They have even provided a "Comment - Interactive Web Map"[2] for the public to mark up. For a variety of reasons, this map and/or favorite place comments should not be used as a justification for "splitting the Roadless baby." First, very few individuals know of the maps' existence, but most importantly it promotes carving up the Tongass based on which areas receive the most interest and is an *underhanded* method to approve a "Roadless compromise" rather than leaving the Rule standing as-is. Most importantly, the Rule decision needs to be about the integrity of Tongass ecosystems and their functions (in view of cumulative impacts to date), not about identifying a few favorite places that people show interest in and opening the rest to irreversible degradation. Please dispense entirely with this underhanded means for unraveling the Roadless Rule.

There have long been concerns for deer populations on many central and southern southeast Alaska islands and elsewhere in the Tongass. While blindly and consciously ignoring those concerns, the Forest Service and State of Alaska have authorized Viking Lumber and Alcan Forest Products/Transpac[3] to destroy much of the best remaining publicly owned winter deer habitat throughout SE Alaska, especially central and southern Southeast. Further removals could cause local wildlife extirpations and force the few survivors into isolated patches of lower quality habitat.

There have been recent (2016-2018) severe declines in pink salmon harvests in Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) regulatory districts in southeast Alaska. In 2016 the pink salmon fishery was a disaster and in 2018 returns were far worse.[4] These declines make it essential for the Forest Service to consider whether the need to provide aquatic habitat for fishery resources used by hundreds of local fishermen and processors should take priority over the interests of raw log exporters[5]

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[2] Comment -Interactive Web Map https://usfs.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=a44ad6db8ed04af0a6cc83c4e21cd0c4

[3] Alcan Forest Products operates under various names in Southeast Alaska, and is part of international timber exporter Transpac, which is based in Vancouver, B.C. Because an Alcan/Transpac representative (Eric Nichols) has a seat on the State of Alaska's advisory committee for the Roadless rulemaking and otherwise has a significant role in government motivation for the rulemaking, the EIS must fully disclose the structure and business of Alcan/Transpac here, in the Pacific Northwest and British Columbia.

[4] See https://www.kfsk.org/2018/08/29/southeast-pink-salmon-catch-lowest-in-over-four-decades/

[5] Defenders acknowledge that one of the Forest Service's two primary timber sale program beneficiaries operates a small mill. But that operator, Viking Lumber, sends of all the high value timber – cedar, to its de facto (literally and operationally) "parent" corporation in Washington State. It also exports to Asia a large portion of its spruce and hemlock logs. As a

whose economic "contributions" to the region are negative given the massive public cost of the federal timber program.[6] The Forest Service and other timber agencies have allowed watersheds throughout the region to be logged so intensively that in some, less than half of Tongass timber sale project area watersheds provide intact salmon spawning and rearing habitat.[7]

A Taxpayers for Common Sense analysis using Forest Service budget data calculated that implementation of Tongass Advisory Committee's 2016 Forest Plan Amendment timber sales will generate taxpayer losses of $367.5 million over the next fifteen years.[8] If approved, the Secretary of Agriculture (the decision maker) and Governor of Alaska (the petitioner) will both, as Responsible Officials, be responsible for throwing away hard-earned taxpayer money in similar fashion, a staggering loss for the benefit of a minor industry.

This Rulemaking is in reality a gambit to provide for traditional timber sales and provide Viking Lumber and Alcan/Transpac with a long-term supply of hundreds of millions—perhaps billions—of board feet of federal old-growth and second growth timber. The rest is fake news. Even if the Forest Service would mitigate some of the harm caused by its past and present mismanagement of southeast Alaska's public lands, the adverse cumulative impacts of further federal logging will more than offset any small improvements in fish or wildlife habitat. Industrial activities associated with the removal of remaining old-growth forest and implementation of plantation forestry for recovering second-growth forests will also render the southeast Alaska island shorelines and interior areas undesirable or even inhospitable for visitors to the region who come for recreation – particularly sport fishing and hunting.

Defenders requests that you cease this misguided Rulemaking exercise to build new roads into Tongass wildlands.

Defenders supports the no-action alternative, and we discuss our specific concerns in the following sections.

I. Despite agency claims to the contrary, the intent of the rulemaking is to prop up the Southeast Alaska timber industry

We believe the singular goal of this Roadless Tongass-specific rulemaking is to allow the two remaining timber operators[9] on the Tongass access to the last bastions

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matter of business, Viking Lumber is primarily a timber exporter and it is reasonable to assume its primary interest in Roadless timber.

[6] See https://alaskarainforest.org/essays/ (Mehrkens 2013).

[7] Forest Service. 2016. Tongass Land and Resource Management Plan FEIS at 3-197. R10-MB-769e.

[8] https://www.taxpayer.net/energy-natural-resources/u-s-forest-services-tongass-timber-plan-proposes-increased-costs-for-taxpa/

[9] *Namely,* Alcan/Transpac Group, an international raw log exporter headquartered in Vancouver B.C., and Viking Lumber of Klawock, which does operate a mill but relies largely on

of ecologically important Tongass old growth. These operators will export the bulk of it, in the round, to Pacific-rim nations and elsewhere, bolstering the economy of other nations and to the long-term, irretrievable loss of economic, subsistence, recreation, and sport opportunities for Alaskans and all Americans.

While one-sidedly touting all the alleged benefits for development/timber interests of a Roadless exemption during their recent open house presentations, the state and Forest Service representatives dodged discussing the benefits to other sectors of leaving the Rule in place. This is a significant issue and must be considered and disclosed in your analysis. If approved, the Roadless exemption will continue the trend of managing Tongass public lands as a subsidized timber colony in perpetuity.

This rulemaking is the result of a petition submitted by Governor Bill Walker's administration in January 2018 on behalf of the State of Alaska, pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act.[10] The petition was accepted by the Secretary of Agriculture in April 2018.[11] A Memorandum of Understanding was signed August 2, 2018 between the Forest Service and the State of Alaska to cooperate on the establishment of rules governing the management of inventoried roadless areas within the National Forests in Alaska.[12]

Evidence abounds that the proposed exemption is indeed for the benefit of the timber industry. First, in a cover letter which accompanied Walker's Petition and signed by Alaska Department of Natural Resources Commissioner Andrew Mack:

> *"We see this as one of many significant opportunities to work with you to support a diverse and robust **forest** sector in Southeast Alaska. **Rebuilding this sector** [emphasis added] will create jobs and prosperity for our rural communities located in the Tongass National Forest."*

The letter and Walker's petition made absolutely no mention of mining, hydro, road connections between communities or telemedicine concerns, etc.. In contrast however, "timber" was cited 23 times in the eight page document and is clearly the driving force behind the rulemaking petition.

Second, during open house scoping meetings recently conducted throughout the region and Washington DC, agency officials alleged that the proposed rule is about more than just the timber industry. Various handouts provided to the public for the

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raw log exports, particularly high-value cedar for what is quite literally its parent corporation in Washington state.

[10] Jan 19 2018 letter and petition from Gov Walker to Secretary Perdue. https://www.fs.usda.gov/nfs/11558/www/nepa/109834_FSPLT3_4406959.pdf

[11] Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement. Roadless Area Conservation; National Forest System Lands in Alaska. https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2018/08/30/2018-18937/roadless-area-conservation-national-forest-system-lands-in-alaska

[12] MOU USFS AK State Roadless August 2 2018. https://www.fs.usda.gov/nfs/11558/www/nepa/109834_FSPLT3_4406958.pdf

exemption also repeat the claim that the rulemaking also provides for "…energy, mining, access, and transportation systems necessary to further Alaska's economic development interests"[13] "Telemedicine" was even cited as an industry that is harmed by the existing Rule.[14] Simply saying so does not make it so. Despite agency valiant efforts to paint the rulemaking about being more than about propping up the timber industry, the public has repeatedly found that claim to be unbelievable.

For instance, as reported by local media, for the Petersburg Roadless Open House:

> *"But many weren't convinced, like Don Hernandez of Point Baker on northern Prince of Wales Island."I think the state has a big credibility issue here because nobody really believes that the effort to do away with the roadless rule has to do with power lines and community access," Hernandez said. "It's pretty well understood that the driving force for the last 17 years is the state wants to be able to access more old growth timber."*[15]

Similar perceptions were reported from the open houses held in Pt. Baker, Craig, (a Prince of Wales Island community built during the timber heyday), and former pulp mill towns Ketchikan and Sitka also add to the lack of credibility that the rule making is about more than just timber. That agency officials failed to secure the support they thought they could garner from a community formerly built during the timber heyday is telling. But ever vigilant, and in a transparent and last ditch effort to accumulate support for the exemption, they scheduled a meeting (outside the original publicly posted schedule)[16] in another Prince of Wales Island community built during the timber peak—Thorne Bay.[17] Whether they were rewarded during this last desperate attempt to garner support is unknown, but the team certainly made desperate efforts seeking whatever sparse support, they may have found – and generally it was none at all.

Finally, it is notable that the "Alaska state-specific" petition requested only that the Tongass National Forest be permanently exempted, making no mention of the Chugach National Forest, the other national forest in Alaska. Inventoried roadless areas in the Alaska region include 9.2 million acres (55%) of the Tongass National

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[13] *For instance,* USDA Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rulemaking. Questions and Answers. Updated September 13, 2018. https://www.fs.usda.gov/nfs/11558/www/nepa/109834_FSPLT3_4415768.pdf

[14] As alleged by DNR Deputy Commissioner Heidi Hansen during her overview of Alaska's role in the rule making process. Washington DC Scoping Open House, Oct. 3, 2018.

[15] Southeast residents say no to development at Roadless Rule meeting. Posted by Angela Denning. 27Sep2018. https://www.kfsk.org/2018/09/27/southeast-residents-say-no-to-development-atroadless-rule-meeting/

[16] Updated Meeting Schedule 09252018 https://www.fs.usda.gov/nfs/11558/www/nepa/109834_FSPLT3_4435144.pdf

[17] Alaska Roadless Rulemaking Community Meeting.THORNE BAY_20181009_NOI-ScopingPublicMtgFlyer. https://www.fs.usda.gov/nfs/11558/www/nepa/109834_FSPLT3_4436817.pdf

Forest and 5.4 million acres (99%) of the Chugach National Forest.[18] How can it be that Governor Walker had no concerns for the impact of the existing Roadless Rule on mining, hydro, road connections between communities, and telemedicine, etc. on the Chugach National Forest? If the rule really was a hinderance to these potential projects on the Tongass then it would follow that there would be a similar hinderance on the Chugach, and it would have been included in the petition. *In fact, the only thing the Chugach lacks which the Tongass has, is a large-scale timber industry.*

Overwhelming evidence points to the reality that the rulemaking is about timber-only.

II. During the open houses agency officials avoided mention of the permissive nature of the existing Roadless Rule.

During recent Roadless open houses agency officials avoided mention of the permissive nature of the existing Roadless Rule, in an apparent attempt to downplay that it allows for far more projects than the governor and the Forest Service want to admit. Clearly, the open houses were being used as a PR stunt to promote the exemption, not to offer facts to better enable the public to make informed comments. Facts that may bolster the arguments in favor of keeping the current Rule in place were not disclosed, and were denied when raised (repeatedly) by the public. Impacts to other economic sectors, both cash and non-cash and including scenic resources, tourism, recreation, subsistence uses, hunting, and sport and commercial fishing were not even mentioned by agency officials.

In fact, during the Sept. 25 Petersburg open house, when asked to identify what projects had been hindered by the Roadless Rule, the state and federal officials could not name even one example. Instead DNR Deputy Commissioner Heidi Hansen claimed "It's hard to prove a negative" [to back up rumored and unidentified projects that had been hindered]. Bogus claims about impediments to hydro, community access issues for the proposed roadless exemption were played as having primacy above all other uses of the Tongass.

Moreover, according to the Agency's own documents,

> *"To date, the Alaska Region has requested and received approval for approximately 57 projects within inventoried roadless areas, including, among other things, several energy (hydroelectric) and mineral exploration projects and two intertie projects.* ***These projects have been cleared in a timely manner****. [emphasis added]"* [19]

[18] 2016 Tongass Plan Amendment FEIS, p. 3-445.
[19] US Forest Service Alaska Region open house handout issue paper. Roadless Area Conservation. September 2018.

Additionally, in an attempt to add fuel to the fire, the petition included untrue, draconian phrases like, "devastating socioeconomic effects on Alaskans"[20] and, "the extensive damage resulting from the application of the roadless rule to the economic and social fabric of Southeast Alaska remains as real today as it was 15 years ago…" The "damage and devastation" is to ordinary Alaskan's piece of mind, caused by the timber industry's and (under its undue influence) the State's 17-year quest to undo the Rule. This has kept Alaskans in a perpetual state of contention until, like a spoiled child, the industry hopes to get what it wants by brute force, orchestrated politically out of public view.

The public sees right through the PR, as was obvious at the recent public scoping meetings (which the state and the Forest Service refused to record). Southeast Alaskans have moved on from the boom and bust timber culture of yesteryear;[21] we have a vibrant economy that depends on intact ecosystems. Wisely, most real Alaskans do not advocate for fouling our own nest for short term benefits, and to which the Tongass has been providing for generations upon generations. That the Southeast Alaska timber industry occupies far less than 1% of the regional economy is simply a symptom of the fact that they have cut themselves out of a sustainable future. The rest of us do not owe them the last and remaining best stands of timber, which our livelihoods and quality of life depend on.

III. The Alaska-Specific Roadless Rulemaking process is flawed

A. State of Alaska did no public scoping prior to its Petition; USFS did no scoping before the MOU

At no time did Governor Walker scope the citizens of Alaska prior to petitioning the federal government in order to exempt Alaska forests from the 2001 Roadless Rule or before entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Forest Service. Citizens and all economic sectors, not just those of the timber industry and its traditional pro-development supporters, should have been consulted prior to launching this major dedication of resources and personnel for the rulemaking process. We believe the Secretary and the Forest Service should have denied the state's Petition, and that early scoping would have demonstrated this clearly. This is especially so since the timber industry amounts to far less than 1% of the regional economy, but due to decades of immense cumulative impacts now harms other sectors which contribute far more to the economy. These are sectors dependent on intact Tongass landscapes and ecosystems. By failing to consult with these other stakeholders prior to filing his Petition, Governor Walker has entered into a misguided, contentious and costly pursuit, which the federal government has blindly followed. In sharp contrast, the governor's highly controversial directive to greatly reduce the annual Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend payments to individuals was afforded far more public outreach prior to his action, than that employed by this process.

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[20] Jan 19 2018 letter and petition from Gov Walker to Sec'y Perdue. p. 8. https://www.fs.usda.gov/nfs/11558/www/nepa/109834_FSPLT3_4406959.pdf

[21] *See*: Edwards (2015). "On the jobs and the timber base on the Tongass NF". Unpublished. (Edwards is submitting this as an attachment to his personal comments.)

B. Proceedings of the open houses were not recorded, preventing public sentiment from being entered in to the public record.

During the public open houses, agency officials failed to record the proceedings or submit them as part of the official record. Throughout the region, the public was repeatedly dismayed by that failure. For instance:

> "This meeting format is a bunch of B.S. — just a pile of bear scat," Koehler said. "You come, you're interested and you want to say something and none of these conversations are being recorded."[22]

It is asking much of the public to attend a meeting for which their sentiments are not even given the courtesy of recording and entered into the record. Forest Service and State officials owe the public the simple courtesy of at least feigning interest, by taking notes and recording the proceedings. Clearly the team is again simply going through the motions, rather than trying to actually find consensus among the public for the roadless exemption.

For the record, we are submitting along with these comments, recordings of the Sitka and Petersburg Roadless Open House meeting proceedings (likely as additional submissions on the comments-submission webpage).

IV. The Roadless Rule Citizens Advisory Committee is a farce and should be disbanded

The Roadless Rule Citizens Advisory Committee is composed of nothing more than a group of yes men and women, handpicked to achieve the singular purpose of advancing the State's and Forest Service's interest in throwing out the 2001 Roadless Rule.

On Sept. 6, 2018 Governor Walker announced he would establish a 13-member Alaska Roadless Rule Citizen Advisory Committee.[23] There was no well-circulated public advertisement issued in local Southeast Alaska media that the group was being formed or to solicit its members. Moreover, there was no deadline stipulated in the administrative order for applications to be received. When asked about the failure to identify a deadline, the public was told that it was a "soft deadline"—whatever that is. In fact, it appears most committee members had previously been appointed by Sept.17 when the Ketchikan meeting was held—only 11 days following Walker's poorly advertised Administrative Order establishing the group.[24,25] A 12 member committee,

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[22] Juneau crowd questions forest service on new roads in the Tongass. Elizabeth Jenkins, Alaska's Energy Desk. September 16, 2018. https://www.ktoo.org/2018/09/16/juneau-crowd-questions-forest-service-on-new-roads-in-the-tongass/

[23] Establishing the Alaska Roadless Rule Citizen Advisory Committee Signed. AO 299. 06Sept18 - https://www.fs.usda.gov/nfs/11558/www/nepa/109834_FSPLT3_4414314.pdf

[24] Roadless Rule meeting held: USFS hosts public info meeting by Billy Singleton. Ketchikan Daily News. 20 Sept 2018.

instead of 13, was formally appointed on September 28, only 22 days after Walker's AO was issued.[26] Clearly, southeast residents were unaware of Walker's directive to form such a committee.[27]

> *"Several in the room commented that Monday night was the first time they heard about the proposal or formation of a committee. Chaudhary feels a decision has already been made."*
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> *"You say you're trying to keep on a deadline and it's a soft close and you want to keep this thing moving along. It sure sounds to me like the state and the feds are (in) collusion. It's already preordained what the decision is and you guys are just pretending to go through a process here."*
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> "*Why are these positions already filled?" Chaudhary asked, referring to citizen's advisory committee positions. "It seems like the deal's already done without any input, without any information on our part."*[28]

Why wasn't a full 13 member team chosen since there was a field of 39 applicants available to choose from? Were the remaining applicants a potential threat to the state's intent to orchestrate dismemberment of the existing Rule? This, while the Roadless Exemption Open Houses were in progress, the comment period had not even closed, and local residents were still engaged in their end-of season livelihoods. The committee's first meeting was held, in short order, on October 2-3, only four days following their "official" appointment. Clearly, appointment to the committee was fast-tracked in order to get their pre-determined recommendation finalized following the self-imposed deadline of Nov. 30—to be only 59 days after convening. It is a travesty that a stilted and handpicked committee intends to advance a recommendation for the disposition of *9.2* million acres of Tongass National Forest land and purport it to be a Product of the People and with such a constricted time for consideration. It is especially troublesome given that the committee members are in no way representative of the people and many should be conflicted out.

In stark contrast, Governor Bill Walker allowed a much greater time for his Climate Action for Alaska Leadership Team (CALT) to "advise the governor on critical

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https://www.ketchikandailynews.com/article/20180920/ARTICLE/180929997 "Maisch said that not all positions have been filled…"

[25] Citizens express concerns/hopes about Roadless Rule changes. By Maria Dudzak. Sep 19, 2018. https://www.krbd.org/2018/09/19/80197/ "….the team was still looking for more applicants to represent several interest groups including mining, tourism and tribal interests."

[26] Press Release. Governor Walker announces appointments to the Alaska Roadless Rule Citizen Advisory Committee. https://gov.alaska.gov/newsroom/2018/09/governor-walker-announces-appointments-to-the-alaska-roadless-rule-citizen-advisory-committee/

[27] Citizens express concerns/hopes about Roadless Rule changes. By Maria Dudzak. Sep 19, 2018. https://www.krbd.org/2018/09/19/80197/

[28] Roadless Rule meeting held: USFS hosts public info meeting by Billy Singleton. Ketchikan Daily News. 20 Sept 2018. https://www.ketchikandailynews.com/article/20180920/ARTICLE/180929997

and timely actions to address climate change challenges that will safeguard now and for future generations" as well as generous opportunity for public involvement.[29] The fate of 9.2 millions acres of Roadless public land is a similarly important issue for all Alaskans.

The Governor signed Administrative Order 289[30] on October 31, 2017 which established the Alaska Climate Change Strategy and the Climate Action for Alaska Leadership Team (CALT).[31] The team was appointed on Dec. 12, 2017 and the first meeting was convened December 18, 2017. This provided for 42 days between establishment and appointment of the committee—almost twice the time allowed for the Roadless Citizens Advisory Committee to be established and appointed, at a time of year when those with seasonal livelihoods are unable to engage. Since October 2017, "the {CALT] team met more than 20 times, looked at more than 300 pages of public comments, hosted eight listening sessions, formed two technical advisory panels and hosted 25 young Alaskans for a Young Leaders' Dialogue on Climate Change." On September 26, 2018 Walker's Climate Action Leadership Team delivered its recommendations to the Governor—**almost one year after convening, in sharp contrast to the mere 59 days allowed for the Roadless committee**. The CALT team actively sought public involvement and allowed generous time to receive input from other interested Alaskans. This is in stark contrast to the insulated bubble the Roadless panel comprises and their self-imposed fast-track process which allows less than two months from beginning to end to advance a proposal which will no doubt be the preferred alternative.

Although the Roadless panel has held one of three hastily called "hearings" (in Juneau)[32], the meetings are so far unadvertised to the general public, do not even appear on the Rulemaking Website, nor will they provide equal access to all Alaskans and Americans since they are to be held only in three SE Alaska Communities.

The committee does not in any way represent everyday Alaskan residents. There are no individuals who represent the needs of wildlife, guides, real subsistence users, or tourism. Despite there being a reported 39 applicants, only 12 of the 13 seats stipulated in Walker's Administrative Order were filled. The committee makeup is skewed—almost exclusively—in favor of development/industry advocates, and even the native-held seats are occupied by individuals who have a long history of promoting timber extraction interests. The fishing and so-called conservation seats are occupied

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[29] Action team delivers recommendations to address climate change. Fairbanks Daily News-Miner. Erin McGroarty. Sep 27, 2018 http://www.newsminer.com/news/local_news/action-team-delivers-recommendations-to-address-climate-change/article_a89096f6-c22d-11e8-9f7a-6b58428ad670.html

[30] Administrative Order No. 289 establishing the Alaska Climate Change Strategy and the Climate Action for Alaska Leadership Team (CALT). https://gov.alaska.gov/admin-orders/289.html

[31] *Id.* http://www.newsminer.com/news/local_news/action-team-delivers-recommendations-to-address-climate-change/article_a89096f6-c22d-11e8-9f7a-6b58428ad670.html

[32] Roadless advocates pack Tongass hearing. Jacob Resneck, CoastAlaska. October 8, 2018. https://www.ktoo.org/2018/10/08/roadless-advocates-pack-tongass-hearing/

by individuals who routinely capitulate to development interests and were surely chosen precisely for that well-established reputation.

Walker wrote in a prepared statement announcing establishment of the committee and its members:

> *"It is critical for Alaskans to be part of this important decision-making process that, in the end, will impact many lives,"* ***Governor Walker said****. "These twelve diverse Alaskans are passionate about one of our state's greatest resources: our land."*

Indeed, Governor Walker—"Alaskans" does not mean a small group of special interest representatives and "yes" women and men. Indeed, in the end, the committee's recommendations will impact many lives including those who depend on intact forest ecosystems for their livelihoods, sustenance, and peace of mind. Clearly, from the get-go, the process has been fast-tracked, the panel was largely predetermined, and the Governor had no real interest in selecting from a broad base of qualified candidates, but instead those who would quickly sanction his and the timber industry's wishes. Please identify who served on the advisory group "selection committee". Was this task placed exclusively under the authority of one individual/the State Forester? Judging by the process so far, we can only conclude, that any product derived from the proceedings of the so-called Citizen's Advisory Committee is not a "Product of the People," but rather a product of industry-friendly shills—nothing more.

We believe the only way to have truly democratic and fair citizen participation is through the gold-standard NEPA process, where all citizen's can voice their interests and concerns and expect them to be impartially considered. The Citizen's Advisory Committee must be disbanded in favor of using the NEPA process exclusively. Otherwise the process will have no credibility.

To better inform you regarding just a few of the general reasons that the many so-called collaboratives nationally that have involved timber are a dangerous farce and should be disbanded, we provide these notes taken from a recent interview[33]:

1) The makeup of collaboratives are almost always skewed. Members are not elected but rather handpicked participants who have a vested conflict of interest, often financial. They often work for industry or well-funded and larger so-called conservation groups who are sympathetic to the timber interests. It is unethical that they are allowed a prominent role in any decision making process;
2) Those who wind up participating are sympathetic to the collaborative process, which means what becomes more important is reaching an agreement than what

[33] Adapted from George Wuerthner interviewed by Derrick Jensen on the dangers of "collaboration." March 18, 2018. George Wuerthner is the former Ecological Projects Director for the Foundation for Deep Ecology. He is an ecologist and wildlands activist. He has published 38 books on environmental issues and natural history including such environmentally focused books as Welfare Ranching, Wildfire, Thrillcraft, Energy and most recently Protecting the Wild. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D_GNjKkbEXk

the agreement actually does on the land or the ground. It becomes more important to maintain collaborative partnerships than good objectives for the land;

3) You will often see mention in media interviews that the collaborators sat down and "had a beer" with their fellow committee members, as if that is the most important function they are accomplishing. They become embroiled in a condition similar to the Stockholm syndrome—and it is more important to be liked—it is hard to be disliked or the odd man or woman out;
4) Collaborators often are mostly interest in reaching an agreement; ultimately the unrepresented entities end up being the wildlife, the real subsistence users, and those whose lives and livelihoods are impacted by forest degradation;
5) Another problem is that collaborative processes often start out with basic assumptions, like "our National forests are sick and the best way to fix them is to log them." Individual participants won't get anywhere by challenging the basic assumptions. It is not "whether" certain proposed activities will be done on the national forest, it becomes when and how. In the case of the Roadless Rule, the starting presumption will likely be some form of exemption—not keeping the Rule intact. The No-action alternative is just thrown-in for token appearance sake, and a place-by-place dismantling ensues;
6) After many meetings, participants wind up getting in the collaborative trap. They don't want to be part of something that just continues the status quo since it will be perceived as a waste of time. The average person, who often knows no better, is misled that it is good that the collaborative came up with a recommendation;
7) Collaboration ends up being greenwashing. Participants become brainwashed into thinking that whatever recommendation they make is good;
8) Often individuals who have an opposing viewpoint are given less time to present, or are outnumbered by the stacked group. They are only allowed to speak to give the appearance of neutrality. The larger group is not really interested in anything that does not fit in the paradigm;
9) Sometimes collaborators are forced into a voting situations where one "no" vote kills the whole process or they are forced to sign agreements that they will not speak against whatever the group decides upon;
10) Often, participants get worn down with the process, and simply "go-along to get-along" and put their stamp of approval on something they know is counter to good environmental policy. They find themselves unable to disagree with the collaborative result;
11) Most participants are paid to attend by their employers. Those who can't afford to go never even apply or if selected drop out. Those paid to go have a vested interest just by the fact that they are paid to be there, but they also, often have financial interests beyond that;
12) Average people often cannot participate or can only give so much time because they have to pay rent and feed themselves and their family;
13) Agency people don't show up on weekends, when there would be would broader participation. This is an institutional bias;
14) Collaborative groups often end up applauding more logging and not mentioning wildlife or wilderness. Participants assume that there must not be any negative impacts;
15) Some so-called environmental groups are so good at raising money that they

become colonized by those who can raise money, and lose sight of their issue and focus more on collaboration;

16) Many of the collaborators have little experience in ecology or natural resource issues and when they do get to participate are overwhelmed by the so-called experts. They are often prohibited or frowned upon by speaking up;

17) Politicians and agency people don't have to make hard decisions because but really know the more or less predetermined outcome from the outset and simply rely on the collaborative to be the defacto decision maker.

The takeaway from the previous points is that:

1. The public should be very suspect of the collaborative process, especially when legislation is involved:
2. By its very nature, collaboration will only end up providing for less protection for wildlands.

In fact, a perfect example of *the second and fifth items above* <u>are where one newly appointed collaborative member of the Citizen's committee, only 5 days into the process, has already capitulated</u> to the process during the first meeting in the "hopes to find some compromise" . He says, "our task is to generate alternatives somewhere in the middle":

> *"There's a lot of passion around this issue," said Brian Holst, executive director of the Juneau Economic Development Council. He's one of the 12 appointed to sit on the advisory committee. Holst said the group hopes to find some compromise. The historic fight has been between keeping the roadless rule intact or doing away with it altogether. "Our task is not to endorse either of those sides because both of those options are out there," Holst said, "but is to generate alternatives somewhere in the middle and that's challenging, that will be challenging."*[34]

And as pointed out above, the first Oct. 2-3 Citizen's Advisory Group meeting was hastily called with no regional public advertisement. The Rulemaking website provided no notice of the meetings and we only stumbled upon the Merdian website for the Rulemaking after the first hearing. That website was likely created after the first Oct. 2-3 meeting since for that meeting it reads, "Public **were** welcome [past tense-emphasis added] to attend both days or join via conference line." How was the public to become informed of either the meeting or hearing in the absence of any public notification? In fact, with only four days between appointment of the committee and the first hearing, plane fares to attend had to be quite expensive for participants and our cash-strapped State. *That is unless members were informed long before the official announcement of their appointment.* When were the Citizen Advisory members notified they were appointed to the committee? Further, any out of town publics who somehow

[34] Roadless advocates pack Tongass hearing. Jacob Resneck, CoastAlaska. October 8, 2018 <u>https://www.ktoo.org/2018/10/08/roadless-advocates-pack-tongass-hearing/</u>

found out about the meetings and wished to attend would have been forced to make last minute arrangements and at great expense. Shouldn't there be allowance of more time for the public to be notified? Regardless, it is hard for everyday Alaskans, who work for a living, to attend or even listen-in if that capability really exists. Moreover, what arrangements were made for listening telephonically? The DEIS should provide answers to all of the above questions.

Finally, we believe that the Forest Service and State of Alaska should convene a scientific panel regarding the impacts of old growth logging in currently Roadless areas.

V. Governor Walker's Roadless Petition reneges on the expensive and time consuming commitment to the 2016 Tongass Advisory Committee recommendations

Alaskans and Americans are tired of the repeated, costly, time consuming infringements on their personal lives that these repeated plays by the timber industry have waged. They are quite literally fed up. Moreover, Governor Walker's Roadless Petition reneges on his commitment to the 2016 Tongass Advisory Committee and recommendations to the TLMP which they fully participated in during the TAC proceedings and for the purpose of providing an alternative to the 2016 TLMP Amendment. The governor's Roadless petition is an indication that the State (through its representative, DNR Chief Forester Chris Maisch) was bargaining in bad faith at the Tongass Advisory Committee meetings.

The Forest Service claims an approved state-specific roadless rule "could" make changes to the 2016 TLMP:

> ***"****The Alaska Roadless Rule will not make any changes to the 2016 Tongass Land Management Plan or projects currently being implemented or proposed to implement the transition to a primarily young-growth timber program. Following a final decision on a state-specific roadless rule, the Tongass National Forest Land Management Plan* ***could be amended or revised*** *[emphasis added] to reflect any management designations established by the state-specific rule."*[35]

And, according to the Roadless Rulemaking petition submitted Governor Walker,

> *"The state also requests that the Secretary of Agriculture direct the USFS to commence a TLMP revision or an amendment to remove provisions of the Roadless Rule that have been incorporated into the plan and to reconsider*

[35] USDA Forest ServiceAlaska Roadless Rulemaking. Questions and Answers. Q17. Updated Sept. 13, 2018. https://www.fs.usda.gov/nfs/11558/www/nepa/109834_FSPLT3_4415768.pdf

the state objections set forth in Ex. 6 that were not addressed in the final TLMP."[36]

So, here we go again. Clearly, the TLMP is likely to be revised again, causing Alaskans who only a few years ago thought it was settled, to go through the grueling and contentious process yet again—and at the behest of the 1% timber industry. Just who is the Governor listening to?

The State of Alaska recently participated in the Tongass Advisory Committee (TAC) for the purpose of developing an alternative for the 2016 Tongass Land Management Plan. Following numerous meetings and expense the Committee developed an alternative and submitted it to the TLMP planning process. The TAC's alternative was adopted. Now, the SoA is in effect reneging on that expensive, contentious, and time consuming process with its request to redo the recently adopted TLMP. This is absolutely unacceptable.

In its quest to access every last bastion of economic old growth on the Tongass, the SoA once again keeps Tongass management on a treadmill of uncertainty and ensures that the region remains in constant upheaval. The Governor has caved to a welfare industry which for decades has enjoyed massive subsidies, but somehow still can't manage to stand on its own two feet and pay its own way. The push behind Walker's ill-conceived Petition is the export timber industry, who occupies less than one percent of the Regional economy, not most Alaskans and the American people who have tired of the ever persistent drone of the industries cries to feed it rapacious appetite.

It is time to put the Roadless issue to rest and allow Alaskans to live their lives free of the constant threat of having their public lands turned into an export colony.

V. Aquatic habitat: The proposed Roadless Exemption presents unacceptable and undisclosed risks to fishery resources, at great cost to the taxpayer.

A. Logging roads are a drain on the taxpayer with little benefit but to the timber industry.

On a national level, the Forest Service has an estimated $3.2 billion backlog of road maintenance needs. In particular, the Tongass, with over 5,000 miles of logging roads has many stream miles damaged by logging, and many red pipes blocking an undisclosed number of miles of salmon habitat, and a need for a number of watershed treatments deemed necessary to mitigate losses to salmon production.

It is clear that island anadromous salmon systems in Southeast Alaska are at risk for a number of reasons related to federal mismanagement. Landscape scale modifications, such as the system of logging roads, impair and reduce salmon production capacity. This proposed Roadless Rule exemption would further reduce

[36] Jan 19 2018 letter and petition from Gov Walker to Secy Perdue. p. 8. https://www.fs.usda.gov/nfs/11558/www/nepa/109834_FSPLT3_4406959.pdf

southeast Alaska's salmon production by building roads in fish habitat accompanied by intensive logging of old growth and second growth recovering forests – and do so at a time when the region's salmon production capacity is at risk due to multiple environmental factors. In the DEIS the Forest Service must disclose the road maintenance backlog existing, both monetary and physical on the Tongass in its Roadless analysis.

Southeast Alaska communities are heavily dependent on the salmon fishery.[37] In 2017, the estimated ex-vessel value of the Southeast Alaska Salmon fishery alone in was $161 million.[38] In terms of just the salmon fisheries, over 800 commercial salmon permit holders depend on Southeast Alaska salmon fisheries[39] as well as many more crew members. These vessels generate multimillions in fishing income that additionally support over thousands of processing jobs generating millions in wages. Multiple businesses in Southeast Alaska communities benefit from fishing dollars and state and local governments receive fishery enhancement taxes. This level of economic activity in the region is in stark contrast to the activity generated by decades of deficit federal spending on the timber sale program.

B. The USFS needs to disclose and analyze in the DEIS the proposed exemption's risks to fisheries and the fishery economy

The Forest Service recently produced a DEIS for the Prince of Wales Landscape Level Annihilation project that purported to discuss aquatic impacts but shockingly failed to discuss the current status of southeast Alaska fish populations or the relevance of salmon production trends across southeast Alaska. The year 2016 was a pink salmon fishery disaster for southeast Alaska.[40] Although the final numbers are not yet in, 2018 appears to be worse.[41] A large part of the problem is poor pink production in northern southeast Alaska inside waters, particularly during even year cycles.

Across southeast Alaska the pink salmon run failed to meet even low expectations, with 7.3 million fish harvested 2017 – the lowest since 1976 and over ten million fewer fish than fishermen caught during the 2016 disaster

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[37] US Forest Service. Tongass Land and Resource Management Plan at 5-6.

[38] 2017 Alaska Commercial Salmon Harvests — Exvessel Values Source: ADF&G.Preliminary data: 2017 Salmon Season. Updated 10/3/2017 Subject to change. http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/Static/fishing/pdfs/commercial 2017_preliminary_salmon_summary_table.pdf

[39] Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission Public Lookup database. https://www.cfec.state.ak.us/plook/#lists

[40] Southeast pink salmon catch lowest in over four decades. Joe Viechnicki. Aug 29, 2018 https://www.kfsk.org/2018/08/29/southeast-pink-salmon-catch-lowest-in-over-four-decades/

[41] Alaska's 2018 commercial salmon harvest is 30 percent below what was forecast, yet some fisheries have boomed. Alaska Daily News. 26Aug2018. https://www.adn.com/business-economy/2018/08/24/alaskas-2018-commercial-salmon-harvest-is-30-percent-below-what-was-forecast-yet-some-fisheries-have-boomed/

year.[42] Importantly, ADF&G seine fishery announcements and test fisheries in 2018 showed that the poorest returns were in central southeast Alaska – fishing districts 9 and 10 in Frederick Sound and Chatham Strait.[43]

The Forest Service's 1995 Anadromous Fish Habitat Assessment made numerous findings and recommendations related to reducing the impacts of industrial clearcut logging on salmon habitat in southeast Alaska. The Assessment explained that:

> The cumulative effects of frequent disturbances in the Pacific Northwest have been shown to substantially reduce the quality of freshwater fish habitats resulting in negative consequences for species, stocks, and populations of fish that depend on them, even if coniferous cover is left in buffer strips along the fish-bearing streams. Fish-bearing streams represent only a small portion of stream mileage in any watershed. Because recovery of fish habitat from the effects of extensive logging in a watershed may take a century or more, recovery may never be complete if forests are clearcut harvested and watersheds are disturbed extensively on rotation cycles of about 100 years. Few refuges remain in a watershed that fish can use during such widespread, intense, and recurrent disturbances.
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> …Should freshwater habitats be degraded for long periods, salmon and steelhead stocks will eventually be confronted simultaneously with low marine productivity and degraded freshwater habitat. The likely result of such double jeopardy could be high, long-term risk of extinction. [44]

Given current trends in pink salmon production, the proposed Rule exemption would present the "double jeopardy" situation described above. It would be reckless to proceed with this rulemaking because of likely long-term adverse impacts on the salmon themselves and salmon dependent species such as bears and commercial fishermen. Scientific studies have found strong negative correlations between logging road density, timber extraction and salmon productivity.[45] Also, the combined effects of climate change
and habitat degradation increase these risks and warrant disclosure and analysis in Roadless Rule Rulemaking DEIS. For example, NMFS has found that logging has:

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[42] https://www.kfsk.org/2018/08/29/southeast-pink-salmon-catch-lowest-in-over-four-decades/

[43] http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon

[44] U.S. Forest Service. 1995. Report to Congress: Anadromous fish habitat assessment. Pacific Northwest Research Station, Alaska Region. R10-MB-279.

[45] The Forest Service can obtain this document from the new Prince of Wales project DEIS planning record #833_0971 (Halupka et al 2000). We request that the Forest Service obtain, and include in the planning record, Firman, Julie C., et al.. 2011 Landscape models of adult coho salmon density.

> "… degraded coho salmon habitat through removal and disturbance of natural vegetation, disturbance and compaction of soils, construction of roads and installation of culverts. Timber harvest activities can result in sediment delivered to streams through mass wasting and surface erosion that can elevate the level of fine sediments in spawning gravels and fill the substrate interstices inhabited by invertebrates. The most pervasive cumulative effect of past forest practices on habitats for anadromous salmonids has been an overall reduction of habitat complexity from loss of multiple habitat components. Habitat complexity has declined principally because of reduced size and frequency of pools due to filling with sediment and loss of LWD (large woody debris).… As previously mentioned, sedimentation of stream beds has been implicated as a principal cause of declining salmonid populations throughout their range'
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> …. 'Several studies have indicated that, in [southern Oregon/northern California], catastrophic erosion and subsequent stream sedimentation [from major floods] resulted from areas which had been clearcut or which had roads constructed on unstable soils."[46]

Given these findings and recent declines in fishery outputs, the Rulemaking DEIS needs to evaluate losses associated with lost fishing revenues caused by logging and road construction. Habitat loss has a substantial impact on the commercial fisheries. It is possible to estimate the loss of salmon-related economic values caused by logging and related road construction.[47] Canadian researchers in 2003 developed habitat values (which the authors described as conservative estimates) that ranged from $.026 to $1.40 per acre of watershed, or $1,491 to $7,914 per mile of spawning stream (converted to 2003 U.S. dollars – or roughly $10,000 per mile of spawning stream today).[48] A 1988 study identified significant economic losses to salmon fisheries caused by logging and road construction on just 21% of the Siuslaw National Forest.[49] The author noted that even "while improved timber harvesting practices of leaving

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[46] Endangered and Threatened Species: Threatened status for Southern Oregon/Northern California Evolutionarily Significant Unit (ESU) of coho salmon. 62 Fed. Reg. 24588 at 24593 and 24599. May 6, 1997.

[47] Foley, et al. 2012. A review of bioeconomic modelling of habitat-fisheries interactions. In: International Journal of Ecology, Vol. 2012. Doi:10.1155/2012/861635; Exh. 46, Knowler, D. et al. 2001. Valuing the quality of freshwater salmon habitat – a pilot project. Simon Fraser University. Burnaby, B.C.: January 2001; Knowler, D.J., B.W. MacGregor, M.J. Bradford, and R.M. Peterman.2003. Valuing freshwater salmon habitat on the west coast of Canada. In: Journal of Environmental Management, 69: 261-273 (Nov. 2003). Available at: http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0301479703001543.

[48] *Id.*

[49] Loomis, J.B. 1988. The bioeconomic effects of timber harvesting on recreational and commercial salmon and steelhead fishing: a case study of the Siuslaw National Forest. In: Marine Resource Economics, Vol. 5; 43-60 (1988). This article can be reviewed in its entirety (but not downloaded) at www.jstor.org/stable/42871964?seq+2#page_scan_tab_contents. We request that the Forest Service obtain this study and include it in the planning record.

buffer strips and use of better road design have reduced the extent of fisheries losses, there are still substantial 'unavoidable' losses associated with timber harvesting." Another study found that "if habitat improvements resulting from salmon-related logging restrictions generated one additional fish for the recreational fishery per year per acre for the foreseeable future, the per acre" or seven times the forgone timber asset value of the land.[50]

In other words, the Roadless Rule exemption will significantly sacrifice annually renewable economic outputs in order to supply Viking Lumber's parent corporation in Aberdeen with some old-growth cedar and Alcan/Transpac from Vancouver, British Columbia with some immature timber to ship off to China. The DEIS needs to assess the significant positive economic impacts of the no-action alternative in terms of reducing risks of further declines in fishery outputs and disclose the significant risks that further aquatic degradation presents to fishery resources.

C. The Forest Service must develop a funded plan to replace red pipes

Any Forest Service action to improve watershed function "must" prioritize fish passage improvements by replacing culverts and creating a valid process to fix fish passage on the island. Reliance on the Forest Service Access and Travel Management Plan is inadequate since the agency has repaired roughly only a handful of red pipes per year over the past fifteen years, meaning it may take a century or more to address the potential thousands of red pipes on the Tongass. There is an unfunded goal of improving the repair rate to ten per year in the Central Tongass Project for example, leaving two-thirds of the existing red pipes in place.

<u>The issue of blocked culverts is so important to salmon habitat</u> that tribes have sued the state of Washington in order to require it to fix barrier culverts in order to increase salmon populations in the region.[51] As explained by EarthJustice in an amicus brief filed on behalf of commercial fishermen in the state of Washington:

> "… because barrier culverts block access to habitat entirely, barrier removal is frequently the most effective recovery measure (and often the measure with the most immediate positive impact) when compared with other habitat recovery efforts, such as reforestation, repairing stream straightening or channelization, or increasing flows. <u>And obviously, other habitat restoration efforts will be futile if salmon are unable to access the restored habitat.</u>"

EarthJustice's brief noted that the district court agreed that barrier culverts "have a significant total impact on salmon production" due to "a negative impact on spawning success, growth and survival of young salmon, upstream and downstream migration, and overall production." Thus, removing them "provides immediate benefit in terms of salmon production, as salmon rapidly re-colonize the upstream area and returning

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[50] ECONorthwest. 1999. Salmon, timber and the economy. Numbers in 1999 dollars. http://www.wildriverscoastalliance.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/salmon_handbook.pdf

[51] Exh. 43 (PCFFA 2017) (from our scoping comments to the Central Tongass Project).

adults spawn there." We believe that fixing these problems is an obligation under the Clean Water Act and Alaska state law, and that there is a NEPA obligation to develop an alternative or mitigation measure that prioritizes the remediation of fish passage problems.

D. Log-transfer facilities: The USFS must consider alternatives and mitigation measures for estuarine habitat affected by LTFs

Additionally, the Forest Service should more carefully assess adverse impacts to estuarine habitat. The Forest Service intends to utilize or reconstruct a large number of log transfer facilities across the Tongass. During the 1990s, the use of LTFs by the Forest Service and other landowners caused severe damage to sixteen saltwater ecosystems in southeast Alaska, resulting the designation of Category 5 impaired waterbodies.[52] Fortunately, a significant decline in timber industry activity has reduced or eliminated use of many of these LTFs, resulting in partial attainment of water quality standards and some recovery of aquatic after several decades of nonuse or reduced use.[53]

Defenders has significant concerns about the plan to expand the number of active LTFs in southeast Alaska and increase the volume of timber moved through LTFs by state and private timber operators. The potential direct, indirect and cumulative effects of federal and non-federal log rafting on fisheries and fishery habitat associated with a federal program to fund and develop marine transportation infrastructure presents a significant concern and requires detailed NEPA analysis.[54]

In-water log storage degrades water quality to below levels necessary to protect existing commercial fisheries. There is a significant body of science that shows the incompatibility of the marine log storage with benthic habitat. Scientists and nontimber agency resource managers recognize that toxins, bark debris accumulations and the low dissolved oxygen levels they cause adversely impact shellfish species such as Dungeness crab in numerous ways, causing reproductive problems, disease, deformities, prey depletion.[55]

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[52] Alaska Division of Environmental Conservation. __. PUBLIC NOTICE DRAFT Integrated Water Quality Monitoring and Assessment Report at 41-50, 80.
[53] *Id.* at 41-50.
[54] 40 C.F.R. § 1508.18.
[55] The Forest Service can obtain the following documents related to log transfer facilities from the Prince of Wales project planning record: Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife. 2008. Management Recommendations for Washington's Priority Habitats and Species: Dungeness Crab; Sedell, J.R., F.N.Leone and W.S. Duval. Water Transportation and Storage of Logs. IN: Meehan, W.R. 1991. Influences of Forest and Rangeland Management on Salmonid Fishes and Their Habitats. American Fisheries Society Special Publication 19; O'Clair, C.E., and J.L. Freese. 1988. Reproductive condition of Dungeness crabs, Cancer magister, at or near log transfer facilities in Southeastern Alaska. Marine Environmental Research 26:57-81; Morado, O'Clair & Sparks. 1988. Preliminary Study of Idiopathic lesions in the Dungeness crab, Cancer magister from Rowan Bay, Alaska; O'Clair, C.E. and L. Freese. 1985. Responses of Dungeness crabs, Cancer magister, exposed to bark debris from benthic deposits at log transfer facilities: Survival, feeding and reproduction. Pages 227-229 in B.R. Melteff, Symposium Coordinator.

For these and other reasons related to water quality degradation and impacts to the region's more important economic sectors, the LRMP provides that "[w]here feasible, preference should be given to onshore storage and barging of logs." Because the large volume of timber potentially made available under the proposed exemption will likely meet or exceed the volumes that caused Category V water quality impairments throughout the region, the Forest Service needs to prohibit in-water log storage in LTFs utilized by or operated by the Forest Service.

The 2016 LRMP requires that the Forest Service "[a]void, where practicable, siting log transfer, rafting and storage facilities in areas with established commercial, subsistence, and sport fishing activity, high levels of recreation use, areas of high scenic quality, or documented concentrations of species commonly pursued by commercial, subsistence, and sport fishers." Also, LTFs should not be located "in areas known to be important for fish spawning and rearing because of "the high value of the fisheries resources." However, these guidelines are too discretionary, and readily waived every time Viking Lumber whines that barging is too expensive.

The Forest Service needs to provide detailed information about the actual amount of timber transferred through existing or new LTFs, and analyze whether those locations would be consistent Appendix G guidelines. The discussion needs to disclose the adverse environmental impacts caused by bark accumulation and the numerous other adverse and potentially long-term impacts caused by anaerobic conditions and benthic pollution that is toxic to many marine organisms. The DEIS also needs to consider the cumulative effects of developing new infrastructure for inwater log storage and facilitating increased use of existing LTF sites through federal and non-federal timber sale programs.

The Forest Service must comply with the consultation and best available science requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act with regard to Essential Fish Habitat. The development of an expanded LTF network, and increased use of federally funded or operated LTFs by state and private operators is clearly a "large scale planning effort" that involves "potentially large numbers of individual actions that may adversely affect EFH."[56] Further, the level of detail in an EFH should reflect the best science, and provide an analysis of adverse effects and proposed mitigation.[57] The significance of nearshore areas to the commercial fisheries warrants a literature review, further site-investigations, and consideration of alternatives that could minimize or avoid adverse effects, including a prohibition on in-water log storage.[58]

Proceedings of the symposium on Dungeness crab biology and management. Univ. of Alaska Sea Grant Rep. 85-3; Kirkpatrick, B., T.C. Shirley and C.E. O'Clair. 1998. Deepwater bark accumulations and benthos richness at log transfer and storage facilities. Alaska Fishery Research Bulletin, vol 5(2): 103-115; NMFS 2006

[56] 16 U.S.C. § 1855(b)(2); 50 C.F.R. § 600.920(j)(1).

[57] 50 C.F.R. § 600.920 (d), (e)(3).

[58] *Id.*

A NEPA analysis must provide a detailed discussion of means to mitigate adverse environmental impacts and the effectiveness of those measures, and cannot forgo this analysis by deferring to state regulatory agencies.[59] The Forest Service needs to evaluate how it will minimize the effects of in-water log storage or clean up the mess afterwards. Timber operators in British Columbia employ site deactivation procedures in order to minimize long-term impacts and conduct baseline assessments prior to development. The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife recommends replanting marine vegetation and removing woody debris in order to mitigate LTF effects on crab.

In sum, the DEIS must provide detailed information about existing proposed new LTF sites, the impacts on the commercial fisheries, consult with NMFS and provide a full analysis of LTF impacts to fish and shellfish habitat, and includes means to mitigate impacts, including a prohibition on in-water log storage, contemporary mitigation measures, and seasonal and timing restrictions on log transfer activities to mitigate disruptions to commercial and recreational users of southeast Alaska's bays and inlets.

E. Conclusion-Aquatics section.

Southeast Alaska island ecosystems are highly significant in terms of historical salmon production, and resource recovery is critical for commercial fisheries at this time especially given the pink salmon crisis during the even year cycles. The Forest Service's plans to sacrifice aquatic ecosystems for the benefit of Viking Lumber and international raw log exporter Alcan of second growth timber poses unacceptable risks to the region's economic drivers, particularly sport fishing and commercial fishing. The Roadless Rulemaking vegetation and access management components would cause immense ecological and economic harm. The Rulemaking DEIS must candidly discuss and disclose the current status of southeast Alaska's salmon populations and the risks presented by the proposed action.

VI. The Rulemaking DEIS must disclose serious problems with the Tongass administration of large timber sales

Defenders requests that the Governor and Forest Service cease this rulemaking process because of, for example, the Petersburg Ranger District's and Prince of Wales ranger districts' inabilities to adequately administer timber sales, as has been demonstrated (but not resolved) regarding timber sale oversight, contractual and appraisal issues. As reported in 1996 by the Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility, the Tongass National Forest has a long history of permitting timber operators such as Viking Lumber Company to operate in a lawless manner in Southeast Alaska, ignoring timber export violations, scaling fraud, and outright timber theft. Defender's Board is well aware that the "Alaska Rules" still apply through ground truthing the Tonka Timber project, where Viking would clearcut deer winter

[59] 40 C.F.R. § 1502.16(h); Oregon Natural Resources Council v. Marsh, 382 F.2d 1489 (9th Cir. 1987); Friends of the Earth v. Hall, 120 (W.D. Wash. 1988 (state agencies cannot address the sufficiency of a federal EIS under NEPA).

range prescribed for selective cutting, and expand cutting units beyond the prescribed acreage to whatever size Viking deemed fit.

In 2016, the Washington Office reviewed the Alaska Region's timber sale and administration processes for two Viking Lumber timber sales – the Petersburg Ranger District's Tonka Timber Sale on Lindenberg Peninsula and recent Big Thorne Project on Prince of Wales Island. The review showed that (1) instead of improving "forest ecosystem health," the Tongass National Forest allowed Viking to high-grade the most ecologically valuable trees rather than the trees intended for removal to achieve the desired "forest ecosystem health" effects; (2) the Forest Service failed to conduct timber-theft prevention inspections and (3) all monitoring and reports of timber removals, etc. were self-reporting by Viking Lumber Company.[60] These problems are a particular concern given that a major purpose of many forest service timber sales are to "improve forest ecosystem health."

Information from PEER's website indicates that the Petersburg Ranger District's failure to inspect Viking's activities and require adherence to the timber sale contract for the Tonka sale cost taxpayers $2 million alone – more than twice the amount Viking paid for the timber. On-the-ground operators admit that harvest prescription or contract terms were irrelevant to what happened on the ground – they cut only according to Viking Lumber's instructions. Petersburg Ranger District timber sale maladministration through various avenues cost taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars. Its appraisal methods resulted in artificially low appraisal rates for higher value species such as Alaska Yellow Cedar and Sitka Spruce. Logging and haul costs were much lower than estimated by the Forest Service, resulting additional windfalls to Viking Lumber. Moreover, the Activity Review found that the "Region had not updated the appraisal program to the most recent set of cost and selling value [61] Under the current appraisal, required removal of the Hemlock saw timber represents a reduction in sale value exceeding $1.7 million" for the Big Thorne timber sale. [62]

Now, after adding to the taxpayer costs of the program through poor oversight and erroneous cost analyses, the Forest Service and Governor want to provide access to hundreds of millions - perhaps billions - of board feet of timber from Roadless areas. This, for timber operators to run amok cutting some of the most ecologically important forested, while the Forest Service looks the other way or pulls out the check book any time Viking or Alcan/Transpac needs more timber to boost cash flow.

Defenders submits these issues also bear significantly on the agency's ability to implement standards and guidelines, such as they are, intended to protect other resource values. How can the Forest Service rely on Viking Lumber to apply Forest

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[60] See, e.g. https://www.peer.org/assets/docs/fs/4_3_17_Timber_Sale_Review.pdf and https://www.peer.org/news/news-releases/forest-service-scalped-on-tongass-timber-sales.html

[61] USDA Forest Service Washington Office Activity Review of timber sale administration. sale preparation, stewardship contracting, NEPA, and timber theft prevention. Region 10. June 2016. p. 13. https://www.peer.org/assets/docs/fs/4_3_17_Timber_Sale_Review.pdf

[62] *Id.* p. 18.

Plan Standards and Guidelines for other forest values such as den, nest or riparian in the absence of responsible oversight?

In sum, the Tongass National Forest lacks the institutional capacity and will to administer large timber sales The DEIS must disclose and discuss the Forest Service's present ability and capacity to ensure the accountability of its timber sale program. This lack of accountability was particularly evident in the recent public hearing in Petersburg for the Central Tongass Project – despite the serious loss of public funds and program audit, the Forest Supervisor had no answers and appeared to be ignorant of this issue.

VII. Wildlife habitat impacts

Defenders requests that the Forest Service do and document surveys for wildlife species present in all Roadless areas and discuss their locations and preferred habitat uses in the DEIS. This analysis should entail more than a quantitative approach to measuring productive old growth losses at various scales. Instead, there needs to be consideration of specific habitat features that contribute to wildlife viability and abundance, particularly in light of the high degree of fragmentation in roaded portions of the Tongass. No doubt, wildlife populations in the various project areas would benefit from delaying any subsequent entries for some time.

In this section we begin with a discussion of impacts to Sitka black-tailed deer, Alexander Archipelago wolves and Queen Charlotte goshawks and bears. We believe impacts to the four aforementioned species and their habitats merit treatment as significant issues given the importance of deer for hunting in southeast Alaska communities, cumulative impacts of logging on bears now that salmon foraging habitat is a significant resource concern, and the precarious population status of wolves and Queen Charlotte Goshawks.

A. The DEIS should provide a detailed analysis of impacts to Sitka black-tailed deer and deer winter range.

We have significant concerns about the lack of high value winter deer range remaining on the Tongass, particularly in central and southern southeast and consequently the impacts of this Rulemaking on remaining deer habitat. Many of the proposed timber analysis areas abut past clearcuts where canopy closures are now or will soon be occurring. Logging in current Roadless areas may also further fragment or directly remove the little remaining winter deer habitat. Many southeast Alaska islands and mainland are already heavily fragmented and contain large portions of what is currently, or soon to be, unsuitable deer habitat due to canopy closure in the extensive created openings and second-growth stands. Given the importance of deer, the Rulemaking DEIS should also consider adjusting OGR boundaries in a way that would provide additional protection.

In the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA), Congress announced the following policy: "[c]onsistent with sound management principles, and

the conservation of healthy populations of fish and wildlife, the utilization of public lands in Alaska is to cause the least adverse impact possible on rural residents who depend on subsistence uses of the lands."[63]

Congress intended for federal agencies to incorporate a factor of safety into resource management decisions:

> The committee intends the phrase "the conservation of healthy populations of fish and wildlife" to mean the maintenance of fish and wildlife resources and their habitats in a condition which assures stable and continuing natural populations and species mix of plants and animals in relation to their ecosystems, including recognition that rural residents engaged in subsistence uses may be a natural part of that ecosystem; minimize the likelihood of irreversible or long-term effects of such populations and species; and ensures maximum practicable diversity of options for the future. The greater the ignorance of resource parameters, particularly of the ability of a population or species to respond to changes in its ecosystem, the greater the safety factor must be.[64]

The Tongass NF has failed to meet this standard for decades by disproportionately removing deer winter range. According to a conservation assessment included in the TLMP planning record, most of the logging on the Tongass occurred on low-elevation, south facing slopes favored by deer. The disproportionate effect on important deer winter habitat raises serious questions about alternative hunting areas. Previous Forest Service analyses has shown that in some areas, For instance, Wrangell Island to name but one, deer numbers are lower than on surrounding islands based on browse indications, pellet density data and hunter harvest information. These low population numbers may reflect the significant loss of winter deer habitat in many Wrangell landscape units and others. Pending state timber throughout Southeast Alaska, particularly central and southern, have had or will have a significant impact on whatever high value winter deer range remains. Indeed, an older Forest Service analysis, the Shady project EA, noted that "any additional loss of important deer habitat could reduce the ability of an already depressed population to recover." Given the cumulative loss, and existing scarcity of high value winter deer range in many areas on the Tongass, we believe that the Forest Service must stop logging all remaining moderate and lower value deer habitat.

The Rulemaking DEIS should take in account that, for instance, in some Southeast locals roughly a decade ago, a series of above average snowfall winters, including a record snowfalls caused serious impacts to central southeast Alaska deer populations. Specifically, from 2006-2009, the central Alaska panhandle, including Game Management Unit 3, experienced 3 consecutive winters with well above average

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[63] 16 U.S.C. § 3112(1).

[64] Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, S.Rep. No. 413, 96th Cong., 1st Sess. 233 (1979), reprinted in 1979 U.S.C.C.A.N. 5070, 5177.

snowfall. In fact, snow depths in combination with habitat loss at least partly influenced the Alaska Board of Game's January 2013 decision to limit the deer hunting seasons and bag limits in some areas[65]. As ADFG personnel explained, "maintaining adequate reserves of old growth will be important for maintaining deer numbers at higher levels once recovery of the deer population has occurred."[66] In sum, the Forest Service must take reasonable steps to ensure not just viable, but harvestable levels of wildlife populations, in particular - for deer.

Findings in the DEIS must account for ANILCA's emphasis on special consideration for subsistence resources, the uncertainty about climate change impacts on wildlife populations, and the extensive high grading of prime winter deer habitat throughout the Tongass.

B. Impacts to Alexander Archipelago Wolves: consider abundance and significance of all Tongass populations

The DEIS should consider and disclose a reasonable, place-specific population estimates for southeast Alaska wolves. Many areas of Southeast Alaska where wolves historically were abundant have conditions similar to the Prince of Wales Archipelago, where suppression of the population to a very low level has been a critical concern in recent years. Extensive logging and road construction have similarly changed conditions for deer and wolves on Kuiu, Kupreanof, Mitkof, Zarembo, Revillagigedo, and Wrangell Islands. In conjunction with the Prince of Wales Archipelago, those islands sustain most of the wolf population in Southeast Alaska. (Person et al. 1996). Decline in sustainable predator-prey communities will occur throughout the most productive areas for deer and wolves in Southeast Alaska because those areas are correlated with the most productive forest stands selected for timber harvest. [David Person Declaration on Big Thorne, 2015, at ¶13e].

We also request a detailed discussion of the impacts of increased road density on wolves in all Roadless Areas, on a wildlife analysis area (WAA) basis, including the 80,000 acres that are classified as "roaded roadless" areas.

C. Comments on analysis of impacts to Queen Charlotte Goshawks

There are significant uncertainties about the current status of goshawk populations and the adequacy of nest protection measures. The Fish and Wildlife Service's 2007 Status Review explained that Queen Charlotte goshawks in southeast Alaska are highly vulnerable to additional stresses – because of the low population level, "low survival or reproductive rates could not be sustained long before viability of the subspecies would be at risk." Population levels are unknown; according to the Status Review, southeast Alaska may support just a few to several hundred breeding pairs. These findings and other results from risk assessments and scientific studies

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[65] KFSK. Board of Game shortens deer season near Petersburg. Joe Viechnicki. Jan. 15, 2013. https://www.kfsk.org/2013/01/15/board-of-game-shortens-deer-season-near-petersburg/

[66] ADF&G. Division of Wildlife Conservation. Feasibility Assessment for Increasing Sustainable Harvest of Sitka Black-Tailed Deer in A Portion of Game Management Unit 3. October 2012.

demonstrate the risks of continued and serious population decline associated with further loss of habitat caused by old-growth logging. Queen Charlotte Goshawks will likely face at the very least additional localized extirpations on Prince of Wales Island pending implementation of the Prince of Wales Landscape Level Annihilation (POWLLA). Many of the few remaining active nest sites are in southeast Alaskan old growth forest stands and will be at direct or indirect risk due to any logging in Roadless acres.[67]

The DEIS must specifically consider prey availability and other features such as alternative nest sites for Roadless area Queen Charlotte Goshawks. The Forest Service's 1996 conservation assessment found that a "broad scale of analysis fails to consider distribution of habitat throughout southeast Alaska." Subsequent studies also have verified that it is unreasonable to rely on habitat measurements outside of known nests. Based on these findings, we question the Forest Service's recent approach of using impacts to high-probability nesting habitat as the primary metric for impact assessment.[68] This approach masks degradation to specific goshawk foraging habitat caused by logging in the vicinity of the nests. A site-specific analysis is possible and will generate a more accurate evaluation of impacts and viability risks. For example, the Forest Service has in the past evaluated timber projects by considering impacts to foraging habitat and disruptions within a 6,000 acre foraging area surrounding each nest.

1. The DEIS should include a goshawk population inventory and site-specific analysis of known southeast Alaska nest sites

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[67] Sources for our discussion of impacts to the Queen Charlotte Goshawk include the 2007 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Status Review, 1996 Forest Service Conservation Assessment, Appendix N to the 1997 Tongass Land Management Plan, and numerous other studies - Smith, W.P. 2013. Spatially explicit analysis of contributions of a regional conservation strategy toward sustaining northern goshawk habitat; Mclaren, E.L. et al. 2005. Northern Goshawk (Accipiter gentilis laingi) post-fledgling areas on Vancouver Island, British Columbia. J. Raptor Res. 39(3): 253-263; Flatten, C., K. Titus, and R. Lowell, 2001. Northern goshawk population monitoring, population ecology and diet on the Tongass National Forest. Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game, Juneau, Alaska; Doyle 2005 In our last few sets of timber sale scoping comments, we have provided USB drives by mail containing scientific reference materials. While this submission format previously worked well, recently these jump drives have been lost or found left unopened months after mailing. Due to the time involved with preparing and collecting scientific reference materials, we will not be submitting them during scoping.

The Forest Supervisor's office should have a complete record of scientific materials related to the Queen Charlotte Goshawk as part of the NEPA process for recent timber projects proposed on the Tongass. Please include those materials in the proposed Roadless exemption record.

[68] See Native Ecosystems Council v. U.S. Forest Serv . 428 F.3d 1233, 1250 (9th Cir. 2005)(the Forest Service may "meet the species viability requirements by preserving habitat, but only where both the Forest Service's knowledge of what quality and quantity of habitat is necessary to support the species and the Forest Service's method for measuring the existing amount of that habitat are reasonably reliable and accurate"). The choice of analysis scale must represent a reasoned decision and cannot be arbitrary. Pac. Coast Fed. Fishermen's Ass'ns v. NMFS, 265 F.3d 1028, 1037-38 (9th Cir. 2001).

There are a number of historical known goshawk nests in roadless areas in southeast Alaska. The Forest Service needs to survey these sites and discuss and disclose potential nest and breeding failures. Alexander Archipelago Queen Charlotte Goshawks – potentially among the most important remaining populations - are particularly at risk. Individual impacts, such as impact to individual QCGs, can have more significant impacts in relation to other impacts on overall species viability – across the Alexander Archipelago:

> Cumulative impacts of multiple projects can be significant in different ways. The most obvious way is that the greater total magnitude of the environmental effects – such as the number of acres affected or the total amount of sediment to be added to streams within a watershed- may demonstrate by itself that the environmental impact may be significant. Sometimes the total impact from a set of actions may be greater than the sum of the parts. For example, the addition of a small amount of sediment to a creek may have only a limited impact on salmon survival, or perhaps no impact at all. But the addition of a small amount here, a small amount here, and still more at another point could add up to something with a much greater impact, until there comes a point where even a marginal increase will mean that no salmon will survive.[69]

The Ninth Circuit's explanation of sediment impacts to salmon has a direct bearing on how the DEIS should analyze risks to individual Queen Charlotte Goshawks in the project area. The cumulative effects analysis must explain how the proposed Rulemaking exemption, in combination with other past, planned and other ongoing projects threatens QCG viability in light of the low population of the species, and the importance of individual breeding pairs in the project area to the broader persistence of the species.

The DEIS must review the Forest Service's 1996 Conservation Assessment which included a risk assessment that identified areas with harvest rates exceeding percent by 1995 or 33% by 2055 as presenting "a higher risk of not providing the amount and distribution of habitat necessary to sustain goshawks." Where do Roadless area VCUs fit within these risk thresholds? NEPA analysis must address and answer these questions.

The Rulemaking DEIS needs to review the locations of any known current or historical nests and any other observations of goshawk habitat use, including information about foraging habitat. Please also indicate how many surveys have been conducted and describe the survey methodologies.

2. The DEIS should address risks to Queen Charlotte Goshawks

The proposed exemption, if approved will likely will affect the fitness and breeding potential of Roadless area goshawks due to reduced foraging capacity. The Fish and Wildlife Service's 2007 status review explained that QCGs in southeast

[69] Klamath-Siskiyou Wildlands Center v. BLM, 387 F.3d 989, 994 (9th Cir. 2004).

Alaska are highly vulnerable to additional stresses – because of the low population level, "low survival or reproductive rates could not be sustained long before viability of the subspecies would be at risk."

Further, a 2005 study of Queen Charlotte Goshawks on similarly degraded island ecosystem habitat in British Columbia concluded that they experience more breeding failures than other northern goshawks, and raised the concern that "at the present rate of productivity, insufficient young are possibly being produced to allow the population to be maintained." The study identifies a number of risks that are highly relevant to the analysis in the DEIS, including risks associated with low productivity, specific flaws with the use of the Forest Service's high probability foraging habitat methodology and uncertainties about using different timber management prescriptions to mitigate population effects:

(1) QCGs produce few young fledglings per breeding attempt relative to other northern goshawks, and were possibly not producing sufficient young in the study area (Haida Gwaii), raising the question of whether small insulated island populations with low breeding rates can maintain a viable population;
(2) successful breeding may require greater than 60% productive old growth;
(3) because of an absence of nest activities outside of known nests, it is unreasonable to rely on measurements of highly productive habitat as goshawks are not being detected in those areas;
(4) raising uncertainties about the effectiveness of a variable retention approach.
In other words, the DEIS must focus on the availability of foraging habitat and other critical features in the vicinity of historical nest sites rather than rely on broad scale habitat measurements.

3. The DEIS should address scientific critiques of the TLMP Conservation Strategy pertaining to Queen Charlotte Goshawks

Also, the Roadless exemption DEIS should review responsible scientific opinion raising serious questions about whether current TLMP standards and guidelines and the conservation strategy effectively sustain viability. For example, federal and state wildlife agencies believe that measures implemented in the 2008 TLMP Amendment will reduce conservation standards and necessitate a reconsideration of the 2007 status review.[70] A subsequent study by one of the region's leading Queen Charlotte Goshawk experts, Dr. Winston Smith, identified uncertainties pertaining to whether TLMP conservation measures provide the habitat features necessary to sustain well-distributed goshawk populations across the Alexander Archipelago.

Dr. Smith's analysis indicated that risks to goshawks under the TLMP are likely even greater than anticipated under the 1996 risk assessments. Specifically, the 1996 risk assessment assumed that the TLMP conservation strategy, particularly the reserve system, would in part mitigate habitat loss from excessive timber harvest.

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[70] 2008 TLMP FEIS, Appx. H at HA 14, 17, 39.

However, Dr. Smith's study indicates that contributions from reserves and other conservation elements (buffers) "might not mitigate the cumulative habitat loss in intensively managed landscapes." Dr. Smith added that there is "evidence on nearby islands that extensive loss and fragmentation of habitat from clearcut logging contributed to population declines of QCGs." His analysis explicitly stated that TLMP standards and guidelines "are unlikely to meet breeding-season habitat objectives established for goshawk populations" in other areas. Specifically, Smith's study showed that:

- TLMP conservation measures contribute about half the secure habitat recommended for post-fledgling areas of breeding pairs in other portions of the northern goshawk's range
- Guidelines for northern goshawk populations in other areas may underestimate habitat needed by goshawks s due to limitations in prey resources
- Breeding pairs in southeast Alaska "likely rely almost entirely on productive old-growth forest as foraging and nesting habitat as few mammal species inhabit low-volume or managed forests and the structure of second growth stands renders prey unavailable to foraging QCGs. [(Exh. 45 at 6-7].

Another recent study, Sonsthagen et al 2012, also is relevant to the analysis of cumulative effects and site-specific impacts. Sonsthagen et al indicate that a metapopulation framework actually suggests a heightened need for specific individual nest site protections because without those, the individuals would blink out, resulting in the loss of source populations and over time, the metapopulation would cease to exist.

In sum, Dr. Smith's study in particular identified significant uncertainties and adverse risks to QCGs associated with the inadequacy of the TLMP conservation strategy. Further NEPA analysis should discuss and respond to Smith's analysis of the conservation strategy, and assess the implications of Sonsthagen's discussion of metapopulations.

4. The Roadless DEIS must consider larger buffers & other measures to protect known nest & forage habitat

TLMP standards provide that "[s]pecial consideration should be given to the possible adverse impacts on habitat of sensitive, threatened and endangered species."

We request consideration of mitigation/alternative nest management measures as required by the TLMP, such as increased buffers for nests and increased forest structure retention requirements in the vicinity of known goshawk nests. The DEIS needs to include a site-specific habitat quality analysis that takes into account all available information on differential utilization of various forest types and structures.

During the 2008 TLMP Amendment process, ADF&G, the FWS, and the Forest Service's Pacific Northwest Research Station each recommended, at a minimum, a 500-acre buffer as needed to minimize risks to QCGs. The TLMP required the Responsible Official to "[c]onsider surrounding landscapes when managing for

goshawk nest sites" and provide for alternative nest management measures as appropriate.

5. Conclusion

In sum, there are significant uncertainties about immediate and long term risks to southeast Alaska Queen Charlotte Goshawks, and consequently, the viability of the species throughout southeast Alaska. The DEIS must consider the population status and particular vulnerabilities of Roadless area populations, and address uncertainties about the viability of the population, particularly in response to further logging in the vicinity of known nests.

D. Comments on Impacts to other wildlife species

We request that the DEIS provide comprehensive analysis of exemption impacts on other Roadless area wildlife species and consider measures that will mitigate adverse impacts such as increased buffers, increased forest structure retention requirements and effective road closures. The DEIS should document surveys for wildlife species present in the Roadless areas and discuss their locations and preferred habitat uses and that the analysis do more than a quantitative assessment of productive old growth losses at various scales. In particular, we requested consideration of specific types of old growth forests that are valuable to old-growth dependent species.

In general, the cumulative loss of key habitat features for bear, marten and other MIS such as endemic voles and interior forest birds in particular is alarming and it is hard to see how there will be sufficient habitat available to meet NFMA requirements maintain well-distributed, viable populations of existing native species in the planning area. The scale of the proposed timber sales raises serious questions about the Rulemaking's inconsistency with numerous TLMP goals and objectives for wildlife, which range from maintaining sufficient habitat capability needed to provide opportunities for hunting, trapping and wildlife viewing and preventing species from being listed as sensitive due to degraded habitat conditions.

1. Comments on impacts to bears

In its most recent game management report on black and brown bears, ADF&G has continued to express concerns about habitat changes from logging. According to that state agency, "timber harvest poses the most serious threat to black bear habitat in [GMU 3] over the long term."[71]

Black and brown bears are umbrella species with large area requirements and varied habitat uses. The health of black and brown bear populations can be an indicator of overall ecosystem integrity. The 2008 TLMP FEIS explains that "[b]lack

[71] Lowell, R.E. 2011. Unit 3 black bear management report. Pages 96-117 in P. Harper, editor. Black bear management reports of survey and inventory activities 1 July 2007-30 June 2010. Alaska Department of Fish and Game. 17.0. Juneau, Alaska.

and brown bears were chosen as an MIS because of their importance for hunting and for recreation and tourism."[72]

The DEIS should disclose impacts to high value bear habitat – low-elevation, old-growth forest with abundant and productive salmon streams - and discuss how much summer black and brown bear habitat and denning habitat will be lost because of this proposed exemption. We also request an analysis of human caused disturbances to bears, particularly those related to roads and summer habitat loss and thinning activities near streams during spawning season. Finally, we request that the DEIS recognize the impact of canopy closures and resulting loss of understory vegetation and habitat value for bear and consider impacts on forage availability due to impending canopy closures in past and future clearcuts.

In general, we are concerned about the proposed Roadless exemption's impacts, if approved, to black and brown bear viability in light of these concerns. Please address the following issues in the DEIS with regard to the viability of both black and brown bear MIS and include site-specific analyses of impacts to both species by alternative:

1. The DEIS should clarify whether black and brown bear foraging areas will receive additional protections, following from experts' recommendations for 500 foot riparian buffers to meet foraging needs. It should carefully evaluate expanded riparian buffers for black and brown bears and evaluate the recommendations of the recent studies on the importance of riparian buffers to bear populations.[73] . The TLMP does not delineate specific buffers for black and brown bear but does direct that riparian buffers be increased from the standard buffer to 500 feet in important brown bear foraging areas. Black bear are more secretive than brown bear and should receive additional protection. The availability of spawning salmon as a food resource is a major influence on bear habitat quality and bears have the highest vulnerability to human activities in low elevation riparian areas during summer months.

Consequently, the DEIS should evaluate the value of 500 foot riparian bear buffers on all class I streams. The failure to include this measure in any action alternative means that the Forest Service has failed to consider its statutory mandates to take a hard look at adverse impacts to bear or meets its NFMA obligations to provide for wildlife viability. In general, 100 foot buffers are inadequate to meet bear foraging needs. Studies of brown bear riparian habitat utilization found that: (1) 500 foot riparian buffers should be applied "universally to all salmon streams"; (2) a 1,000 foot buffer would provide for 73% of female bear riparian habitat use in lightly altered

[72] 2008 TLMP FEIS at 3-233.

[73] Flynn, R.W.; S.B. Lewis; R.B. LaVern & G.W. Pendleton (2007). "Brown bear use of riparian & beach zones of N.E. Chichagof Island: Implications for Streamside Management in Coastal Alaska." Alaska Dept. of Fish & Game, Douglas, Alaska.

landscapes and (3) 1,000 foot buffers are appropriate in areas where management objectives include healthy, abundant bear populations for hunting and viewing. [74]

2. The Roadless DEIS should discuss impacts to bear habitat at a fine scale, and we request that the DEIS do more than catalog old-growth removals at broad scales. Black and brown bears repeatedly use specific habitats, and even small stream reaches may be important, thus triggering a need to identify high use riparian areas

3. Old-Growth Forest Dependency: The DEIS should include information about black and brown bear utilization of and impacts to large tree old-growth forest, which is the most used habitat type by all bears in all seasons. Wildlife managers are increasingly associated black and brown bear habitat with large-tree old-growth and expect population declines to correlate with reductions in this specific type of habitat.

4. Denning habitat: The DEIS should disclose that black and brown bears in southeast Alaska select for specific denning habitats, meaning that further NEPA analysis should consider site-specific features, and avoid clearcutting in areas that provide suitable denning habitat. There is considerable re-use of existing den sites, which may indicate in part a lack of adequate alternative sites. In light of the likely importance of adequate den sites to black and brown bear survivability and reproductive success, further analysis and consideration of mitigation measures are needed.

5. Habitat capability model: Please use the interagency habitat capability model in further analyses in order to systematically assess proposed exemption impacts to black and brown bears.

6. Road density impacts: The DEIS should address road density impacts to bears.

7. Further NEPA analysis should consider specific riparian habitat needs and discuss site-specific mitigation measures: the extensive rate of past planned harvest in the vicinity of Roadless area anadromous streams is likely to significantly reduce riparian bear habitat and lead to population declines. Access to riparian habitat is a major influence on bear habitat quality and critical to black and brown bear cub production and survival. Bears strongly select for less altered, closed forest riparian habitats. Bears using heavily altered habitats consume less salmon and restricted access to salmon means that there will be reduced survival and fewer hunting and viewing opportunities.

8. Bear population status: The DEIS discuss current trends in black and brown bear abundance in Roadless areas and disclose indicia of a population decline. Analyze the extent to which intensive habitat alteration caused by logging may reduce carrying capacity for bears and exacerbate other environmental factors contributing to a

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[74] The Forest Service can obtain this study from the Saddle Lakes Timber planning record; #740-0814.

suspected population decline. In particular, the Forest Service should consult ADF&G and/or its Division of Wildlife Conservation and disclose and discuss any ongoing scientific research related to the effects of southeast Alaska's pink salmon crisis on black and brown bears.

2. Comments on proposed Roadless exemption to Impacts to marten

The DEIS must discuss significant marten viability concerns for southeast Alaska island ecosystems. We request that the Forest Service undertake systematic surveys given the potential for extinction of marten or at least excessive mortality on roadless ecosystems under threat of logging and roading, The DEIS should provide information on current trapping effort or the existing status of marten populations rather than rely on overall habitat measurements to assess impacts. We request that further analysis address the following concerns:

1. Road density risks: The DEIS needs to identify relevant thresholds or to what extent road density increases would result in the entire population being vulnerable to overharvest or the potential for local extirpations.
2. Further NEPA analysis should include use of the habitat capability model: The TLMP specifically recommends using a habitat capability model for MIS in order to systematically assess the proposed exemption impacts. The need for an interagency model is particularly critical in light of the species low tolerance for habitat loss.
3. Consider forest retention prescriptions for marten: The Forest Service should consider additional retention requirements in clearcut units. When planned logging will threaten viability, partial harvest aimed at maintaining productivity of small mammals, retaining habitat features for dens and nest sites, leaving substantial amounts of vertical structure are key features that must be considered in further NEPA analysis.
4. Trapping Refugia and Prey Availability: The DEIS should include some additional discussion of trapping refugia and prey availability. The analysis would be improved by reviewing the recommendations of expert scientists from the 2006 Conservation Strategy Review Workshop and considering responsive measures, such as matrix management and enhanced corridors between OGRs.
5. Review updated scientific literature on logging impacts to marten: The DEIS should review two recent studies we submitted to the Wrangell Ranger District during the Wrangell Island Project NEPA process – one indicates how marten are one of the most sensitive species to environmental changes, including climate change, and bears on project impacts, and the second address how even lighter touch logging prescriptions can adversely affect marten movement patterns and ecological needs, and indicates that partial harvest prescriptions thus can also have adverse impacts and should not be relied on to mitigate project impacts.

VIII. Cedar decline; high-grading of large trees and cedar; and the warming climate

We request that you consider cedar and large-tree old-growth high-grading, cedar decline and silvicultural prescriptions as a significant and alternative driving

issue in the DEIS. We have repeatedly emphasized concerns about a trend across the forest to high-grade certain types of forest structure stands and cedar species.

This problem is magnified in Roadless areas because if history is any guide, intensive highgrading of large-tree old-growth forests will result. The DEIS thus needs to include a discussion and disclose data relevant to high-grading high volume large tree old-growth forests that provide optimum fish habitat and winter carrying capacity for deer.

The DEIS should also address cedar high-grading, consider yellow cedar decline and climate change, and provide information about regeneration in logged areas. In particular, there should be alternatives that avoid healthy yellow cedar stands. The DEIS should provide enough information to assess the impacts of removing high levels of yellow cedar and how this project fits in with biome-wide red cedar removals now that the Tongass functions as a refuge for this species. The Forest Service has removed disproportionate amounts of cedar in order to generate positive appraisal sales for decades with no end in sight.

The DEIS also should discuss the Alaska Region's developing strategy for cedar conservation and how it is relevant to this project. Because of the forest-wide significance of this issue and because of the extent of cedar decline in the Roadless areas, there should be a description of specific areas that prohibit taking yellow cedar, for instance areas of adequate soil drainage where cedar decline is less likely to occur.

We also request that the DEIS evaluate this project in terms of how logging impacts climate change and consider and disclose threats posed by climate change to project area forest resources. It is widely recognized that old-growth logging (in particular) and also second-growth logging contribute to global carbon emissions and that climate change has significant ramifications for forests and biodiversity. The DEIS also needs to address and disclose real threats to Tongass NF fish, wildlife and vegetation resources that result from scientifically recognized changes in climate.

Every section of the DEIS, including the timber economics section, should consider the impacts of our changing climate. There are also numerous scientifically credible views pertaining to climate change impacts on the Tongass and project prescriptions should add an extra factor of caution due to the projected changes for the Tongass and increased risks to fish and wildlife. For example, the DEIS should review the unusually dry weather in 2018, and consider the cumulative effects of climate induced low streams flows and logging together. The DEIS should also consider the effects of new clearings and additional roads on abnormal heating and drying of the surrounding forest.

IX. In Conclusion

If approved, *any* diminishment of the current Roadless Rule would do irreparable harm to Tongass wildlands including their fish and wildlife populations, Alaskans who depend on intact Tongass ecosystems for their livelihoods, the tourism and recreation sectors, and all American taxpayers.

We understand that you will likely continue to frame this exemption around timber, as well as hydro, mining, telecommunications, and community access issues which are not really at threat from the Rule.

We however ask, if the overwhelming sense of Alaskans and the American citizen's continue to support the current 2001 roadless area policy, and are they willing to forego the manufactured Roadless obstacles to development that your agency has concocted, will you continue to persist in your "big government knows best" philosophy, or instead allow the will of the American people and Alaskans to finally rest in peace?.

We urge you to drop this foolhardy Rulemaking venture and cease the relentless attacks on Tongass old growth forests, once and for all.

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Re: Alaska Roadless Rulemaking

Dear Secretary Perdue,

These are timely scoping comments of the Alaska Rainforest Defenders ("Defenders") for the proposed USDA Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rulemaking process. We urge that you select the No-Action alternative, and more that you immediately terminate the rulemaking process.

Defenders' members use the Tongass National Forest for recreation, commercial fisheries, subsistence, wildlife viewing, scientific research and other activities. We have a long-standing interest in the ecological integrity of the Alaska Alexander Archipelago and the importance of that to our local and regional economies, both cash and subsistence. In particular, our board members have engaged in considerable advocacy on behalf of iconic Tongass wildlife species, such as the Alexander Archipelago Wolf, Queen Charlotte Goshawk, black and brown bear, and Sitka black-tailed deer and have a long history of participation in and dependence on southeast Alaska's commercial salmon fisheries.

As over 200 scientists wrote in January 2018,

> *"No where are the benefits of protecting roadless areas and similar ecologically important lands greater than on the Tongass. With towering old-growth trees that can live 700 to 1000 years, it is our country's largest expanse of native forest and one of the last remaining intact coastal rain forests in the world."*[1]

We agree. The 2001 Roadless Rule is working quite well on the Tongass in nurturing the "economic and social fabric of Southeast Alaska"- not the opposite as

[1] Scientists letter on Alaska forest riders to Members of Congress United States Senate and House of Representatives. January 26, 2018. https:/www.dropbox.com/s/pukgfha9fn4x6j6/Scientists%20ltr%20re%20Alaska%20forest%20riders.pdf?dl=0

the timber industry and their sycophants purport. Perpetuation of the 2001 Roadless Rule is the one easy thing the Forest Service and State of Alaska can to "improve forest ecosystem health."—not mowing it down—as most Tongass timber sale purpose and need statements allege logging would do. We support the current 2001 Roadless Rule— in whole—and demand that the Governor of the State of Alaska withdraw his petition for this contentious, costly, and poorly vetted Tongass-specific Roadless Rulemaking.

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Introduction

As explained below, the proposed Tongass Roadless Rule Exemption is a transparent attempt by Alaska Governor Bill Walker, the Forest Service, and the Alaska Delegation—at the behest of the SE Alaska timber industry which contributes less than one percent to the regional economy—to access the best remaining timber on the Tongass—nothing more. The potential levels of timber extraction posed by the proposed Tongass Roadless exemption are unacceptable, particularly in light of the damaged ecological condition of Alexander Archipelago islands in central and southern southeast Alaska. Further, the State of Alaska's and Forest Service's transparent attempt to grab the last bastions of the best and most ecologically important Tongass old growth during a time when the region is supposed to be transitioning away from old growth logging, is at best bizarre and at worst a blatant lie since there is no timber industry in southeast Alaska operating at even a small fraction of the potential scale of logging this Rulemaking would unleash.

This proposed Rulemaking if approved, will continue the trend of mismanaging Southeast Alaska's public old-growth forests as a subsidized federal timber colony that provides high value cedar to Viking Lumber's de facto parent corporation in Washington State or other Pacific Rim wood processors far outside the region. The

Forest Service would then manage its maturing second-growth forests as a plantation for some other out-of-state timber broker, delaying watershed recovery and permanently eliminating habitat for wildlife.

From the outset, agency representatives have pushed the Rulemaking process as a map-marking exercise, and also have repeatedly prompted the public to submit written comments about their "favorite places". They have even provided a "Comment - Interactive Web Map"[2] for the public to mark up. For a variety of reasons, this map and/or favorite place comments should not be used as a justification for "splitting the Roadless baby." First, very few individuals know of the maps' existence, but most importantly it promotes carving up the Tongass based on which areas receive the most interest and is an *underhanded* method to approve a "Roadless compromise" rather than leaving the Rule standing as-is. Most importantly, the Rule decision needs to be about the integrity of Tongass ecosystems and their functions (in view of cumulative impacts to date), not about identifying a few favorite places that people show interest in and opening the rest to irreversible degradation. Please dispense entirely with this underhanded means for unraveling the Roadless Rule.

There have long been concerns for deer populations on many central and southern southeast Alaska islands and elsewhere in the Tongass. While blindly and consciously ignoring those concerns, the Forest Service and State of Alaska have authorized Viking Lumber and Alcan Forest Products/Transpac[3] to destroy much of the best remaining publicly owned winter deer habitat throughout SE Alaska, especially central and southern Southeast. Further removals could cause local wildlife extirpations and force the few survivors into isolated patches of lower quality habitat.

There have been recent (2016-2018) severe declines in pink salmon harvests in Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) regulatory districts in southeast Alaska. In 2016 the pink salmon fishery was a disaster and in 2018 returns were far worse.[4] These declines make it essential for the Forest Service to consider whether the need to provide aquatic habitat for fishery resources used by hundreds of local fishermen and processors should take priority over the interests of raw log exporters[5]

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[2] Comment -Interactive Web Map https://usfs.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=a44ad6db8ed04af0a6cc83c4e21cd0c4

[3] Alcan Forest Products operates under various names in Southeast Alaska, and is part of international timber exporter Transpac, which is based in Vancouver, B.C. Because an Alcan/Transpac representative (Eric Nichols) has a seat on the State of Alaska's advisory committee for the Roadless rulemaking and otherwise has a significant role in government motivation for the rulemaking, the EIS must fully disclose the structure and business of Alcan/Transpac here, in the Pacific Northwest and British Columbia.

[4] See https://www.kfsk.org/2018/08/29/southeast-pink-salmon-catch-lowest-in-over-four-decades/

[5] Defenders acknowledge that one of the Forest Service's two primary timber sale program beneficiaries operates a small mill. But that operator, Viking Lumber, sends of all the high value timber – cedar, to its de facto (literally and operationally) "parent" corporation in Washington State. It also exports to Asia a large portion of its spruce and hemlock logs. As a

whose economic "contributions" to the region are negative given the massive public cost of the federal timber program.[6] The Forest Service and other timber agencies have allowed watersheds throughout the region to be logged so intensively that in some, less than half of Tongass timber sale project area watersheds provide intact salmon spawning and rearing habitat.[7]

A Taxpayers for Common Sense analysis using Forest Service budget data calculated that implementation of Tongass Advisory Committee's 2016 Forest Plan Amendment timber sales will generate taxpayer losses of $367.5 million over the next fifteen years.[8] If approved, the Secretary of Agriculture (the decision maker) and Governor of Alaska (the petitioner) will both, as Responsible Officials, be responsible for throwing away hard-earned taxpayer money in similar fashion, a staggering loss for the benefit of a minor industry.

This Rulemaking is in reality a gambit to provide for traditional timber sales and provide Viking Lumber and Alcan/Transpac with a long-term supply of hundreds of millions—perhaps billions—of board feet of federal old-growth and second growth timber. The rest is fake news. Even if the Forest Service would mitigate some of the harm caused by its past and present mismanagement of southeast Alaska's public lands, the adverse cumulative impacts of further federal logging will more than offset any small improvements in fish or wildlife habitat. Industrial activities associated with the removal of remaining old-growth forest and implementation of plantation forestry for recovering second-growth forests will also render the southeast Alaska island shorelines and interior areas undesirable or even inhospitable for visitors to the region who come for recreation – particularly sport fishing and hunting.

Defenders requests that you cease this misguided Rulemaking exercise to build new roads into Tongass wildlands.

Defenders supports the no-action alternative, and we discuss our specific concerns in the following sections.

I. Despite agency claims to the contrary, the intent of the rulemaking is to prop up the Southeast Alaska timber industry

We believe the singular goal of this Roadless Tongass-specific rulemaking is to allow the two remaining timber operators[9] on the Tongass access to the last bastions

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matter of business, Viking Lumber is primarily a timber exporter and it is reasonable to assume its primary interest in Roadless timber.

[6] See https://alaskarainforest.org/essays/ (Mehrkens 2013).

[7] Forest Service. 2016. Tongass Land and Resource Management Plan FEIS at 3-197. R10-MB-769e.

[8] https://www.taxpayer.net/energy-natural-resources/u-s-forest-services-tongass-timber-plan-proposes-increased-costs-for-taxpa/

[9] *Namely,* Alcan/Transpac Group, an international raw log exporter headquartered in Vancouver B.C., and Viking Lumber of Klawock, which does operate a mill but relies largely on

of ecologically important Tongass old growth. These operators will export the bulk of it, in the round, to Pacific-rim nations and elsewhere, bolstering the economy of other nations and to the long-term, irretrievable loss of economic, subsistence, recreation, and sport opportunities for Alaskans and all Americans.

While one-sidedly touting all the alleged benefits for development/timber interests of a Roadless exemption during their recent open house presentations, the state and Forest Service representatives dodged discussing the benefits to other sectors of leaving the Rule in place. This is a significant issue and must be considered and disclosed in your analysis. If approved, the Roadless exemption will continue the trend of managing Tongass public lands as a subsidized timber colony in perpetuity.

This rulemaking is the result of a petition submitted by Governor Bill Walker's administration in January 2018 on behalf of the State of Alaska, pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act.[10] The petition was accepted by the Secretary of Agriculture in April 2018.[11] A Memorandum of Understanding was signed August 2, 2018 between the Forest Service and the State of Alaska to cooperate on the establishment of rules governing the management of inventoried roadless areas within the National Forests in Alaska.[12]

Evidence abounds that the proposed exemption is indeed for the benefit of the timber industry. First, in a cover letter which accompanied Walker's Petition and signed by Alaska Department of Natural Resources Commissioner Andrew Mack:

> *"We see this as one of many significant opportunities to work with you to support a diverse and robust **forest** sector in Southeast Alaska. **Rebuilding this sector** [emphasis added] will create jobs and prosperity for our rural communities located in the Tongass National Forest."*

The letter and Walker's petition made absolutely no mention of mining, hydro, road connections between communities or telemedicine concerns, etc.. In contrast however, "timber" was cited 23 times in the eight page document and is clearly the driving force behind the rulemaking petition.

Second, during open house scoping meetings recently conducted throughout the region and Washington DC, agency officials alleged that the proposed rule is about more than just the timber industry. Various handouts provided to the public for the

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raw log exports, particularly high-value cedar for what is quite literally its parent corporation in Washington state.

[10] Jan 19 2018 letter and petition from Gov Walker to Secretary Perdue. https://www.fs.usda.gov/nfs/11558/www/nepa/109834_FSPLT3_4406959.pdf

[11] Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement. Roadless Area Conservation; National Forest System Lands in Alaska. https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2018/08/30/2018-18937/roadless-area-conservation-national-forest-system-lands-in-alaska

[12] MOU USFS AK State Roadless August 2 2018. https://www.fs.usda.gov/nfs/11558/www/nepa/109834_FSPLT3_4406958.pdf

exemption also repeat the claim that the rulemaking also provides for "…energy, mining, access, and transportation systems necessary to further Alaska's economic development interests"[13] "Telemedicine" was even cited as an industry that is harmed by the existing Rule.[14] Simply saying so does not make it so. Despite agency valiant efforts to paint the rulemaking about being more than about propping up the timber industry, the public has repeatedly found that claim to be unbelievable.

For instance, as reported by local media, for the Petersburg Roadless Open House:

> *"But many weren't convinced, like Don Hernandez of Point Baker on northern Prince of Wales Island."I think the state has a big credibility issue here because nobody really believes that the effort to do away with the roadless rule has to do with power lines and community access," Hernandez said. "It's pretty well understood that the driving force for the last 17 years is the state wants to be able to access more old growth timber."*[15]

Similar perceptions were reported from the open houses held in Pt. Baker, Craig, (a Prince of Wales Island community built during the timber heyday), and former pulp mill towns Ketchikan and Sitka also add to the lack of credibility that the rule making is about more than just timber. That agency officials failed to secure the support they thought they could garner from a community formerly built during the timber heyday is telling. But ever vigilant, and in a transparent and last ditch effort to accumulate support for the exemption, they scheduled a meeting (outside the original publicly posted schedule)[16] in another Prince of Wales Island community built during the timber peak—Thorne Bay.[17] Whether they were rewarded during this last desperate attempt to garner support is unknown, but the team certainly made desperate efforts seeking whatever sparse support, they may have found – and generally it was none at all.

Finally, it is notable that the "Alaska state-specific" petition requested only that the Tongass National Forest be permanently exempted, making no mention of the Chugach National Forest, the other national forest in Alaska. Inventoried roadless areas in the Alaska region include 9.2 million acres (55%) of the Tongass National

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[13] *For instance,* USDA Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rulemaking. Questions and Answers. Updated September 13, 2018. https://www.fs.usda.gov/nfs/11558/www/nepa/109834_FSPLT3_4415768.pdf

[14] As alleged by DNR Deputy Commissioner Heidi Hansen during her overview of Alaska's role in the rule making process. Washington DC Scoping Open House, Oct. 3, 2018.

[15] Southeast residents say no to development at Roadless Rule meeting. Posted by Angela Denning. 27Sep2018. https://www.kfsk.org/2018/09/27/southeast-residents-say-no-to-development-atroadless-rule-meeting/

[16] Updated Meeting Schedule 09252018 https://www.fs.usda.gov/nfs/11558/www/nepa/109834_FSPLT3_4435144.pdf

[17] Alaska Roadless Rulemaking Community Meeting.THORNE BAY_20181009_NOI-ScopingPublicMtgFlyer. https://www.fs.usda.gov/nfs/11558/www/nepa/109834_FSPLT3_4436817.pdf

Forest and 5.4 million acres (99%) of the Chugach National Forest.[18] How can it be that Governor Walker had no concerns for the impact of the existing Roadless Rule on mining, hydro, road connections between communities, and telemedicine, etc. on the Chugach National Forest? If the rule really was a hinderance to these potential projects on the Tongass then it would follow that there would be a similar hinderance on the Chugach, and it would have been included in the petition. *In fact, the only thing the Chugach lacks which the Tongass has, is a large-scale timber industry.*

Overwhelming evidence points to the reality that the rulemaking is about timber-only.

II. During the open houses agency officials avoided mention of the permissive nature of the existing Roadless Rule.

During recent Roadless open houses agency officials avoided mention of the permissive nature of the existing Roadless Rule, in an apparent attempt to downplay that it allows for far more projects than the governor and the Forest Service want to admit. Clearly, the open houses were being used as a PR stunt to promote the exemption, not to offer facts to better enable the public to make informed comments. Facts that may bolster the arguments in favor of keeping the current Rule in place were not disclosed, and were denied when raised (repeatedly) by the public. Impacts to other economic sectors, both cash and non-cash and including scenic resources, tourism, recreation, subsistence uses, hunting, and sport and commercial fishing were not even mentioned by agency officials.

In fact, during the Sept. 25 Petersburg open house, when asked to identify what projects had been hindered by the Roadless Rule, the state and federal officials could not name even one example. Instead DNR Deputy Commissioner Heidi Hansen claimed "It's hard to prove a negative" [to back up rumored and unidentified projects that had been hindered]. Bogus claims about impediments to hydro, community access issues for the proposed roadless exemption were played as having primacy above all other uses of the Tongass.

Moreover, according to the Agency's own documents,

> *"To date, the Alaska Region has requested and received approval for approximately 57 projects within inventoried roadless areas, including, among other things, several energy (hydroelectric) and mineral exploration projects and two intertie projects.* ***These projects have been cleared in a timely manner****. [emphasis added]"* [19]

[18] 2016 Tongass Plan Amendment FEIS, p. 3-445.
[19] US Forest Service Alaska Region open house handout issue paper. Roadless Area Conservation. September 2018.

Additionally, in an attempt to add fuel to the fire, the petition included untrue, draconian phrases like, "devastating socioeconomic effects on Alaskans"[20] and, "the extensive damage resulting from the application of the roadless rule to the economic and social fabric of Southeast Alaska remains as real today as it was 15 years ago…" The "damage and devastation" is to ordinary Alaskan's piece of mind, caused by the timber industry's and (under its undue influence) the State's 17-year quest to undo the Rule. This has kept Alaskans in a perpetual state of contention until, like a spoiled child, the industry hopes to get what it wants by brute force, orchestrated politically out of public view.

The public sees right through the PR, as was obvious at the recent public scoping meetings (which the state and the Forest Service refused to record). Southeast Alaskans have moved on from the boom and bust timber culture of yesteryear;[21] we have a vibrant economy that depends on intact ecosystems. Wisely, most real Alaskans do not advocate for fouling our own nest for short term benefits, and to which the Tongass has been providing for generations upon generations. That the Southeast Alaska timber industry occupies far less than 1% of the regional economy is simply a symptom of the fact that they have cut themselves out of a sustainable future. The rest of us do not owe them the last and remaining best stands of timber, which our livelihoods and quality of life depend on.

III. The Alaska-Specific Roadless Rulemaking process is flawed

A. State of Alaska did no public scoping prior to its Petition; USFS did no scoping before the MOU

At no time did Governor Walker scope the citizens of Alaska prior to petitioning the federal government in order to exempt Alaska forests from the 2001 Roadless Rule or before entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Forest Service. Citizens and all economic sectors, not just those of the timber industry and its traditional pro-development supporters, should have been consulted prior to launching this major dedication of resources and personnel for the rulemaking process. We believe the Secretary and the Forest Service should have denied the state's Petition, and that early scoping would have demonstrated this clearly. This is especially so since the timber industry amounts to far less than 1% of the regional economy, but due to decades of immense cumulative impacts now harms other sectors which contribute far more to the economy. These are sectors dependent on intact Tongass landscapes and ecosystems. By failing to consult with these other stakeholders prior to filing his Petition, Governor Walker has entered into a misguided, contentious and costly pursuit, which the federal government has blindly followed. In sharp contrast, the governor's highly controversial directive to greatly reduce the annual Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend payments to individuals was afforded far more public outreach prior to his action, than that employed by this process.

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[20] Jan 19 2018 letter and petition from Gov Walker to Sec'y Perdue. p. 8. https://www.fs.usda.gov/nfs/11558/www/nepa/109834_FSPLT3_4406959.pdf

[21] *See*: Edwards (2015). "On the jobs and the timber base on the Tongass NF". Unpublished. (Edwards is submitting this as an attachment to his personal comments.)

B. Proceedings of the open houses were not recorded, preventing public sentiment from being entered in to the public record.

During the public open houses, agency officials failed to record the proceedings or submit them as part of the official record. Throughout the region, the public was repeatedly dismayed by that failure. For instance:

> "This meeting format is a bunch of B.S. — just a pile of bear scat," Koehler said. "You come, you're interested and you want to say something and none of these conversations are being recorded."[22]

It is asking much of the public to attend a meeting for which their sentiments are not even given the courtesy of recording and entered into the record. Forest Service and State officials owe the public the simple courtesy of at least feigning interest, by taking notes and recording the proceedings. Clearly the team is again simply going through the motions, rather than trying to actually find consensus among the public for the roadless exemption.

For the record, we are submitting along with these comments, recordings of the Sitka and Petersburg Roadless Open House meeting proceedings (likely as additional submissions on the comments-submission webpage).

IV. The Roadless Rule Citizens Advisory Committee is a farce and should be disbanded

The Roadless Rule Citizens Advisory Committee is composed of nothing more than a group of yes men and women, handpicked to achieve the singular purpose of advancing the State's and Forest Service's interest in throwing out the 2001 Roadless Rule.

On Sept. 6, 2018 Governor Walker announced he would establish a 13-member Alaska Roadless Rule Citizen Advisory Committee.[23] There was no well-circulated public advertisement issued in local Southeast Alaska media that the group was being formed or to solicit its members. Moreover, there was no deadline stipulated in the administrative order for applications to be received. When asked about the failure to identify a deadline, the public was told that it was a "soft deadline"—whatever that is. In fact, it appears most committee members had previously been appointed by Sept.17 when the Ketchikan meeting was held—only 11 days following Walker's poorly advertised Administrative Order establishing the group.[24,25] A 12 member committee,

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[22] Juneau crowd questions forest service on new roads in the Tongass. Elizabeth Jenkins, Alaska's Energy Desk. September 16, 2018. https://www.ktoo.org/2018/09/16/juneau-crowd-questions-forest-service-on-new-roads-in-the-tongass/

[23] Establishing the Alaska Roadless Rule Citizen Advisory Committee Signed. AO 299. 06Sept18 - https://www.fs.usda.gov/nfs/11558/www/nepa/109834_FSPLT3_4414314.pdf

[24] Roadless Rule meeting held: USFS hosts public info meeting by Billy Singleton. Ketchikan Daily News. 20 Sept 2018.

instead of 13, was formally appointed on September 28, only 22 days after Walker's AO was issued.[26] Clearly, southeast residents were unaware of Walker's directive to form such a committee.[27]

> *"Several in the room commented that Monday night was the first time they heard about the proposal or formation of a committee. Chaudhary feels a decision has already been made."*
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> *"You say you're trying to keep on a deadline and it's a soft close and you want to keep this thing moving along. It sure sounds to me like the state and the feds are (in) collusion. It's already preordained what the decision is and you guys are just pretending to go through a process here."*
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> "*Why are these positions already filled?" Chaudhary asked, referring to citizen's advisory committee positions. "It seems like the deal's already done without any input, without any information on our part."*[28]

Why wasn't a full 13 member team chosen since there was a field of 39 applicants available to choose from? Were the remaining applicants a potential threat to the state's intent to orchestrate dismemberment of the existing Rule? This, while the Roadless Exemption Open Houses were in progress, the comment period had not even closed, and local residents were still engaged in their end-of season livelihoods. The committee's first meeting was held, in short order, on October 2-3, only four days following their "official" appointment. Clearly, appointment to the committee was fast-tracked in order to get their pre-determined recommendation finalized following the self-imposed deadline of Nov. 30—to be only 59 days after convening. It is a travesty that a stilted and handpicked committee intends to advance a recommendation for the disposition of *9.2* million acres of Tongass National Forest land and purport it to be a Product of the People and with such a constricted time for consideration. It is especially troublesome given that the committee members are in no way representative of the people and many should be conflicted out.

In stark contrast, Governor Bill Walker allowed a much greater time for his Climate Action for Alaska Leadership Team (CALT) to "advise the governor on critical

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https://www.ketchikandailynews.com/article/20180920/ARTICLE/180929997 "Maisch said that not all positions have been filled…"

[25] Citizens express concerns/hopes about Roadless Rule changes. By Maria Dudzak. Sep 19, 2018. https://www.krbd.org/2018/09/19/80197/ "….the team was still looking for more applicants to represent several interest groups including mining, tourism and tribal interests."

[26] Press Release. Governor Walker announces appointments to the Alaska Roadless Rule Citizen Advisory Committee. https://gov.alaska.gov/newsroom/2018/09/governor-walker-announces-appointments-to-the-alaska-roadless-rule-citizen-advisory-committee/

[27] Citizens express concerns/hopes about Roadless Rule changes. By Maria Dudzak. Sep 19, 2018. https://www.krbd.org/2018/09/19/80197/

[28] Roadless Rule meeting held: USFS hosts public info meeting by Billy Singleton. Ketchikan Daily News. 20 Sept 2018. https://www.ketchikandailynews.com/article/20180920/ARTICLE/180929997

and timely actions to address climate change challenges that will safeguard now and for future generations" as well as generous opportunity for public involvement.[29] The fate of 9.2 millions acres of Roadless public land is a similarly important issue for all Alaskans.

The Governor signed Administrative Order 289[30] on October 31, 2017 which established the Alaska Climate Change Strategy and the Climate Action for Alaska Leadership Team (CALT).[31] The team was appointed on Dec. 12, 2017 and the first meeting was convened December 18, 2017. This provided for 42 days between establishment and appointment of the committee—almost twice the time allowed for the Roadless Citizens Advisory Committee to be established and appointed, at a time of year when those with seasonal livelihoods are unable to engage. Since October 2017, "the {CALT] team met more than 20 times, looked at more than 300 pages of public comments, hosted eight listening sessions, formed two technical advisory panels and hosted 25 young Alaskans for a Young Leaders' Dialogue on Climate Change." On September 26, 2018 Walker's Climate Action Leadership Team delivered its recommendations to the Governor—**almost one year after convening, in sharp contrast to the mere 59 days allowed for the Roadless committee**. The CALT team actively sought public involvement and allowed generous time to receive input from other interested Alaskans. This is in stark contrast to the insulated bubble the Roadless panel comprises and their self-imposed fast-track process which allows less than two months from beginning to end to advance a proposal which will no doubt be the preferred alternative.

Although the Roadless panel has held one of three hastily called "hearings" (in Juneau)[32], the meetings are so far unadvertised to the general public, do not even appear on the Rulemaking Website, nor will they provide equal access to all Alaskans and Americans since they are to be held only in three SE Alaska Communities.

The committee does not in any way represent everyday Alaskan residents. There are no individuals who represent the needs of wildlife, guides, real subsistence users, or tourism. Despite there being a reported 39 applicants, only 12 of the 13 seats stipulated in Walker's Administrative Order were filled. The committee makeup is skewed—almost exclusively—in favor of development/industry advocates, and even the native-held seats are occupied by individuals who have a long history of promoting timber extraction interests. The fishing and so-called conservation seats are occupied

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[29] Action team delivers recommendations to address climate change. Fairbanks Daily News-Miner. Erin McGroarty. Sep 27, 2018 http://www.newsminer.com/news/local_news/action-team-delivers-recommendations-to-address-climate-change/article_a89096f6-c22d-11e8-9f7a-6b58428ad670.html

[30] Administrative Order No. 289 establishing the Alaska Climate Change Strategy and the Climate Action for Alaska Leadership Team (CALT). https://gov.alaska.gov/admin-orders/289.html

[31] *Id.* http://www.newsminer.com/news/local_news/action-team-delivers-recommendations-to-address-climate-change/article_a89096f6-c22d-11e8-9f7a-6b58428ad670.html

[32] Roadless advocates pack Tongass hearing. Jacob Resneck, CoastAlaska. October 8, 2018. https://www.ktoo.org/2018/10/08/roadless-advocates-pack-tongass-hearing/

by individuals who routinely capitulate to development interests and were surely chosen precisely for that well-established reputation.

Walker wrote in a prepared statement announcing establishment of the committee and its members:

> *"It is critical for Alaskans to be part of this important decision-making process that, in the end, will impact many lives,"* ***Governor Walker said****. "These twelve diverse Alaskans are passionate about one of our state's greatest resources: our land."*

Indeed, Governor Walker—"Alaskans" does not mean a small group of special interest representatives and "yes" women and men. Indeed, in the end, the committee's recommendations will impact many lives including those who depend on intact forest ecosystems for their livelihoods, sustenance, and peace of mind. Clearly, from the get-go, the process has been fast-tracked, the panel was largely predetermined, and the Governor had no real interest in selecting from a broad base of qualified candidates, but instead those who would quickly sanction his and the timber industry's wishes. Please identify who served on the advisory group "selection committee". Was this task placed exclusively under the authority of one individual/the State Forester? Judging by the process so far, we can only conclude, that any product derived from the proceedings of the so-called Citizen's Advisory Committee is not a "Product of the People," but rather a product of industry-friendly shills—nothing more.

We believe the only way to have truly democratic and fair citizen participation is through the gold-standard NEPA process, where all citizen's can voice their interests and concerns and expect them to be impartially considered. The Citizen's Advisory Committee must be disbanded in favor of using the NEPA process exclusively. Otherwise the process will have no credibility.

To better inform you regarding just a few of the general reasons that the many so-called collaboratives nationally that have involved timber are a dangerous farce and should be disbanded, we provide these notes taken from a recent interview[33]:

1) The makeup of collaboratives are almost always skewed. Members are not elected but rather handpicked participants who have a vested conflict of interest, often financial. They often work for industry or well-funded and larger so-called conservation groups who are sympathetic to the timber interests. It is unethical that they are allowed a prominent role in any decision making process;
2) Those who wind up participating are sympathetic to the collaborative process, which means what becomes more important is reaching an agreement than what

[33] Adapted from George Wuerthner interviewed by Derrick Jensen on the dangers of "collaboration." March 18, 2018. George Wuerthner is the former Ecological Projects Director for the Foundation for Deep Ecology. He is an ecologist and wildlands activist. He has published 38 books on environmental issues and natural history including such environmentally focused books as Welfare Ranching, Wildfire, Thrillcraft, Energy and most recently Protecting the Wild. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D_GNjKkbEXk

the agreement actually does on the land or the ground. It becomes more important to maintain collaborative partnerships than good objectives for the land;

3) You will often see mention in media interviews that the collaborators sat down and "had a beer" with their fellow committee members, as if that is the most important function they are accomplishing. They become embroiled in a condition similar to the Stockholm syndrome—and it is more important to be liked—it is hard to be disliked or the odd man or woman out;
4) Collaborators often are mostly interest in reaching an agreement; ultimately the unrepresented entities end up being the wildlife, the real subsistence users, and those whose lives and livelihoods are impacted by forest degradation;
5) Another problem is that collaborative processes often start out with basic assumptions, like "our National forests are sick and the best way to fix them is to log them." Individual participants won't get anywhere by challenging the basic assumptions. It is not "whether" certain proposed activities will be done on the national forest, it becomes when and how. In the case of the Roadless Rule, the starting presumption will likely be some form of exemption—not keeping the Rule intact. The No-action alternative is just thrown-in for token appearance sake, and a place-by-place dismantling ensues;
6) After many meetings, participants wind up getting in the collaborative trap. They don't want to be part of something that just continues the status quo since it will be perceived as a waste of time. The average person, who often knows no better, is misled that it is good that the collaborative came up with a recommendation;
7) Collaboration ends up being greenwashing. Participants become brainwashed into thinking that whatever recommendation they make is good;
8) Often individuals who have an opposing viewpoint are given less time to present, or are outnumbered by the stacked group. They are only allowed to speak to give the appearance of neutrality. The larger group is not really interested in anything that does not fit in the paradigm;
9) Sometimes collaborators are forced into a voting situations where one "no" vote kills the whole process or they are forced to sign agreements that they will not speak against whatever the group decides upon;
10) Often, participants get worn down with the process, and simply "go-along to get-along" and put their stamp of approval on something they know is counter to good environmental policy. They find themselves unable to disagree with the collaborative result;
11) Most participants are paid to attend by their employers. Those who can't afford to go never even apply or if selected drop out. Those paid to go have a vested interest just by the fact that they are paid to be there, but they also, often have financial interests beyond that;
12) Average people often cannot participate or can only give so much time because they have to pay rent and feed themselves and their family;
13) Agency people don't show up on weekends, when there would be would broader participation. This is an institutional bias;
14) Collaborative groups often end up applauding more logging and not mentioning wildlife or wilderness. Participants assume that there must not be any negative impacts;
15) Some so-called environmental groups are so good at raising money that they

become colonized by those who can raise money, and lose sight of their issue and focus more on collaboration;

16) Many of the collaborators have little experience in ecology or natural resource issues and when they do get to participate are overwhelmed by the so-called experts. They are often prohibited or frowned upon by speaking up;

17) Politicians and agency people don't have to make hard decisions because but really know the more or less predetermined outcome from the outset and simply rely on the collaborative to be the defacto decision maker.

The takeaway from the previous points is that:

1. The public should be very suspect of the collaborative process, especially when legislation is involved:
2. By its very nature, collaboration will only end up providing for less protection for wildlands.

In fact, a perfect example of *the second and fifth items above* <u>are where one newly appointed collaborative member of the Citizen's committee, only 5 days into the process, has already capitulated</u> to the process during the first meeting in the "hopes to find some compromise" . He says, "our task is to generate alternatives somewhere in the middle":

> *"There's a lot of passion around this issue," said Brian Holst, executive director of the Juneau Economic Development Council. He's one of the 12 appointed to sit on the advisory committee. Holst said the group hopes to find some compromise. The historic fight has been between keeping the roadless rule intact or doing away with it altogether. "Our task is not to endorse either of those sides because both of those options are out there," Holst said, "but is to generate alternatives somewhere in the middle and that's challenging, that will be challenging."*[34]

And as pointed out above, the first Oct. 2-3 Citizen's Advisory Group meeting was hastily called with no regional public advertisement. The Rulemaking website provided no notice of the meetings and we only stumbled upon the Merdian website for the Rulemaking after the first hearing. That website was likely created after the first Oct. 2-3 meeting since for that meeting it reads, "Public **were** welcome [past tense-emphasis added] to attend both days or join via conference line." How was the public to become informed of either the meeting or hearing in the absence of any public notification? In fact, with only four days between appointment of the committee and the first hearing, plane fares to attend had to be quite expensive for participants and our cash-strapped State. *That is unless members were informed long before the official announcement of their appointment.* When were the Citizen Advisory members notified they were appointed to the committee? Further, any out of town publics who somehow

[34] Roadless advocates pack Tongass hearing. Jacob Resneck, CoastAlaska. October 8, 2018 <u>https://www.ktoo.org/2018/10/08/roadless-advocates-pack-tongass-hearing/</u>

found out about the meetings and wished to attend would have been forced to make last minute arrangements and at great expense. Shouldn't there be allowance of more time for the public to be notified? Regardless, it is hard for everyday Alaskans, who work for a living, to attend or even listen-in if that capability really exists. Moreover, what arrangements were made for listening telephonically? The DEIS should provide answers to all of the above questions.

Finally, we believe that the Forest Service and State of Alaska should convene a scientific panel regarding the impacts of old growth logging in currently Roadless areas.

V. Governor Walker's Roadless Petition reneges on the expensive and time consuming commitment to the 2016 Tongass Advisory Committee recommendations

Alaskans and Americans are tired of the repeated, costly, time consuming infringements on their personal lives that these repeated plays by the timber industry have waged. They are quite literally fed up. Moreover, Governor Walker's Roadless Petition reneges on his commitment to the 2016 Tongass Advisory Committee and recommendations to the TLMP which they fully participated in during the TAC proceedings and for the purpose of providing an alternative to the 2016 TLMP Amendment. The governor's Roadless petition is an indication that the State (through its representative, DNR Chief Forester Chris Maisch) was bargaining in bad faith at the Tongass Advisory Committee meetings.

The Forest Service claims an approved state-specific roadless rule "could" make changes to the 2016 TLMP:

> ***"****The Alaska Roadless Rule will not make any changes to the 2016 Tongass Land Management Plan or projects currently being implemented or proposed to implement the transition to a primarily young-growth timber program. Following a final decision on a state-specific roadless rule, the Tongass National Forest Land Management Plan* ***could be amended or revised*** *[emphasis added] to reflect any management designations established by the state-specific rule."*[35]

And, according to the Roadless Rulemaking petition submitted Governor Walker,

> *"The state also requests that the Secretary of Agriculture direct the USFS to commence a TLMP revision or an amendment to remove provisions of the Roadless Rule that have been incorporated into the plan and to reconsider*

[35] USDA Forest ServiceAlaska Roadless Rulemaking. Questions and Answers. Q17. Updated Sept. 13, 2018. https://www.fs.usda.gov/nfs/11558/www/nepa/109834_FSPLT3_4415768.pdf

the state objections set forth in Ex. 6 that were not addressed in the final TLMP."[36]

So, here we go again. Clearly, the TLMP is likely to be revised again, causing Alaskans who only a few years ago thought it was settled, to go through the grueling and contentious process yet again—and at the behest of the 1% timber industry. Just who is the Governor listening to?

The State of Alaska recently participated in the Tongass Advisory Committee (TAC) for the purpose of developing an alternative for the 2016 Tongass Land Management Plan. Following numerous meetings and expense the Committee developed an alternative and submitted it to the TLMP planning process. The TAC's alternative was adopted. Now, the SoA is in effect reneging on that expensive, contentious, and time consuming process with its request to redo the recently adopted TLMP. This is absolutely unacceptable.

In its quest to access every last bastion of economic old growth on the Tongass, the SoA once again keeps Tongass management on a treadmill of uncertainty and ensures that the region remains in constant upheaval. The Governor has caved to a welfare industry which for decades has enjoyed massive subsidies, but somehow still can't manage to stand on its own two feet and pay its own way. The push behind Walker's ill-conceived Petition is the export timber industry, who occupies less than one percent of the Regional economy, not most Alaskans and the American people who have tired of the ever persistent drone of the industries cries to feed it rapacious appetite.

It is time to put the Roadless issue to rest and allow Alaskans to live their lives free of the constant threat of having their public lands turned into an export colony.

V. Aquatic habitat: The proposed Roadless Exemption presents unacceptable and undisclosed risks to fishery resources, at great cost to the taxpayer.

A. Logging roads are a drain on the taxpayer with little benefit but to the timber industry.

On a national level, the Forest Service has an estimated $3.2 billion backlog of road maintenance needs. In particular, the Tongass, with over 5,000 miles of logging roads has many stream miles damaged by logging, and many red pipes blocking an undisclosed number of miles of salmon habitat, and a need for a number of watershed treatments deemed necessary to mitigate losses to salmon production.

It is clear that island anadromous salmon systems in Southeast Alaska are at risk for a number of reasons related to federal mismanagement. Landscape scale modifications, such as the system of logging roads, impair and reduce salmon production capacity. This proposed Roadless Rule exemption would further reduce

[36] Jan 19 2018 letter and petition from Gov Walker to Secy Perdue. p. 8. https://www.fs.usda.gov/nfs/11558/www/nepa/109834_FSPLT3_4406959.pdf

southeast Alaska's salmon production by building roads in fish habitat accompanied by intensive logging of old growth and second growth recovering forests – and do so at a time when the region's salmon production capacity is at risk due to multiple environmental factors. In the DEIS the Forest Service must disclose the road maintenance backlog existing, both monetary and physical on the Tongass in its Roadless analysis.

Southeast Alaska communities are heavily dependent on the salmon fishery.[37] In 2017, the estimated ex-vessel value of the Southeast Alaska Salmon fishery alone in was $161 million.[38] In terms of just the salmon fisheries, over 800 commercial salmon permit holders depend on Southeast Alaska salmon fisheries[39] as well as many more crew members. These vessels generate multimillions in fishing income that additionally support over thousands of processing jobs generating millions in wages. Multiple businesses in Southeast Alaska communities benefit from fishing dollars and state and local governments receive fishery enhancement taxes. This level of economic activity in the region is in stark contrast to the activity generated by decades of deficit federal spending on the timber sale program.

B. The USFS needs to disclose and analyze in the DEIS the proposed exemption's risks to fisheries and the fishery economy

The Forest Service recently produced a DEIS for the Prince of Wales Landscape Level Annihilation project that purported to discuss aquatic impacts but shockingly failed to discuss the current status of southeast Alaska fish populations or the relevance of salmon production trends across southeast Alaska. The year 2016 was a pink salmon fishery disaster for southeast Alaska.[40] Although the final numbers are not yet in, 2018 appears to be worse.[41] A large part of the problem is poor pink production in northern southeast Alaska inside waters, particularly during even year cycles.

Across southeast Alaska the pink salmon run failed to meet even low expectations, with 7.3 million fish harvested 2017 – the lowest since 1976 and over ten million fewer fish than fishermen caught during the 2016 disaster

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[37] US Forest Service. Tongass Land and Resource Management Plan at 5-6.

[38] 2017 Alaska Commercial Salmon Harvests — Exvessel Values Source: ADF&G.Preliminary data: 2017 Salmon Season. Updated 10/3/2017 Subject to change. http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/Static/fishing/pdfs/commercial 2017_preliminary_salmon_summary_table.pdf

[39] Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission Public Lookup database. https://www.cfec.state.ak.us/plook/#lists

[40] Southeast pink salmon catch lowest in over four decades. Joe Viechnicki. Aug 29, 2018 https://www.kfsk.org/2018/08/29/southeast-pink-salmon-catch-lowest-in-over-four-decades/

[41] Alaska's 2018 commercial salmon harvest is 30 percent below what was forecast, yet some fisheries have boomed. Alaska Daily News. 26Aug2018. https://www.adn.com/business-economy/2018/08/24/alaskas-2018-commercial-salmon-harvest-is-30-percent-below-what-was-forecast-yet-some-fisheries-have-boomed/

year.[42] Importantly, ADF&G seine fishery announcements and test fisheries in 2018 showed that the poorest returns were in central southeast Alaska – fishing districts 9 and 10 in Frederick Sound and Chatham Strait.[43]

The Forest Service's 1995 Anadromous Fish Habitat Assessment made numerous findings and recommendations related to reducing the impacts of industrial clearcut logging on salmon habitat in southeast Alaska. The Assessment explained that:

> The cumulative effects of frequent disturbances in the Pacific Northwest have been shown to substantially reduce the quality of freshwater fish habitats resulting in negative consequences for species, stocks, and populations of fish that depend on them, even if coniferous cover is left in buffer strips along the fish-bearing streams. Fish-bearing streams represent only a small portion of stream mileage in any watershed. Because recovery of fish habitat from the effects of extensive logging in a watershed may take a century or more, recovery may never be complete if forests are clearcut harvested and watersheds are disturbed extensively on rotation cycles of about 100 years. Few refuges remain in a watershed that fish can use during such widespread, intense, and recurrent disturbances.
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> …Should freshwater habitats be degraded for long periods, salmon and steelhead stocks will eventually be confronted simultaneously with low marine productivity and degraded freshwater habitat. The likely result of such double jeopardy could be high, long-term risk of extinction. [44]

Given current trends in pink salmon production, the proposed Rule exemption would present the "double jeopardy" situation described above. It would be reckless to proceed with this rulemaking because of likely long-term adverse impacts on the salmon themselves and salmon dependent species such as bears and commercial fishermen. Scientific studies have found strong negative correlations between logging road density, timber extraction and salmon productivity.[45] Also, the combined effects of climate change
and habitat degradation increase these risks and warrant disclosure and analysis in Roadless Rule Rulemaking DEIS. For example, NMFS has found that logging has:

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[42] https://www.kfsk.org/2018/08/29/southeast-pink-salmon-catch-lowest-in-over-four-decades/

[43] http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon

[44] U.S. Forest Service. 1995. Report to Congress: Anadromous fish habitat assessment. Pacific Northwest Research Station, Alaska Region. R10-MB-279.

[45] The Forest Service can obtain this document from the new Prince of Wales project DEIS planning record #833_0971 (Halupka et al 2000). We request that the Forest Service obtain, and include in the planning record, Firman, Julie C., et al.. 2011 Landscape models of adult coho salmon density.

> "… degraded coho salmon habitat through removal and disturbance of natural vegetation, disturbance and compaction of soils, construction of roads and installation of culverts. Timber harvest activities can result in sediment delivered to streams through mass wasting and surface erosion that can elevate the level of fine sediments in spawning gravels and fill the substrate interstices inhabited by invertebrates. The most pervasive cumulative effect of past forest practices on habitats for anadromous salmonids has been an overall reduction of habitat complexity from loss of multiple habitat components. Habitat complexity has declined principally because of reduced size and frequency of pools due to filling with sediment and loss of LWD (large woody debris).… As previously mentioned, sedimentation of stream beds has been implicated as a principal cause of declining salmonid populations throughout their range'
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> …. 'Several studies have indicated that, in [southern Oregon/northern California], catastrophic erosion and subsequent stream sedimentation [from major floods] resulted from areas which had been clearcut or which had roads constructed on unstable soils."[46]

Given these findings and recent declines in fishery outputs, the Rulemaking DEIS needs to evaluate losses associated with lost fishing revenues caused by logging and road construction. Habitat loss has a substantial impact on the commercial fisheries. It is possible to estimate the loss of salmon-related economic values caused by logging and related road construction.[47] Canadian researchers in 2003 developed habitat values (which the authors described as conservative estimates) that ranged from $.026 to $1.40 per acre of watershed, or $1,491 to $7,914 per mile of spawning stream (converted to 2003 U.S. dollars – or roughly $10,000 per mile of spawning stream today).[48] A 1988 study identified significant economic losses to salmon fisheries caused by logging and road construction on just 21% of the Siuslaw National Forest.[49] The author noted that even "while improved timber harvesting practices of leaving

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[46] Endangered and Threatened Species: Threatened status for Southern Oregon/Northern California Evolutionarily Significant Unit (ESU) of coho salmon. 62 Fed. Reg. 24588 at 24593 and 24599. May 6, 1997.

[47] Foley, et al. 2012. A review of bioeconomic modelling of habitat-fisheries interactions. In: International Journal of Ecology, Vol. 2012. Doi:10.1155/2012/861635; Exh. 46, Knowler, D. et al. 2001. Valuing the quality of freshwater salmon habitat – a pilot project. Simon Fraser University. Burnaby, B.C.: January 2001; Knowler, D.J., B.W. MacGregor, M.J. Bradford, and R.M. Peterman.2003. Valuing freshwater salmon habitat on the west coast of Canada. In: Journal of Environmental Management, 69: 261-273 (Nov. 2003). Available at: http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0301479703001543.

[48] *Id.*

[49] Loomis, J.B. 1988. The bioeconomic effects of timber harvesting on recreational and commercial salmon and steelhead fishing: a case study of the Siuslaw National Forest. In: Marine Resource Economics, Vol. 5; 43-60 (1988). This article can be reviewed in its entirety (but not downloaded) at www.jstor.org/stable/42871964?seq+2#page_scan_tab_contents. We request that the Forest Service obtain this study and include it in the planning record.

buffer strips and use of better road design have reduced the extent of fisheries losses, there are still substantial 'unavoidable' losses associated with timber harvesting." Another study found that "if habitat improvements resulting from salmon-related logging restrictions generated one additional fish for the recreational fishery per year per acre for the foreseeable future, the per acre" or seven times the forgone timber asset value of the land.[50]

In other words, the Roadless Rule exemption will significantly sacrifice annually renewable economic outputs in order to supply Viking Lumber's parent corporation in Aberdeen with some old-growth cedar and Alcan/Transpac from Vancouver, British Columbia with some immature timber to ship off to China. The DEIS needs to assess the significant positive economic impacts of the no-action alternative in terms of reducing risks of further declines in fishery outputs and disclose the significant risks that further aquatic degradation presents to fishery resources.

C. The Forest Service must develop a funded plan to replace red pipes

Any Forest Service action to improve watershed function "must" prioritize fish passage improvements by replacing culverts and creating a valid process to fix fish passage on the island. Reliance on the Forest Service Access and Travel Management Plan is inadequate since the agency has repaired roughly only a handful of red pipes per year over the past fifteen years, meaning it may take a century or more to address the potential thousands of red pipes on the Tongass. There is an unfunded goal of improving the repair rate to ten per year in the Central Tongass Project for example, leaving two-thirds of the existing red pipes in place.

<u>The issue of blocked culverts is so important to salmon habitat</u> that tribes have sued the state of Washington in order to require it to fix barrier culverts in order to increase salmon populations in the region.[51] As explained by EarthJustice in an amicus brief filed on behalf of commercial fishermen in the state of Washington:

> "… because barrier culverts block access to habitat entirely, barrier removal is frequently the most effective recovery measure (and often the measure with the most immediate positive impact) when compared with other habitat recovery efforts, such as reforestation, repairing stream straightening or channelization, or increasing flows. <u>And obviously, other habitat restoration efforts will be futile if salmon are unable to access the restored habitat.</u>"

EarthJustice's brief noted that the district court agreed that barrier culverts "have a significant total impact on salmon production" due to "a negative impact on spawning success, growth and survival of young salmon, upstream and downstream migration, and overall production." Thus, removing them "provides immediate benefit in terms of salmon production, as salmon rapidly re-colonize the upstream area and returning

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[50] ECONorthwest. 1999. Salmon, timber and the economy. Numbers in 1999 dollars. http://www.wildriverscoastalliance.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/salmon_handbook.pdf

[51] Exh. 43 (PCFFA 2017) (from our scoping comments to the Central Tongass Project).

adults spawn there." We believe that fixing these problems is an obligation under the Clean Water Act and Alaska state law, and that there is a NEPA obligation to develop an alternative or mitigation measure that prioritizes the remediation of fish passage problems.

D. Log-transfer facilities: The USFS must consider alternatives and mitigation measures for estuarine habitat affected by LTFs

Additionally, the Forest Service should more carefully assess adverse impacts to estuarine habitat. The Forest Service intends to utilize or reconstruct a large number of log transfer facilities across the Tongass. During the 1990s, the use of LTFs by the Forest Service and other landowners caused severe damage to sixteen saltwater ecosystems in southeast Alaska, resulting the designation of Category 5 impaired waterbodies.[52] Fortunately, a significant decline in timber industry activity has reduced or eliminated use of many of these LTFs, resulting in partial attainment of water quality standards and some recovery of aquatic after several decades of nonuse or reduced use.[53]

Defenders has significant concerns about the plan to expand the number of active LTFs in southeast Alaska and increase the volume of timber moved through LTFs by state and private timber operators. The potential direct, indirect and cumulative effects of federal and non-federal log rafting on fisheries and fishery habitat associated with a federal program to fund and develop marine transportation infrastructure presents a significant concern and requires detailed NEPA analysis.[54]

In-water log storage degrades water quality to below levels necessary to protect existing commercial fisheries. There is a significant body of science that shows the incompatibility of the marine log storage with benthic habitat. Scientists and nontimber agency resource managers recognize that toxins, bark debris accumulations and the low dissolved oxygen levels they cause adversely impact shellfish species such as Dungeness crab in numerous ways, causing reproductive problems, disease, deformities, prey depletion.[55]

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[52] Alaska Division of Environmental Conservation. __. PUBLIC NOTICE DRAFT Integrated Water Quality Monitoring and Assessment Report at 41-50, 80.
[53] *Id.* at 41-50.
[54] 40 C.F.R. § 1508.18.
[55] The Forest Service can obtain the following documents related to log transfer facilities from the Prince of Wales project planning record: Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife. 2008. Management Recommendations for Washington's Priority Habitats and Species: Dungeness Crab; Sedell, J.R., F.N.Leone and W.S. Duval. Water Transportation and Storage of Logs. IN: Meehan, W.R. 1991. Influences of Forest and Rangeland Management on Salmonid Fishes and Their Habitats. American Fisheries Society Special Publication 19; O'Clair, C.E., and J.L. Freese. 1988. Reproductive condition of Dungeness crabs, Cancer magister, at or near log transfer facilities in Southeastern Alaska. Marine Environmental Research 26:57-81; Morado, O'Clair & Sparks. 1988. Preliminary Study of Idiopathic lesions in the Dungeness crab, Cancer magister from Rowan Bay, Alaska; O'Clair, C.E. and L. Freese. 1985. Responses of Dungeness crabs, Cancer magister, exposed to bark debris from benthic deposits at log transfer facilities: Survival, feeding and reproduction. Pages 227-229 in B.R. Melteff, Symposium Coordinator.

For these and other reasons related to water quality degradation and impacts to the region's more important economic sectors, the LRMP provides that "[w]here feasible, preference should be given to onshore storage and barging of logs." Because the large volume of timber potentially made available under the proposed exemption will likely meet or exceed the volumes that caused Category V water quality impairments throughout the region, the Forest Service needs to prohibit in-water log storage in LTFs utilized by or operated by the Forest Service.

The 2016 LRMP requires that the Forest Service "[a]void, where practicable, siting log transfer, rafting and storage facilities in areas with established commercial, subsistence, and sport fishing activity, high levels of recreation use, areas of high scenic quality, or documented concentrations of species commonly pursued by commercial, subsistence, and sport fishers." Also, LTFs should not be located "in areas known to be important for fish spawning and rearing because of "the high value of the fisheries resources." However, these guidelines are too discretionary, and readily waived every time Viking Lumber whines that barging is too expensive.

The Forest Service needs to provide detailed information about the actual amount of timber transferred through existing or new LTFs, and analyze whether those locations would be consistent Appendix G guidelines. The discussion needs to disclose the adverse environmental impacts caused by bark accumulation and the numerous other adverse and potentially long-term impacts caused by anaerobic conditions and benthic pollution that is toxic to many marine organisms. The DEIS also needs to consider the cumulative effects of developing new infrastructure for inwater log storage and facilitating increased use of existing LTF sites through federal and non-federal timber sale programs.

The Forest Service must comply with the consultation and best available science requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act with regard to Essential Fish Habitat. The development of an expanded LTF network, and increased use of federally funded or operated LTFs by state and private operators is clearly a "large scale planning effort" that involves "potentially large numbers of individual actions that may adversely affect EFH."[56] Further, the level of detail in an EFH should reflect the best science, and provide an analysis of adverse effects and proposed mitigation.[57] The significance of nearshore areas to the commercial fisheries warrants a literature review, further site-investigations, and consideration of alternatives that could minimize or avoid adverse effects, including a prohibition on in-water log storage.[58]

Proceedings of the symposium on Dungeness crab biology and management. Univ. of Alaska Sea Grant Rep. 85-3; Kirkpatrick, B., T.C. Shirley and C.E. O'Clair. 1998. Deepwater bark accumulations and benthos richness at log transfer and storage facilities. Alaska Fishery Research Bulletin, vol 5(2): 103-115; NMFS 2006

[56] 16 U.S.C. § 1855(b)(2); 50 C.F.R. § 600.920(j)(1).

[57] 50 C.F.R. § 600.920 (d), (e)(3).

[58] *Id.*

A NEPA analysis must provide a detailed discussion of means to mitigate adverse environmental impacts and the effectiveness of those measures, and cannot forgo this analysis by deferring to state regulatory agencies.[59] The Forest Service needs to evaluate how it will minimize the effects of in-water log storage or clean up the mess afterwards. Timber operators in British Columbia employ site deactivation procedures in order to minimize long-term impacts and conduct baseline assessments prior to development. The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife recommends replanting marine vegetation and removing woody debris in order to mitigate LTF effects on crab.

In sum, the DEIS must provide detailed information about existing proposed new LTF sites, the impacts on the commercial fisheries, consult with NMFS and provide a full analysis of LTF impacts to fish and shellfish habitat, and includes means to mitigate impacts, including a prohibition on in-water log storage, contemporary mitigation measures, and seasonal and timing restrictions on log transfer activities to mitigate disruptions to commercial and recreational users of southeast Alaska's bays and inlets.

E. Conclusion-Aquatics section.

Southeast Alaska island ecosystems are highly significant in terms of historical salmon production, and resource recovery is critical for commercial fisheries at this time especially given the pink salmon crisis during the even year cycles. The Forest Service's plans to sacrifice aquatic ecosystems for the benefit of Viking Lumber and international raw log exporter Alcan of second growth timber poses unacceptable risks to the region's economic drivers, particularly sport fishing and commercial fishing. The Roadless Rulemaking vegetation and access management components would cause immense ecological and economic harm. The Rulemaking DEIS must candidly discuss and disclose the current status of southeast Alaska's salmon populations and the risks presented by the proposed action.

VI. The Rulemaking DEIS must disclose serious problems with the Tongass administration of large timber sales

Defenders requests that the Governor and Forest Service cease this rulemaking process because of, for example, the Petersburg Ranger District's and Prince of Wales ranger districts' inabilities to adequately administer timber sales, as has been demonstrated (but not resolved) regarding timber sale oversight, contractual and appraisal issues. As reported in 1996 by the Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility, the Tongass National Forest has a long history of permitting timber operators such as Viking Lumber Company to operate in a lawless manner in Southeast Alaska, ignoring timber export violations, scaling fraud, and outright timber theft. Defender's Board is well aware that the "Alaska Rules" still apply through ground truthing the Tonka Timber project, where Viking would clearcut deer winter

[59] 40 C.F.R. § 1502.16(h); Oregon Natural Resources Council v. Marsh, 382 F.2d 1489 (9th Cir. 1987); Friends of the Earth v. Hall, 120 (W.D. Wash. 1988 (state agencies cannot address the sufficiency of a federal EIS under NEPA).

range prescribed for selective cutting, and expand cutting units beyond the prescribed acreage to whatever size Viking deemed fit.

In 2016, the Washington Office reviewed the Alaska Region's timber sale and administration processes for two Viking Lumber timber sales – the Petersburg Ranger District's Tonka Timber Sale on Lindenberg Peninsula and recent Big Thorne Project on Prince of Wales Island. The review showed that (1) instead of improving "forest ecosystem health," the Tongass National Forest allowed Viking to high-grade the most ecologically valuable trees rather than the trees intended for removal to achieve the desired "forest ecosystem health" effects; (2) the Forest Service failed to conduct timber-theft prevention inspections and (3) all monitoring and reports of timber removals, etc. were self-reporting by Viking Lumber Company.[60] These problems are a particular concern given that a major purpose of many forest service timber sales are to "improve forest ecosystem health."

Information from PEER's website indicates that the Petersburg Ranger District's failure to inspect Viking's activities and require adherence to the timber sale contract for the Tonka sale cost taxpayers $2 million alone – more than twice the amount Viking paid for the timber. On-the-ground operators admit that harvest prescription or contract terms were irrelevant to what happened on the ground – they cut only according to Viking Lumber's instructions. Petersburg Ranger District timber sale maladministration through various avenues cost taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars. Its appraisal methods resulted in artificially low appraisal rates for higher value species such as Alaska Yellow Cedar and Sitka Spruce. Logging and haul costs were much lower than estimated by the Forest Service, resulting additional windfalls to Viking Lumber. Moreover, the Activity Review found that the "Region had not updated the appraisal program to the most recent set of cost and selling value [61] Under the current appraisal, required removal of the Hemlock saw timber represents a reduction in sale value exceeding $1.7 million" for the Big Thorne timber sale. [62]

Now, after adding to the taxpayer costs of the program through poor oversight and erroneous cost analyses, the Forest Service and Governor want to provide access to hundreds of millions - perhaps billions - of board feet of timber from Roadless areas. This, for timber operators to run amok cutting some of the most ecologically important forested, while the Forest Service looks the other way or pulls out the check book any time Viking or Alcan/Transpac needs more timber to boost cash flow.

Defenders submits these issues also bear significantly on the agency's ability to implement standards and guidelines, such as they are, intended to protect other resource values. How can the Forest Service rely on Viking Lumber to apply Forest

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[60] See, e.g. https://www.peer.org/assets/docs/fs/4_3_17_Timber_Sale_Review.pdf and https://www.peer.org/news/news-releases/forest-service-scalped-on-tongass-timber-sales.html

[61] USDA Forest Service Washington Office Activity Review of timber sale administration. sale preparation, stewardship contracting, NEPA, and timber theft prevention. Region 10. June 2016. p. 13. https://www.peer.org/assets/docs/fs/4_3_17_Timber_Sale_Review.pdf

[62] *Id.* p. 18.

Plan Standards and Guidelines for other forest values such as den, nest or riparian in the absence of responsible oversight?

In sum, the Tongass National Forest lacks the institutional capacity and will to administer large timber sales The DEIS must disclose and discuss the Forest Service's present ability and capacity to ensure the accountability of its timber sale program. This lack of accountability was particularly evident in the recent public hearing in Petersburg for the Central Tongass Project – despite the serious loss of public funds and program audit, the Forest Supervisor had no answers and appeared to be ignorant of this issue.

VII. Wildlife habitat impacts

Defenders requests that the Forest Service do and document surveys for wildlife species present in all Roadless areas and discuss their locations and preferred habitat uses in the DEIS. This analysis should entail more than a quantitative approach to measuring productive old growth losses at various scales. Instead, there needs to be consideration of specific habitat features that contribute to wildlife viability and abundance, particularly in light of the high degree of fragmentation in roaded portions of the Tongass. No doubt, wildlife populations in the various project areas would benefit from delaying any subsequent entries for some time.

In this section we begin with a discussion of impacts to Sitka black-tailed deer, Alexander Archipelago wolves and Queen Charlotte goshawks and bears. We believe impacts to the four aforementioned species and their habitats merit treatment as significant issues given the importance of deer for hunting in southeast Alaska communities, cumulative impacts of logging on bears now that salmon foraging habitat is a significant resource concern, and the precarious population status of wolves and Queen Charlotte Goshawks.

A. The DEIS should provide a detailed analysis of impacts to Sitka black-tailed deer and deer winter range.

We have significant concerns about the lack of high value winter deer range remaining on the Tongass, particularly in central and southern southeast and consequently the impacts of this Rulemaking on remaining deer habitat. Many of the proposed timber analysis areas abut past clearcuts where canopy closures are now or will soon be occurring. Logging in current Roadless areas may also further fragment or directly remove the little remaining winter deer habitat. Many southeast Alaska islands and mainland are already heavily fragmented and contain large portions of what is currently, or soon to be, unsuitable deer habitat due to canopy closure in the extensive created openings and second-growth stands. Given the importance of deer, the Rulemaking DEIS should also consider adjusting OGR boundaries in a way that would provide additional protection.

In the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA), Congress announced the following policy: "[c]onsistent with sound management principles, and

the conservation of healthy populations of fish and wildlife, the utilization of public lands in Alaska is to cause the least adverse impact possible on rural residents who depend on subsistence uses of the lands."[63]

Congress intended for federal agencies to incorporate a factor of safety into resource management decisions:

> The committee intends the phrase "the conservation of healthy populations of fish and wildlife" to mean the maintenance of fish and wildlife resources and their habitats in a condition which assures stable and continuing natural populations and species mix of plants and animals in relation to their ecosystems, including recognition that rural residents engaged in subsistence uses may be a natural part of that ecosystem; minimize the likelihood of irreversible or long-term effects of such populations and species; and ensures maximum practicable diversity of options for the future. The greater the ignorance of resource parameters, particularly of the ability of a population or species to respond to changes in its ecosystem, the greater the safety factor must be.[64]

The Tongass NF has failed to meet this standard for decades by disproportionately removing deer winter range. According to a conservation assessment included in the TLMP planning record, most of the logging on the Tongass occurred on low-elevation, south facing slopes favored by deer. The disproportionate effect on important deer winter habitat raises serious questions about alternative hunting areas. Previous Forest Service analyses has shown that in some areas, For instance, Wrangell Island to name but one, deer numbers are lower than on surrounding islands based on browse indications, pellet density data and hunter harvest information. These low population numbers may reflect the significant loss of winter deer habitat in many Wrangell landscape units and others. Pending state timber throughout Southeast Alaska, particularly central and southern, have had or will have a significant impact on whatever high value winter deer range remains. Indeed, an older Forest Service analysis, the Shady project EA, noted that "any additional loss of important deer habitat could reduce the ability of an already depressed population to recover." Given the cumulative loss, and existing scarcity of high value winter deer range in many areas on the Tongass, we believe that the Forest Service must stop logging all remaining moderate and lower value deer habitat.

The Rulemaking DEIS should take in account that, for instance, in some Southeast locals roughly a decade ago, a series of above average snowfall winters, including a record snowfalls caused serious impacts to central southeast Alaska deer populations. Specifically, from 2006-2009, the central Alaska panhandle, including Game Management Unit 3, experienced 3 consecutive winters with well above average

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[63] 16 U.S.C. § 3112(1).

[64] Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, S.Rep. No. 413, 96th Cong., 1st Sess. 233 (1979), reprinted in 1979 U.S.C.C.A.N. 5070, 5177.

snowfall. In fact, snow depths in combination with habitat loss at least partly influenced the Alaska Board of Game's January 2013 decision to limit the deer hunting seasons and bag limits in some areas[65]. As ADFG personnel explained, "maintaining adequate reserves of old growth will be important for maintaining deer numbers at higher levels once recovery of the deer population has occurred."[66] In sum, the Forest Service must take reasonable steps to ensure not just viable, but harvestable levels of wildlife populations, in particular - for deer.

Findings in the DEIS must account for ANILCA's emphasis on special consideration for subsistence resources, the uncertainty about climate change impacts on wildlife populations, and the extensive high grading of prime winter deer habitat throughout the Tongass.

B. Impacts to Alexander Archipelago Wolves: consider abundance and significance of all Tongass populations

The DEIS should consider and disclose a reasonable, place-specific population estimates for southeast Alaska wolves. Many areas of Southeast Alaska where wolves historically were abundant have conditions similar to the Prince of Wales Archipelago, where suppression of the population to a very low level has been a critical concern in recent years. Extensive logging and road construction have similarly changed conditions for deer and wolves on Kuiu, Kupreanof, Mitkof, Zarembo, Revillagigedo, and Wrangell Islands. In conjunction with the Prince of Wales Archipelago, those islands sustain most of the wolf population in Southeast Alaska. (Person et al. 1996). Decline in sustainable predator-prey communities will occur throughout the most productive areas for deer and wolves in Southeast Alaska because those areas are correlated with the most productive forest stands selected for timber harvest. [David Person Declaration on Big Thorne, 2015, at ¶13e].

We also request a detailed discussion of the impacts of increased road density on wolves in all Roadless Areas, on a wildlife analysis area (WAA) basis, including the 80,000 acres that are classified as "roaded roadless" areas.

C. Comments on analysis of impacts to Queen Charlotte Goshawks

There are significant uncertainties about the current status of goshawk populations and the adequacy of nest protection measures. The Fish and Wildlife Service's 2007 Status Review explained that Queen Charlotte goshawks in southeast Alaska are highly vulnerable to additional stresses – because of the low population level, "low survival or reproductive rates could not be sustained long before viability of the subspecies would be at risk." Population levels are unknown; according to the Status Review, southeast Alaska may support just a few to several hundred breeding pairs. These findings and other results from risk assessments and scientific studies

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[65] KFSK. Board of Game shortens deer season near Petersburg. Joe Viechnicki. Jan. 15, 2013. https://www.kfsk.org/2013/01/15/board-of-game-shortens-deer-season-near-petersburg/

[66] ADF&G. Division of Wildlife Conservation. Feasibility Assessment for Increasing Sustainable Harvest of Sitka Black-Tailed Deer in A Portion of Game Management Unit 3. October 2012.

demonstrate the risks of continued and serious population decline associated with further loss of habitat caused by old-growth logging. Queen Charlotte Goshawks will likely face at the very least additional localized extirpations on Prince of Wales Island pending implementation of the Prince of Wales Landscape Level Annihilation (POWLLA). Many of the few remaining active nest sites are in southeast Alaskan old growth forest stands and will be at direct or indirect risk due to any logging in Roadless acres.[67]

The DEIS must specifically consider prey availability and other features such as alternative nest sites for Roadless area Queen Charlotte Goshawks. The Forest Service's 1996 conservation assessment found that a "broad scale of analysis fails to consider distribution of habitat throughout southeast Alaska." Subsequent studies also have verified that it is unreasonable to rely on habitat measurements outside of known nests. Based on these findings, we question the Forest Service's recent approach of using impacts to high-probability nesting habitat as the primary metric for impact assessment.[68] This approach masks degradation to specific goshawk foraging habitat caused by logging in the vicinity of the nests. A site-specific analysis is possible and will generate a more accurate evaluation of impacts and viability risks. For example, the Forest Service has in the past evaluated timber projects by considering impacts to foraging habitat and disruptions within a 6,000 acre foraging area surrounding each nest.

1. The DEIS should include a goshawk population inventory and site-specific analysis of known southeast Alaska nest sites

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[67] Sources for our discussion of impacts to the Queen Charlotte Goshawk include the 2007 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Status Review, 1996 Forest Service Conservation Assessment, Appendix N to the 1997 Tongass Land Management Plan, and numerous other studies - Smith, W.P. 2013. Spatially explicit analysis of contributions of a regional conservation strategy toward sustaining northern goshawk habitat; Mclaren, E.L. et al. 2005. Northern Goshawk (Accipiter gentilis laingi) post-fledgling areas on Vancouver Island, British Columbia. J. Raptor Res. 39(3): 253-263; Flatten, C., K. Titus, and R. Lowell, 2001. Northern goshawk population monitoring, population ecology and diet on the Tongass National Forest. Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game, Juneau, Alaska; Doyle 2005 In our last few sets of timber sale scoping comments, we have provided USB drives by mail containing scientific reference materials. While this submission format previously worked well, recently these jump drives have been lost or found left unopened months after mailing. Due to the time involved with preparing and collecting scientific reference materials, we will not be submitting them during scoping.

The Forest Supervisor's office should have a complete record of scientific materials related to the Queen Charlotte Goshawk as part of the NEPA process for recent timber projects proposed on the Tongass. Please include those materials in the proposed Roadless exemption record.

[68] See Native Ecosystems Council v. U.S. Forest Serv . 428 F.3d 1233, 1250 (9th Cir. 2005)(the Forest Service may "meet the species viability requirements by preserving habitat, but only where both the Forest Service's knowledge of what quality and quantity of habitat is necessary to support the species and the Forest Service's method for measuring the existing amount of that habitat are reasonably reliable and accurate"). The choice of analysis scale must represent a reasoned decision and cannot be arbitrary. Pac. Coast Fed. Fishermen's Ass'ns v. NMFS, 265 F.3d 1028, 1037-38 (9th Cir. 2001).

There are a number of historical known goshawk nests in roadless areas in southeast Alaska. The Forest Service needs to survey these sites and discuss and disclose potential nest and breeding failures. Alexander Archipelago Queen Charlotte Goshawks – potentially among the most important remaining populations - are particularly at risk. Individual impacts, such as impact to individual QCGs, can have more significant impacts in relation to other impacts on overall species viability – across the Alexander Archipelago:

> Cumulative impacts of multiple projects can be significant in different ways. The most obvious way is that the greater total magnitude of the environmental effects – such as the number of acres affected or the total amount of sediment to be added to streams within a watershed- may demonstrate by itself that the environmental impact may be significant. Sometimes the total impact from a set of actions may be greater than the sum of the parts. For example, the addition of a small amount of sediment to a creek may have only a limited impact on salmon survival, or perhaps no impact at all. But the addition of a small amount here, a small amount here, and still more at another point could add up to something with a much greater impact, until there comes a point where even a marginal increase will mean that no salmon will survive.[69]

The Ninth Circuit's explanation of sediment impacts to salmon has a direct bearing on how the DEIS should analyze risks to individual Queen Charlotte Goshawks in the project area. The cumulative effects analysis must explain how the proposed Rulemaking exemption, in combination with other past, planned and other ongoing projects threatens QCG viability in light of the low population of the species, and the importance of individual breeding pairs in the project area to the broader persistence of the species.

The DEIS must review the Forest Service's 1996 Conservation Assessment which included a risk assessment that identified areas with harvest rates exceeding percent by 1995 or 33% by 2055 as presenting "a higher risk of not providing the amount and distribution of habitat necessary to sustain goshawks." Where do Roadless area VCUs fit within these risk thresholds? NEPA analysis must address and answer these questions.

The Rulemaking DEIS needs to review the locations of any known current or historical nests and any other observations of goshawk habitat use, including information about foraging habitat. Please also indicate how many surveys have been conducted and describe the survey methodologies.

2. The DEIS should address risks to Queen Charlotte Goshawks

The proposed exemption, if approved will likely will affect the fitness and breeding potential of Roadless area goshawks due to reduced foraging capacity. The Fish and Wildlife Service's 2007 status review explained that QCGs in southeast

[69] Klamath-Siskiyou Wildlands Center v. BLM, 387 F.3d 989, 994 (9th Cir. 2004).

Alaska are highly vulnerable to additional stresses – because of the low population level, "low survival or reproductive rates could not be sustained long before viability of the subspecies would be at risk."

Further, a 2005 study of Queen Charlotte Goshawks on similarly degraded island ecosystem habitat in British Columbia concluded that they experience more breeding failures than other northern goshawks, and raised the concern that "at the present rate of productivity, insufficient young are possibly being produced to allow the population to be maintained." The study identifies a number of risks that are highly relevant to the analysis in the DEIS, including risks associated with low productivity, specific flaws with the use of the Forest Service's high probability foraging habitat methodology and uncertainties about using different timber management prescriptions to mitigate population effects:

(1) QCGs produce few young fledglings per breeding attempt relative to other northern goshawks, and were possibly not producing sufficient young in the study area (Haida Gwaii), raising the question of whether small insulated island populations with low breeding rates can maintain a viable population;
(2) successful breeding may require greater than 60% productive old growth;
(3) because of an absence of nest activities outside of known nests, it is unreasonable to rely on measurements of highly productive habitat as goshawks are not being detected in those areas;
(4) raising uncertainties about the effectiveness of a variable retention approach.
In other words, the DEIS must focus on the availability of foraging habitat and other critical features in the vicinity of historical nest sites rather than rely on broad scale habitat measurements.

3. The DEIS should address scientific critiques of the TLMP Conservation Strategy pertaining to Queen Charlotte Goshawks

Also, the Roadless exemption DEIS should review responsible scientific opinion raising serious questions about whether current TLMP standards and guidelines and the conservation strategy effectively sustain viability. For example, federal and state wildlife agencies believe that measures implemented in the 2008 TLMP Amendment will reduce conservation standards and necessitate a reconsideration of the 2007 status review.[70] A subsequent study by one of the region's leading Queen Charlotte Goshawk experts, Dr. Winston Smith, identified uncertainties pertaining to whether TLMP conservation measures provide the habitat features necessary to sustain well-distributed goshawk populations across the Alexander Archipelago.

Dr. Smith's analysis indicated that risks to goshawks under the TLMP are likely even greater than anticipated under the 1996 risk assessments. Specifically, the 1996 risk assessment assumed that the TLMP conservation strategy, particularly the reserve system, would in part mitigate habitat loss from excessive timber harvest.

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[70] 2008 TLMP FEIS, Appx. H at HA 14, 17, 39.

However, Dr. Smith's study indicates that contributions from reserves and other conservation elements (buffers) "might not mitigate the cumulative habitat loss in intensively managed landscapes." Dr. Smith added that there is "evidence on nearby islands that extensive loss and fragmentation of habitat from clearcut logging contributed to population declines of QCGs." His analysis explicitly stated that TLMP standards and guidelines "are unlikely to meet breeding-season habitat objectives established for goshawk populations" in other areas. Specifically, Smith's study showed that:

- TLMP conservation measures contribute about half the secure habitat recommended for post-fledgling areas of breeding pairs in other portions of the northern goshawk's range
- Guidelines for northern goshawk populations in other areas may underestimate habitat needed by goshawks s due to limitations in prey resources
- Breeding pairs in southeast Alaska "likely rely almost entirely on productive old-growth forest as foraging and nesting habitat as few mammal species inhabit low-volume or managed forests and the structure of second growth stands renders prey unavailable to foraging QCGs. [(Exh. 45 at 6-7].

Another recent study, Sonsthagen et al 2012, also is relevant to the analysis of cumulative effects and site-specific impacts. Sonsthagen et al indicate that a metapopulation framework actually suggests a heightened need for specific individual nest site protections because without those, the individuals would blink out, resulting in the loss of source populations and over time, the metapopulation would cease to exist.

In sum, Dr. Smith's study in particular identified significant uncertainties and adverse risks to QCGs associated with the inadequacy of the TLMP conservation strategy. Further NEPA analysis should discuss and respond to Smith's analysis of the conservation strategy, and assess the implications of Sonsthagen's discussion of metapopulations.

4. The Roadless DEIS must consider larger buffers & other measures to protect known nest & forage habitat

TLMP standards provide that "[s]pecial consideration should be given to the possible adverse impacts on habitat of sensitive, threatened and endangered species."

We request consideration of mitigation/alternative nest management measures as required by the TLMP, such as increased buffers for nests and increased forest structure retention requirements in the vicinity of known goshawk nests. The DEIS needs to include a site-specific habitat quality analysis that takes into account all available information on differential utilization of various forest types and structures.

During the 2008 TLMP Amendment process, ADF&G, the FWS, and the Forest Service's Pacific Northwest Research Station each recommended, at a minimum, a 500-acre buffer as needed to minimize risks to QCGs. The TLMP required the Responsible Official to "[c]onsider surrounding landscapes when managing for

goshawk nest sites" and provide for alternative nest management measures as appropriate.

5. Conclusion

In sum, there are significant uncertainties about immediate and long term risks to southeast Alaska Queen Charlotte Goshawks, and consequently, the viability of the species throughout southeast Alaska. The DEIS must consider the population status and particular vulnerabilities of Roadless area populations, and address uncertainties about the viability of the population, particularly in response to further logging in the vicinity of known nests.

D. Comments on Impacts to other wildlife species

We request that the DEIS provide comprehensive analysis of exemption impacts on other Roadless area wildlife species and consider measures that will mitigate adverse impacts such as increased buffers, increased forest structure retention requirements and effective road closures. The DEIS should document surveys for wildlife species present in the Roadless areas and discuss their locations and preferred habitat uses and that the analysis do more than a quantitative assessment of productive old growth losses at various scales. In particular, we requested consideration of specific types of old growth forests that are valuable to old-growth dependent species.

In general, the cumulative loss of key habitat features for bear, marten and other MIS such as endemic voles and interior forest birds in particular is alarming and it is hard to see how there will be sufficient habitat available to meet NFMA requirements maintain well-distributed, viable populations of existing native species in the planning area. The scale of the proposed timber sales raises serious questions about the Rulemaking's inconsistency with numerous TLMP goals and objectives for wildlife, which range from maintaining sufficient habitat capability needed to provide opportunities for hunting, trapping and wildlife viewing and preventing species from being listed as sensitive due to degraded habitat conditions.

1. Comments on impacts to bears

In its most recent game management report on black and brown bears, ADF&G has continued to express concerns about habitat changes from logging. According to that state agency, "timber harvest poses the most serious threat to black bear habitat in [GMU 3] over the long term."[71]

Black and brown bears are umbrella species with large area requirements and varied habitat uses. The health of black and brown bear populations can be an indicator of overall ecosystem integrity. The 2008 TLMP FEIS explains that "[b]lack

[71] Lowell, R.E. 2011. Unit 3 black bear management report. Pages 96-117 in P. Harper, editor. Black bear management reports of survey and inventory activities 1 July 2007-30 June 2010. Alaska Department of Fish and Game. 17.0. Juneau, Alaska.

and brown bears were chosen as an MIS because of their importance for hunting and for recreation and tourism."[72]

The DEIS should disclose impacts to high value bear habitat – low-elevation, old-growth forest with abundant and productive salmon streams - and discuss how much summer black and brown bear habitat and denning habitat will be lost because of this proposed exemption. We also request an analysis of human caused disturbances to bears, particularly those related to roads and summer habitat loss and thinning activities near streams during spawning season. Finally, we request that the DEIS recognize the impact of canopy closures and resulting loss of understory vegetation and habitat value for bear and consider impacts on forage availability due to impending canopy closures in past and future clearcuts.

In general, we are concerned about the proposed Roadless exemption's impacts, if approved, to black and brown bear viability in light of these concerns. Please address the following issues in the DEIS with regard to the viability of both black and brown bear MIS and include site-specific analyses of impacts to both species by alternative:

1. The DEIS should clarify whether black and brown bear foraging areas will receive additional protections, following from experts' recommendations for 500 foot riparian buffers to meet foraging needs. It should carefully evaluate expanded riparian buffers for black and brown bears and evaluate the recommendations of the recent studies on the importance of riparian buffers to bear populations.[73] . The TLMP does not delineate specific buffers for black and brown bear but does direct that riparian buffers be increased from the standard buffer to 500 feet in important brown bear foraging areas. Black bear are more secretive than brown bear and should receive additional protection. The availability of spawning salmon as a food resource is a major influence on bear habitat quality and bears have the highest vulnerability to human activities in low elevation riparian areas during summer months.

Consequently, the DEIS should evaluate the value of 500 foot riparian bear buffers on all class I streams. The failure to include this measure in any action alternative means that the Forest Service has failed to consider its statutory mandates to take a hard look at adverse impacts to bear or meets its NFMA obligations to provide for wildlife viability. In general, 100 foot buffers are inadequate to meet bear foraging needs. Studies of brown bear riparian habitat utilization found that: (1) 500 foot riparian buffers should be applied "universally to all salmon streams"; (2) a 1,000 foot buffer would provide for 73% of female bear riparian habitat use in lightly altered

[72] 2008 TLMP FEIS at 3-233.

[73] Flynn, R.W.; S.B. Lewis; R.B. LaVern & G.W. Pendleton (2007). "Brown bear use of riparian & beach zones of N.E. Chichagof Island: Implications for Streamside Management in Coastal Alaska." Alaska Dept. of Fish & Game, Douglas, Alaska.

landscapes and (3) 1,000 foot buffers are appropriate in areas where management objectives include healthy, abundant bear populations for hunting and viewing. [74]

2. The Roadless DEIS should discuss impacts to bear habitat at a fine scale, and we request that the DEIS do more than catalog old-growth removals at broad scales. Black and brown bears repeatedly use specific habitats, and even small stream reaches may be important, thus triggering a need to identify high use riparian areas

3. Old-Growth Forest Dependency: The DEIS should include information about black and brown bear utilization of and impacts to large tree old-growth forest, which is the most used habitat type by all bears in all seasons. Wildlife managers are increasingly associated black and brown bear habitat with large-tree old-growth and expect population declines to correlate with reductions in this specific type of habitat.

4. Denning habitat: The DEIS should disclose that black and brown bears in southeast Alaska select for specific denning habitats, meaning that further NEPA analysis should consider site-specific features, and avoid clearcutting in areas that provide suitable denning habitat. There is considerable re-use of existing den sites, which may indicate in part a lack of adequate alternative sites. In light of the likely importance of adequate den sites to black and brown bear survivability and reproductive success, further analysis and consideration of mitigation measures are needed.

5. Habitat capability model: Please use the interagency habitat capability model in further analyses in order to systematically assess proposed exemption impacts to black and brown bears.

6. Road density impacts: The DEIS should address road density impacts to bears.

7. Further NEPA analysis should consider specific riparian habitat needs and discuss site-specific mitigation measures: the extensive rate of past planned harvest in the vicinity of Roadless area anadromous streams is likely to significantly reduce riparian bear habitat and lead to population declines. Access to riparian habitat is a major influence on bear habitat quality and critical to black and brown bear cub production and survival. Bears strongly select for less altered, closed forest riparian habitats. Bears using heavily altered habitats consume less salmon and restricted access to salmon means that there will be reduced survival and fewer hunting and viewing opportunities.

8. Bear population status: The DEIS discuss current trends in black and brown bear abundance in Roadless areas and disclose indicia of a population decline. Analyze the extent to which intensive habitat alteration caused by logging may reduce carrying capacity for bears and exacerbate other environmental factors contributing to a

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[74] The Forest Service can obtain this study from the Saddle Lakes Timber planning record; #740-0814.

suspected population decline. In particular, the Forest Service should consult ADF&G and/or its Division of Wildlife Conservation and disclose and discuss any ongoing scientific research related to the effects of southeast Alaska's pink salmon crisis on black and brown bears.

2. Comments on proposed Roadless exemption to Impacts to marten

The DEIS must discuss significant marten viability concerns for southeast Alaska island ecosystems. We request that the Forest Service undertake systematic surveys given the potential for extinction of marten or at least excessive mortality on roadless ecosystems under threat of logging and roading, The DEIS should provide information on current trapping effort or the existing status of marten populations rather than rely on overall habitat measurements to assess impacts. We request that further analysis address the following concerns:

1. Road density risks: The DEIS needs to identify relevant thresholds or to what extent road density increases would result in the entire population being vulnerable to overharvest or the potential for local extirpations.
2. Further NEPA analysis should include use of the habitat capability model: The TLMP specifically recommends using a habitat capability model for MIS in order to systematically assess the proposed exemption impacts. The need for an interagency model is particularly critical in light of the species low tolerance for habitat loss.
3. Consider forest retention prescriptions for marten: The Forest Service should consider additional retention requirements in clearcut units. When planned logging will threaten viability, partial harvest aimed at maintaining productivity of small mammals, retaining habitat features for dens and nest sites, leaving substantial amounts of vertical structure are key features that must be considered in further NEPA analysis.
4. Trapping Refugia and Prey Availability: The DEIS should include some additional discussion of trapping refugia and prey availability. The analysis would be improved by reviewing the recommendations of expert scientists from the 2006 Conservation Strategy Review Workshop and considering responsive measures, such as matrix management and enhanced corridors between OGRs.
5. Review updated scientific literature on logging impacts to marten: The DEIS should review two recent studies we submitted to the Wrangell Ranger District during the Wrangell Island Project NEPA process – one indicates how marten are one of the most sensitive species to environmental changes, including climate change, and bears on project impacts, and the second address how even lighter touch logging prescriptions can adversely affect marten movement patterns and ecological needs, and indicates that partial harvest prescriptions thus can also have adverse impacts and should not be relied on to mitigate project impacts.

VIII. Cedar decline; high-grading of large trees and cedar; and the warming climate

We request that you consider cedar and large-tree old-growth high-grading, cedar decline and silvicultural prescriptions as a significant and alternative driving

issue in the DEIS. We have repeatedly emphasized concerns about a trend across the forest to high-grade certain types of forest structure stands and cedar species.

This problem is magnified in Roadless areas because if history is any guide, intensive highgrading of large-tree old-growth forests will result. The DEIS thus needs to include a discussion and disclose data relevant to high-grading high volume large tree old-growth forests that provide optimum fish habitat and winter carrying capacity for deer.

The DEIS should also address cedar high-grading, consider yellow cedar decline and climate change, and provide information about regeneration in logged areas. In particular, there should be alternatives that avoid healthy yellow cedar stands. The DEIS should provide enough information to assess the impacts of removing high levels of yellow cedar and how this project fits in with biome-wide red cedar removals now that the Tongass functions as a refuge for this species. The Forest Service has removed disproportionate amounts of cedar in order to generate positive appraisal sales for decades with no end in sight.

The DEIS also should discuss the Alaska Region's developing strategy for cedar conservation and how it is relevant to this project. Because of the forest-wide significance of this issue and because of the extent of cedar decline in the Roadless areas, there should be a description of specific areas that prohibit taking yellow cedar, for instance areas of adequate soil drainage where cedar decline is less likely to occur.

We also request that the DEIS evaluate this project in terms of how logging impacts climate change and consider and disclose threats posed by climate change to project area forest resources. It is widely recognized that old-growth logging (in particular) and also second-growth logging contribute to global carbon emissions and that climate change has significant ramifications for forests and biodiversity. The DEIS also needs to address and disclose real threats to Tongass NF fish, wildlife and vegetation resources that result from scientifically recognized changes in climate.

Every section of the DEIS, including the timber economics section, should consider the impacts of our changing climate. There are also numerous scientifically credible views pertaining to climate change impacts on the Tongass and project prescriptions should add an extra factor of caution due to the projected changes for the Tongass and increased risks to fish and wildlife. For example, the DEIS should review the unusually dry weather in 2018, and consider the cumulative effects of climate induced low streams flows and logging together. The DEIS should also consider the effects of new clearings and additional roads on abnormal heating and drying of the surrounding forest.

IX. In Conclusion

If approved, *any* diminishment of the current Roadless Rule would do irreparable harm to Tongass wildlands including their fish and wildlife populations, Alaskans who depend on intact Tongass ecosystems for their livelihoods, the tourism and recreation sectors, and all American taxpayers.

We understand that you will likely continue to frame this exemption around timber, as well as hydro, mining, telecommunications, and community access issues which are not really at threat from the Rule.

We however ask, if the overwhelming sense of Alaskans and the American citizen's continue to support the current 2001 roadless area policy, and are they willing to forego the manufactured Roadless obstacles to development that your agency has concocted, will you continue to persist in your "big government knows best" philosophy, or instead allow the will of the American people and Alaskans to finally rest in peace?.

We urge you to drop this foolhardy Rulemaking venture and cease the relentless attacks on Tongass old growth forests, once and for all.

Sincerely,

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On the jobs and the timber base on the Tongass NF

by Larry Edwards.

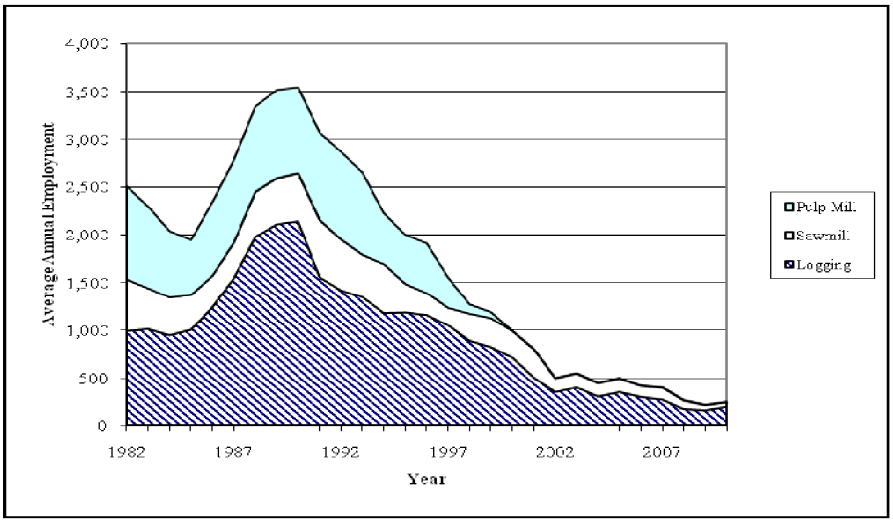
This is an extract from a 2015 critique I wrote of testimony by the Alaska governor's office to the U.S. House Interior Committee November 3 that year. Tom Crafford represented the governor. This was Section 7 of my critique.

> *Crafford assertion: "[F]ederal forest management has so deemphasized timber production in the 17 million acre Tongass National Forest" that only 672,000 acres remains available for timber management, and "timber jobs have fallen from 4,600 in 1990 to about 400 today."*[1]

First, it is absurd to compare the size of an administrative land unit named the Tongass National Forest – two thirds of whose 17 million acres are either non-forest or unproductive forest – to the area of available timberland it contains. The comparison is an intentionally misleading, commonly used ploy the state government and timber industry use to distort debate in order to grab land from the Tongass. Further forestland transfers would break the back of the peer reviewed Tongass Conservation Strategy, which has been a foundation of the Tongass Forest Plan since 1997. Moreover, Mr. Crafford's false comparison fails to account for the approximately one million acres of land in the region, primarily forestland, owned by the State of Alaska, Native corporations, the Alaska Mental Health Trust and the University of Alaska – all of which are in the timber business.

Mr. Crafford's timber industry employment figures for 1990 and today are flatly incorrect. A 2013 socioeconomic report done for the Forest Service reveals, "[t]imber employment in Southeast Alaska peaked at the end of the 1980s, with slightly more than 3,500 jobs in 1989 and 1990 (Figure [8, below])"[2] — not Mr. Crafford's 4,600 jobs (probably a statewide number). Also, the decline began about 25 years ago, mainly spanning a dozen years, and there is no reasonable rationale for this old peak to justify another boom (and bust).

Fig. 8. Southeast Alaska timber industry employment, 1982 to 2010



The "logging" sector employment shown in Fig. 8 produced logs not only for the pulp mill and sawmill employment above it, but also for the export of unprocessed round logs – a significant subsector of "logging" employment that the chart does not break out. Export logs came almost entirely from non-federal forestlands, and primarily from those owned by Native corporations. Due to favorable pulp, lumber

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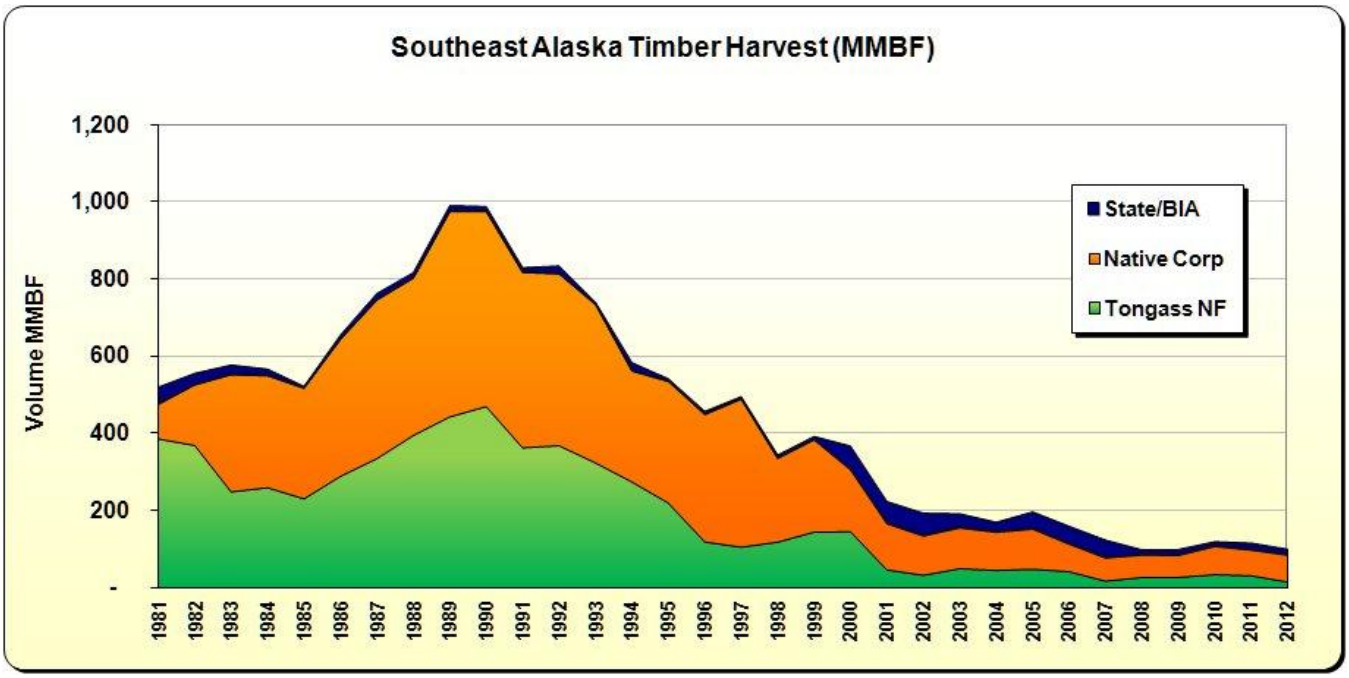
[1] Time code 14:21.

[2] Fig. 8 is from "Socioeconomic Resource Report - Final, 2013" (USFS Big Thorne project doc. 736_2234). It originally appeared in several Forest Service ANILCA 706(a) reports to Congress, most recently report #24, submitted in 2011.

and log export markets in the late 1980s and earliest 1990s, there were a pronounced peaks in overall timber industry employment in the three sectors: pulp and lumber production (Fig. 8 and the green in Fig. 9) and the export of logs from Native corporation lands (essentially all of the orange timber volume in Fig. 9).[3] Those corporations were liquidating their old-growth forests into cash as rapidly as possible. All together, this is what caused the sharp, unsustainable boom in timber industry employment to 3,500 jobs in 1990, followed by an inevitable bust.

Fig. 9. Southeast Alaska logging levels, by land ownership sector, 1981-2012.



Closures of the Sitka pulp mill in 1993 and Ketchikan pulp mill in 1997[4] were significant contributors to the decline of employment to the current level, as shown in Fig. 8. The two pulp mills were selling into a *global market* for dissolving pulp, the two mill's only product in a specialized, very competitive niche market. That market drove an all-time high of timber production from the Tongass NF in 1974 (in which 590 million board feet was logged on the Tongass National Forest). Production declined 25% by 1982, recovered somewhat in 1988, and declined globally every year since then except 1995, according to a 2004 Forest Service document. (PNW-GTR-611, at 51-52).[5] Demand and prices for dissolving pulp also declined substantially, as new technologies and materials displaced dissolving pulp. (For example, the main end product made from this kind of pulp is rayon, which lost popularity.) Indicative of collapse of the dissolving pulp market, other mills making dissolving pulp closed in Port Angeles, Washington in 1997 and Sweden in 1998. (Id.).

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[3] Fig. 9 is a compilation of statistics by former Region 10 Economist for the Forest Service, Joseph Mehrkens. Now retired, he has continued to collect the statistics.

[4] After Ketchikan Pulp Company closed its mill in 1997, in a timber contract cancellation agreement the Forest Service allowed KPC to log an additional 320 million board feet of timber between 1997 and 2000 for sawmilling and export. This explains the thick tail of the decline in timber volume between those years in Fig. 9. *See:* **(1)** ANILCA 706(a) report #20 report to Congress, for 2000; **(2)** St. Clair & Cockburn, "The Pulp Parachute: How Louisiana-Pacific Got Paid To Destroy the Tongass," Minneapolis/St.Paul City Pages, April 23, 1997. http://www.citypages.com/news/the-pulp-parachute-how-louisiana-pacific-got-paid-to-destroy-the-tongass-6715439

[5] Mazza, R., 2004. Economic Growth and Change in Southeast Alaska. USFS PNW Research Sta.

Concerning the effect of Native corporation logging on employment, Fig. 9 shows that after timber production began on the lands transferred under ANCSA (the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971), the total annual volume logged in Southeast Alaska increased quite rapidly. This volume eclipsed the substantial production that had been on-going on the Tongass National Forest. It reached a 1990 crescendo that was afforded by a favorable log export market, and this was followed by a bust as – one after the other – the village Native corporations exhausted their old-growth forestlands while the regional corporation (Sealaska, the major landholder among the Native corporation) logged at a slower pace toward the eventual exhaustion of its old-growth inventory.

In conclusion, Mr. Crafford's claim <u>is false</u> that the decline from a few thousand timber industry jobs in 1990 to a few hundred today was caused by a "de-emphasis" by the Forest Service on timber sales. Instead, what occurred was a classic boom and bust, with the bust caused by a crashing global-market for dissolving pulp, the rapid exhaustion of the Native corporations' standing timber, and the best and most profitable timber on the Tongass having been largely exhausted by the pulp mills.[6] The industry has for quite some time now been an insignificant segment of Southeast's economy, and the economy has adjusted to that.

Finally, far more harm than good would come from boosting the current industry's size by giving the state or other entities ownership or access to additional old-growth forest to liquidate. Doing so would *multiply* the enduring cumulative impacts that the region must already contend with from past decades of intensive, unsustainable logging. The result would be lasting harm the otherwise future contributions to the regional economy from commercial fisheries, tourism and subsistence uses that depend old-growth forest on the Tongass.

[6] The pulp mills "high-graded" the biggest, most valuable timber (which was also the best habitat), taking the best, then the best of the rest, etc. By the time the mills closed, this had greatly impacted their economics and is one reason they ended business in their competitive market.

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Re: Alaska Roadless Rulemaking

Dear Secretary Perdue,

I will be brief. The comments of Alaska Rainforest Defenders and of the many Southeast Alaskans who comment on the high ecological, scenic, subsistence and commercial fisheries values of the remaining roadless areas of the Tongass National Forest (including the so-called roaded-roadless) speak for me. There is much eloquence in that record already, so on this last day of the comment period, that is sufficient.

I write to add to the record my attached short essay, "On the jobs and the timber base of the Tongass NF." It is an extract from a critique I wrote of testimony by Tom Crafford, representing Alaska governor in testimony to the U.S. House Interior Committee on November 3 that year. It exposes untruths that for the last two decades have been raised repeatedly by the state, the timber industry and other pro-development interests concerning past levels of employment in the Tongass and wider-Southeast timber industry and their claims for why the industry should be rebuilt to that scale. As the essay explains, in truth the pace of logging across all forestland ownerships in Southeast Alaska (including the Tongass National Forest) was far, far beyond any semblance of sustainability. The industry collapsed because the profitable timber that was accessible was exhausted, to the tremendous detriment today of every other forest use in the region and to our truly productive and sustainable major industries – commercial fishing and tourism. While the essay speaks to a then-proposed large land transfer to the State of Alaska, for logging, the same issues it raises apply to the opening of presently protected Roadless areas.

I must add that I am absolutely appalled by the ham-handed, undemocratic process that USDA, the Forest Service and the State of Alaska have established for this rulemaking. If it isn't criminal, it should be. The state should have consulted the citizens of Southeast Alaska before it filed the Petition; that is apparent from the strong, angry, nearly universal backlash to opening up roadless lands that was apparent at I believe every scoping meeting that was held. It is appalling that there is no official record of what was said at those meetings, by the intent of the state and the Forest Service. In the past, public meetings of this importance have been recorded and transcribed for the official record. Please listen to and transcribe for the record the recordings of the Petersburg and Sitka meetings that Alaska Rainforest

Defenders submitted for the record today. Please solicit from the public, through public notice, any recordings of the other meetings as well, and transcribe those too.

At the meetings, the repeated denials by all representatives of the state and the Forest Service that the purpose of the rulemaking is not primarily to open more land for logging was shameful, absolutely disgusting and flatly called-out by the public, with good evidence.

Further, the state's appointment of its "advisory committee" with a contrived makeup to get the recommendations the state wants – to promote a roadless lands giveaway for logging – is despicable. It is essentially the same skewed, unrepresentative approach used in Southeast in the past, detrimentally, with the Tongass Futures Roundtable and FACA committee called the Tongass Advisory Committee. Conservation interests have never been fairly represented on any of these committees, including the present one, and only the weak, pliable members are appointed to so-called "conservation" seats, from organizations more interested in deal making than advocating for the values and the sustainability that should be expected from these seats. But it is not just a matter of the composition of the state's Roadless advisory committee or who is in the so-called conservation seats; employing such a committee is contrary to good public process, and the public process here should be a straight-up NEPA process where everyone is on a level playing field, and beginning with public scoping meetings that include the on-the-record public testimony opportunity that the public has been denied (both what should have occurred pre-Petition, and what should have occurred last month).

Mr. Secretary, the process that has been employed is disrespectful of the public and acceptable public process, in every regard. Please order termination of the Alaska Roadless Rulemaking process, immediately. The rulemaking is in truth unjustified, it is angering the public, and its premise amounts to unsustainable land management.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Attachment:

"On the jobs and the timber base on the Tongass NF"

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The attached audio file is cited in our comments submitted a few minutes ago for Alaska Roadless Rulemaking. It is an audio recording of the Sitka meeting conducted by the Forest Service and State of Alaska. Please add it to the planning record and the planning record index.

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Attached are timely comments of Alaska Rainforest Defenders on Alaska Roadless Rulemaking.

I will be making two additional transmittal messages, each with a recording from one of the recent scoping meetings the Forest Service and the State of Alaska conducted (the ones in Petersburg and Sitka). Both are cited in our comments, and please add them to the planning record and the planning record index.

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[Letter content below extracted from attachment]

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Re: Alaska Roadless Rulemaking

Dear Secretary Perdue,

These are timely scoping comments of the Alaska Rainforest Defenders ("Defenders") for the proposed USDA Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rulemaking process. We urge that you select the No-Action alternative, and more that you immediately terminate the rulemaking process.

Defenders' members use the Tongass National Forest for recreation, commercial fisheries, subsistence, wildlife viewing, scientific research and other activities. We have a long-standing interest in the ecological integrity of the Alaska Alexander Archipelago and the importance of that to our local and regional economies, both cash and subsistence. In particular, our board members have engaged in considerable advocacy on behalf of iconic Tongass wildlife species, such as the Alexander Archipelago Wolf, Queen Charlotte Goshawk, black and brown bear, and Sitka black-tailed deer and have a long history of participation in and dependence on southeast Alaska's commercial salmon fisheries.

As over 200 scientists wrote in January 2018,

"No where are the benefits of protecting roadless areas and similar ecologically important lands greater than on the Tongass. With towering old-growth trees that can live 700 to 1000 years, it is our country's largest expanse of native forest and one of the last remaining intact coastal rain forests in the world."

We agree. The 2001 Roadless Rule is working quite well on the Tongass in nurturing the "economic and social fabric of Southeast Alaska"- not the opposite as the timber industry and their sycophants purport. Perpetuation of the 2001 Roadless Rule is the one easy thing the Forest Service and State of Alaska can to "improve forest ecosystem health."[mdash]not mowing it down[mdash]as most Tongass timber sale purpose and need statements allege logging would do. We support the current 2001 Roadless Rule[mdash] in whole[mdash]and demand that the Governor of the State of Alaska withdraw his petition for this contentious, costly, and poorly vetted Tongass-specific Roadless Rulemaking.

Introduction

As explained below, the proposed Tongass Roadless Rule Exemption is a transparent attempt by Alaska Governor Bill Walker, the Forest Service, and the Alaska Delegation[mdash]at the behest of the SE Alaska timber industry which contributes less than one percent to the regional economy[mdash]to access the best remaining timber on the Tongass[mdash]nothing more. The potential levels of timber extraction posed by the proposed Tongass Roadless exemption are unacceptable, particularly in light of the damaged ecological condition of Alexander Archipelago islands in central and southern southeast Alaska. Further, the State of Alaska's and Forest Service's transparent attempt to grab the last bastions of the best and most ecologically important Tongass old growth during a time when the region is supposed to be transitioning away from old growth logging, is at best bizarre and at worst a blatant lie since there is no timber industry in southeast Alaska operating at even a small fraction of the potential scale of logging this Rulemaking would unleash.

This proposed Rulemaking if approved, will continue the trend of mismanaging Southeast Alaska's public old-growth forests as a subsidized federal timber colony that provides high value cedar to Viking Lumber's de facto parent corporation in Washington State or other Pacific Rim wood processors far outside the region. The Forest Service would then manage its maturing second-growth forests as a plantation for some other out-of-state timber broker, delaying watershed recovery and permanently eliminating habitat for wildlife.

From the outset, agency representatives have pushed the Rulemaking process as a map-marking exercise, and also have repeatedly prompted the public to submit written comments about their "favorite places". They have even provided a "Comment Interactive Web Map" for the public to mark up. For a variety of reasons, this map and/or favorite place comments should not be used as a justification for "splitting the Roadless baby." First, very few individuals know of the maps' existence, but most importantly it promotes carving up the Tongass based on which areas receive the most interest and is an underhanded method to approve a "Roadless compromise" rather than leaving the Rule standing as-is. Most importantly, the Rule decision needs to be about the integrity of Tongass ecosystems and their functions (in view of cumulative impacts to date), not about identifying a few favorite places that people show interest in and opening the rest to irreversible degradation. Please dispense entirely with this underhanded means for unraveling the Roadless Rule.

There have long been concerns for deer populations on many central and southern southeast Alaska islands and elsewhere in the Tongass. While blindly and consciously ignoring those concerns, the Forest Service and State of Alaska have authorized Viking Lumber and Alcan Forest Products/Transpac to destroy much of the best remaining publicly owned winter deer habitat throughout SE Alaska, especially central and southern Southeast. Further removals could cause local wildlife extirpations and force the few survivors into isolated patches of lower quality habitat.

There have been recent (2016-2018) severe declines in pink salmon harvests in Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) regulatory districts in southeast Alaska. In 2016 the pink salmon fishery was a disaster and in 2018 returns were far worse. These declines make it essential for the Forest Service to consider whether the need to provide aquatic habitat for fishery resources used by hundreds of local fishermen and processors should take priority over the interests of raw log exporters whose economic "contributions" to the region are negative given the massive public cost of the federal timber program. The Forest Service and other timber agencies have allowed watersheds throughout the region to be logged so intensively that in some, less than half of Tongass timber sale project area watersheds provide intact salmon spawning and rearing habitat.

A Taxpayers for Common Sense analysis using Forest Service budget data calculated that implementation of Tongass Advisory Committee's 2016 Forest Plan Amendment timber sales will generate taxpayer losses of $367.5 million over the next fifteen years. If approved, the Secretary of Agriculture (the decision maker) and Governor of Alaska (the petitioner) will both, as Responsible Officials, be responsible for throwing away hard-earned taxpayer money in similar fashion, a staggering loss for the benefit of a minor industry.

This Rulemaking is in reality a gambit to provide for traditional timber sales and provide Viking Lumber and Alcan/Transpac with a long-term supply of hundreds of millions[mdash]perhaps billions[mdash]of board feet of federal old-growth and second growth timber. The rest is fake news. Even if the Forest Service would mitigate some of the harm caused by its past and present mismanagement of southeast Alaska's public lands, the adverse cumulative impacts of further federal logging will more than offset any small improvements in fish or wildlife habitat. Industrial activities associated with the removal of remaining old-growth forest and implementation of plantation forestry for recovering second-growth forests will also render the southeast Alaska island shorelines and interior areas undesirable or even inhospitable for visitors to the region who come for recreation - particularly sport fishing and hunting.

Defenders requests that you cease this misguided Rulemaking exercise to build new roads into Tongass wildlands.

Defenders supports the no-action alternative, and we discuss our specific concerns in the following sections.

I. Despite agency claims to the contrary, the intent of the rulemaking is to prop up the Southeast Alaska timber industry

We believe the singular goal of this Roadless Tongass-specific rulemaking is to allow the two remaining timber operators on the Tongass access to the last bastions of ecologically important Tongass old growth. These operators will export the bulk of it, in the round, to Pacific-rim nations and elsewhere, bolstering the economy of other nations and to the long-term, irretrievable loss of economic, subsistence, recreation, and sport opportunities for Alaskans and all Americans.

While one-sidedly touting all the alleged benefits for development/timber interests of a Roadless exemption during their recent open house presentations, the state and Forest Service representatives dodged discussing the benefits to other sectors of leaving the Rule in place. This is a significant issue and must be considered and disclosed in your analysis. If approved, the Roadless exemption will continue the trend of managing Tongass public lands as a subsidized timber colony in perpetuity.

This rulemaking is the result of a petition submitted by Governor Bill Walker's administration in January 2018 on behalf of the State of Alaska, pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act. The petition was accepted by the Secretary of Agriculture in April 2018. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed August 2, 2018 between the Forest Service and the State of Alaska to cooperate on the establishment of rules governing the management of inventoried roadless areas within the National Forests in Alaska.

Evidence abounds that the proposed exemption is indeed for the benefit of the timber industry. First, in a cover letter which accompanied Walker's Petition and signed by Alaska Department of Natural Resources Commissioner Andrew Mack:

"We see this as one of many significant opportunities to work with you to support a diverse and robust forest sector in Southeast Alaska. Rebuilding this sector [emphasis added] will create jobs and prosperity for our rural communities located in the Tongass National Forest."

The letter and Walker's petition made absolutely no mention of mining, hydro, road connections between communities or telemedicine concerns, etc.. In contrast however, "timber" was cited 23 times in the eight page document and is clearly the driving force behind the rulemaking petition.

Second, during open house scoping meetings recently conducted throughout the region and Washington DC, agency officials alleged that the proposed rule is about more than just the timber industry. Various handouts provided to the public for the exemption also repeat the claim that the rulemaking also provides for "[hellip]energy, mining, access, and transportation systems necessary to further Alaska's economic development interests" "Telemedicine" was even cited as an industry that is harmed by the existing Rule. Simply saying so does not make it so. Despite agency valiant efforts to paint the rulemaking about being more than about propping up the timber industry, the public has repeatedly found that claim to be unbelievable.

For instance, as reported by local media, for the Petersburg Roadless Open House:

"But many weren't convinced, like Don Hernandez of Point Baker on northern Prince of Wales Island. "I think the state has a big credibility issue here because nobody really believes that the effort to do away with the roadless rule has to do with power lines and community access," Hernandez said. "It's pretty well understood that the driving force for the last 17 years is the state wants to be able to access more old growth timber."

Similar perceptions were reported from the open houses held in Pt. Baker, Craig, (a Prince of Wales Island community built during the timber heyday), and former pulp mill towns Ketchikan and Sitka also add to the lack of credibility that the rule making is about more than just timber. That agency officials failed to secure the support they thought they could garner from a community formerly built during the timber heyday is telling. But ever vigilant, and in a transparent and last ditch effort to accumulate support for the exemption, they scheduled a meeting (outside the original publicly posted schedule) in another Prince of Wales Island community built during the timber peak[mdash]Thorne Bay. Whether they were rewarded during this last desperate attempt to garner support is unknown, but the team certainly made desperate efforts seeking whatever sparse support, they may have found - and generally it was none at all.

Finally, it is notable that the "Alaska state-specific" petition requested only that the Tongass National Forest be permanently exempted, making no mention of the Chugach National Forest, the other national forest in Alaska. Inventoried roadless areas in the Alaska region include 9.2 million acres (55%) of the Tongass National Forest and 5.4 million acres (99%) of the Chugach National Forest. How can it be that Governor Walker had no concerns for the impact of the existing Roadless Rule on mining, hydro, road connections between communities, and telemedicine, etc. on the Chugach National Forest? If the rule really was a hinderance to these potential projects on the Tongass then it would follow that there would be a similar hinderance on the Chugach, and it would have been included in the petition. In fact, the only thing the Chugach lacks which the Tongass has, is a large-scale timber industry.

Overwhelming evidence points to the reality that the rulemaking is about timber-only.

II. During the open houses agency officials avoided mention of the permissive nature of the existing Roadless Rule.

During recent Roadless open houses agency officials avoided mention of the permissive nature of the existing Roadless Rule, in an apparent attempt to downplay that it allows for far more projects than the governor and the Forest Service want to admit. Clearly, the open houses were being used as a PR stunt to promote the exemption, not to offer facts to better enable the public to make informed comments. Facts that may bolster the arguments in favor of keeping the current Rule in place were not disclosed, and were denied when raised (repeatedly) by the public. Impacts to other economic sectors, both cash and non-cash and including scenic resources, tourism, recreation, subsistence uses, hunting, and sport and commercial fishing were not even mentioned by agency officials.

In fact, during the Sept. 25 Petersburg open house, when asked to identify what projects had been hindered by the Roadless Rule, the state and federal officials could not name even one example. Instead DNR Deputy Commissioner Heidi Hansen claimed "It's hard to prove a negative" [to back up rumored and unidentified projects that had been hindered]. Bogus claims about impediments to hydro, community access issues for the proposed roadless exemption were played as having primacy above all other uses of the Tongass.

Moreover, according to the Agency's own documents,

"To date, the Alaska Region has requested and received approval for approximately 57 projects within inventoried roadless areas, including, among other things, several energy (hydroelectric) and mineral exploration projects and two intertie projects. These projects have been cleared in a timely manner. [emphasis added]"

Additionally, in an attempt to add fuel to the fire, the petition included untrue, draconian phrases like, "devastating socioeconomic effects on Alaskans" and, "the extensive damage resulting from the application of the roadless rule to the economic and social fabric of Southeast Alaska remains as real today as it was 15 years ago[hellip]" The "damage and devastation" is to ordinary Alaskan's piece of mind, caused by the timber industry's and (under its undue influence) the State's 17-year quest to undo the Rule. This has kept Alaskans in a perpetual state of contention until, like a spoiled child, the industry hopes to get what it wants by brute force, orchestrated politically out of public view.

The public sees right through the PR, as was obvious at the recent public scoping meetings (which the state and the Forest Service refused to record). Southeast Alaskans have moved on from the boom and bust timber culture of yesteryear; we have a vibrant economy that depends on intact ecosystems. Wisely, most real Alaskans do not advocate for fouling our own nest for short term benefits, and to which the Tongass has been providing for generations upon generations. That the Southeast Alaska timber industry occupies far less than 1% of the regional economy is simply a symptom of the fact that they have cut themselves out of a sustainable future. The rest of us do not owe them the last and remaining best stands of timber, which our livelihoods and quality of life depend on.

III. The Alaska-Specific Roadless Rulemaking process is flawed

A. State of Alaska did no public scoping prior to its Petition; USFS did no scoping before the MOU

At no time did Governor Walker scope the citizens of Alaska prior to petitioning the federal government in order to exempt Alaska forests from the 2001 Roadless Rule or before entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Forest Service. Citizens and all economic sectors, not just those of the timber industry and its traditional pro-development supporters, should have been consulted prior to launching this major dedication of resources and personnel for the rulemaking process. We believe the Secretary and the Forest Service should have denied the state's Petition, and that early scoping would have demonstrated this clearly. This is especially so since the timber industry amounts to far less than 1% of the regional economy, but due to decades of immense cumulative impacts now harms other sectors which contribute far more to the economy. These are sectors dependent on intact Tongass landscapes and ecosystems. By failing to consult with these other stakeholders prior to filing his Petition, Governor Walker has entered into a misguided, contentious and costly pursuit, which the federal government has blindly followed. In sharp contrast, the governor's highly controversial directive to greatly reduce the annual Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend payments to individuals was afforded far more public outreach prior to his action, than that employed by this process.

B. Proceedings of the open houses were not recorded, preventing public sentiment from being entered in to the public record.

During the public open houses, agency officials failed to record the proceedings or submit them as part of the official record. Throughout the region, the public was repeatedly dismayed by that failure. For instance:

"This meeting format is a bunch of B.S. [mdash] just a pile of bear scat," Koehler said. "You come, you're interested and you want to say something and none of these conversations are being recorded."

It is asking much of the public to attend a meeting for which their sentiments are not even given the courtesy of recording and entered into the record. Forest Service and State officials owe the public the simple courtesy of at least feigning interest, by taking notes and recording the proceedings. Clearly the team is again simply going through the motions, rather than trying to actually find consensus among the public for the roadless exemption.

For the record, we are submitting along with these comments, recordings of the Sitka and Petersburg Roadless Open House meeting proceedings (likely as additional submissions on the comments-submission webpage).

IV. The Roadless Rule Citizens Advisory Committee is a farce and should be disbanded

The Roadless Rule Citizens Advisory Committee is composed of nothing more than a group of yes men and women, handpicked to achieve the singular purpose of advancing the State's and Forest Service's interest in throwing out the 2001 Roadless Rule.

On Sept. 6, 2018 Governor Walker announced he would establish a 13-member Alaska Roadless Rule Citizen Advisory Committee. There was no well-circulated public advertisement issued in local Southeast Alaska media that the group was being formed or to solicit its members. Moreover, there was no deadline stipulated in the administrative order for applications to be received. When asked about the failure to identify a deadline, the public was told that it was a "soft deadline"[mdash]whatever that is. In fact, it appears most committee members had previously been appointed by Sept.17 when the Ketchikan meeting was held[mdash]only 11 days following Walker's poorly advertised Administrative Order establishing the group. A 12 member committee, instead of 13, was formally appointed on September 28, only 22 days after Walker's AO was issued. Clearly, southeast residents were unaware of Walker's directive to form such a committee.

"Several in the room commented that Monday night was the first time they heard about the proposal or formation of a committee. Chaudhary feels a decision has already been made."

"You say you're trying to keep on a deadline and it's a soft close and you want to keep this thing moving along. It sure sounds to me like the state and the feds are (in) collusion. It's already preordained what the decision is and you guys are just pretending to go through a process here."

"Why are these positions already filled?" Chaudhary asked, referring to citizen's advisory committee positions. "It seems like the deal's already done without any input, without any information on our part."

Why wasn't a full 13 member team chosen since there was a field of 39 applicants available to choose from? Were the remaining applicants a potential threat to the state's intent to orchestrate dismemberment of the existing Rule? This, while the Roadless Exemption Open Houses were in progress, the comment period had not even closed, and local residents were still engaged in their end-of season livelihoods. The committee's first meeting was held, in short order, on October 2-3, only four days following their "official" appointment. Clearly, appointment to the committee was fast tracked in order to get their pre-determined recommendation finalized following the self-imposed deadline of Nov. 30[mdash]to be only 59 days after convening. It is a travesty that a stilted and handpicked committee intends to advance a recommendation for the disposition of 9.2 million acres of Tongass National Forest land and purport it to be a Product of the People and with such a constricted time for consideration. It is especially troublesome given that the committee members are in no way representative of the people and many should be conflicted out.

In stark contrast, Governor Bill Walker allowed a much greater time for his Climate Action for Alaska Leadership Team (CALT) to "advise the governor on critical and timely actions to address climate change challenges that will safeguard now and for future generations" as well as generous opportunity for public involvement. The fate of 9.2 millions acres of Roadless public land is a similarly important issue for all Alaskans.

The Governor signed Administrative Order 289 on October 31, 2017 which established the Alaska Climate Change Strategy and the Climate Action for Alaska Leadership Team (CALT). The team was appointed on Dec. 12, 2017 and the first meeting was convened December 18, 2017. This provided for 42 days between establishment and appointment of the committee[mdash]almost twice the time allowed for the Roadless Citizens Advisory Committee to be established and appointed, at a time of year when those with seasonal livelihoods are unable to engage. Since October 2017, "the [CALT] team met more than 20 times, looked at more than 300 pages of public comments, hosted eight listening sessions, formed two technical advisory panels and hosted 25 young Alaskans for a Young Leaders' Dialogue on Climate Change." On September 26, 2018 Walker's Climate Action Leadership Team delivered its recommendations to the Governor[mdash]almost one year after convening, in sharp contrast to the mere 59 days allowed for the Roadless committee. The CALT team actively sought public involvement and allowed generous time to receive input from other interested Alaskans. This is in stark contrast to the insulated bubble the Roadless panel comprises and their self-imposed fast-track process which allows less than two months from beginning to end to advance a proposal which will no doubt be the preferred alternative.

Although the Roadless panel has held one of three hastily called "hearings" (in Juneau), the meetings are so far unadvertised to the general public, do not even appear on the Rulemaking Website, nor will they provide equal access to all Alaskans and Americans since they are to be held only in three SE Alaska Communities.

The committee does not in any way represent everyday Alaskan residents. There are no individuals who represent the needs of wildlife, guides, real subsistence users, or tourism. Despite there being a reported 39 applicants, only 12 of the 13 seats stipulated in Walker's Administrative Order were filled. The committee makeup is skewed[mdash]almost exclusively[mdash]in favor of development/industry advocates, and even the native-held seats are occupied by individuals who have a long history of promoting timber extraction interests. The fishing and so-called conservation seats are occupied by individuals who routinely capitulate to development interests and were surely chosen precisely for that well-established reputation.

Walker wrote in a prepared statement announcing establishment of the committee and its members:

"It is critical for Alaskans to be part of this important decision-making process that, in the end, will impact many lives," Governor Walker said. "These twelve diverse Alaskans are passionate about one of our state's greatest resources: our land."

Indeed, Governor Walker[mdash]"Alaskans" does not mean a small group of special interest representatives and "yes" women and men. Indeed, in the end, the committee's recommendations will impact many lives including those who depend on intact forest ecosystems for their livelihoods, sustenance, and peace of mind. Clearly, from the get-go, the process has been fast-tracked, the panel was largely predetermined, and the Governor had no real interest in selecting from a broad base of qualified candidates, but instead those who would quickly sanction his and the timber industry's wishes. Please identify who served on the advisory group "selection committee". Was this task placed exclusively under the authority of one individual/the State Forester? Judging by the process so far, we can only conclude, that any product derived from the proceedings of the so-called Citizen's Advisory Committee is not a "Product of the People," but rather a product of industry-friendly shills[mdash]nothing more.

We believe the only way to have truly democratic and fair citizen participation is through the gold-standard NEPA process, where all citizen's can voice their interests and concerns and expect them to be impartially considered. The Citizen's Advisory Committee must be disbanded in favor of using the NEPA process exclusively.

Otherwise the process will have no credibility.

To better inform you regarding just a few of the general reasons that the many so called collaboratives nationally that have involved timber are a dangerous farce and should be disbanded, we provide these notes taken from a recent interview:

1. The makeup of collaboratives are almost always skewed. Members are not elected but rather handpicked participants who have a vested conflict of interest, often financial. They often work for industry or well-funded and larger so-called conservation groups who are sympathetic to the timber interests. It is unethical that they are allowed a prominent role in any decision making process;
2. Those who wind up participating are sympathetic to the collaborative process, which means what becomes more important is reaching an agreement than what the agreement actually does on the land or the ground. It becomes more important to maintain collaborative partnerships than good objectives for the land;
3. You will often see mention in media interviews that the collaborators sat down and "had a beer" with their fellow committee members, as if that is the most important function they are accomplishing. They become embroiled in a condition similar to the Stockholm syndrome[mdash]and it is more important to be liked[mdash]it is hard to be disliked or the odd man or woman out;
4. Collaborators often are mostly interest in reaching an agreement; ultimately the unrepresented entities end up being the wildlife, the real subsistence users, and those whose lives and livelihoods are impacted by forest degradation;
5. Another problem is that collaborative processes often start out with basic assumptions, like "our National forests are sick and the best way to fix them is to log them." Individual participants won't get anywhere by challenging the basic assumptions. It is not "whether" certain proposed activities will be done on the national forest, it becomes when and how. In the case of the Roadless Rule, the starting presumption will likely be some

form of exemption[mdash]not keeping the Rule intact. The No-action alternative is just thrown-in for token appearance sake, and a place-by-place dismantling ensues;
6. After many meetings, participants wind up getting in the collaborative trap. They don't want to be part of something that just continues the status quo since it will be perceived as a waste of time. The average person, who often knows no better, is misled that it is good that the collaborative came up with a recommendation;
7. Collaboration ends up being greenwashing. Participants become brainwashed into thinking that whatever recommendation they make is good;
8. Often individuals who have an opposing viewpoint are given less time to present, or are outnumbered by the stacked group. They are only allowed to speak to give the appearance of neutrality. The larger group is not really interested in anything that does not fit in the paradigm;
9. Sometimes collaborators are forced into a voting situations where one "no" vote kills the whole process or they are forced to sign agreements that they will not speak against whatever the group decides upon;
10. Often, participants get worn down with the process, and simply "go-along to get along" and put their stamp of approval on something they know is counter to good environmental policy. They find themselves unable to disagree with the collaborative result;
11. Most participants are paid to attend by their employers. Those who can't afford to go never even apply or if selected drop out. Those paid to go have a vested interest just by the fact that they are paid to be there, but they also, often have financial interests beyond that;
12. Average people often cannot participate or can only give so much time because they have to pay rent and feed themselves and their family;
13. Agency people don't show up on weekends, when there would be would broader participation. This is an institutional bias;
14. Collaborative groups often end up applauding more logging and not mentioning wildlife or wilderness. Participants assume that there must not be any negative impacts;
15. Some so-called environmental groups are so good at raising money that they become colonized by those who can raise money, and lose sight of their issue and focus more on collaboration;
16. Many of the collaborators have little experience in ecology or natural resource issues and when they do get to participate are overwhelmed by the so-called experts. They are often prohibited or frowned upon by speaking up;
17. Politicians and agency people don't have to make hard decisions because but really know the more or less predetermined outcome from the outset and simply rely on the collaborative to be the defacto decision maker.

The takeaway from the previous points is that:

1. The public should be very suspect of the collaborative process, especially when legislation is involved:
2. By its very nature, collaboration will only end up providing for less protection for wildlands.

In fact, a perfect example of the second and fifth items aboveare where one newly appointed collaborative member of the Citizen's committee, only 5 days into the process, has already capitulated to the process during the first meeting in the "hopes to find some compromise". He says, "our task is to generate alternatives somewhere in the middle":

"There's a lot of passion around this issue," said Brian Holst, executive director of the Juneau Economic Development Council. He's one of the 12 appointed to sit on the advisory committee. Holst said the group hopes to find some compromise. The historic fight has been between keeping the roadless rule intact or doing away with it altogether. "Our task is not to endorse either of those sides because both of those options are out there," Holst said, "but is to generate alternatives somewhere in the middle and that's challenging, that will be challenging."

And as pointed out above, the first Oct. 2-3 Citizen's Advisory Group meeting was hastily called with no regional public advertisement. The Rulemaking website provided no notice of the meetings and we only stumbled upon the Merdian website for the Rulemaking after the first hearing. That website was likely created after the first Oct. 2-3 meeting since for that meeting it reads, "Public were welcome [past tense emphasis added] to attend both days or join via conference line." How was the public to become informed of either the meeting or hearing in the absence of any public notification? In fact, with only four days between appointment of the committee and the first hearing, plane fares to attend had to be quite expensive for participants and our cash-strapped State. That is unless members were informed long before the official announcement of their appointment. When were the Citizen Advisory members notified they were appointed to the committee? Further, any out of town publics who somehow found out about the meetings and wished to attend would have

been forced to make last minute arrangements and at great expense. Shouldn't there be allowance of more time for the public to be notified? Regardless, it is hard for everyday Alaskans, who work for a living, to attend or even listen-in if that capability really exists. Moreover, what arrangements were made for listening telephonically? The DEIS should provide answers to all of the above questions.

Finally, we believe that the Forest Service and State of Alaska should convene a scientific panel regarding the impacts of old growth logging in currently Roadless areas.

V. Governor Walker's Roadless Petition reneges on the expensive and time consuming commitment to the 2016 Tongass Advisory Committee recommendations

Alaskans and Americans are tired of the repeated, costly, time consuming infringements on their personal lives that these repeated plays by the timber industry have waged. They are quite literally fed up. Moreover, Governor Walker's Roadless Petition reneges on his commitment to the 2016 Tongass Advisory Committee and recommendations to the TLMP which they fully participated in during the TAC proceedings and for the purpose of providing an alternative to the 2016 TLMP Amendment. The governor's Roadless petition is an indication that the State (through its representative, DNR Chief Forester Chris Maisch) was bargaining in bad faith at the Tongass Advisory Committee meetings.

The Forest Service claims an approved state-specific roadless rule "could" make changes to the 2016 TLMP:

"The Alaska Roadless Rule will not make any changes to the 2016 Tongass Land Management Plan or projects currently being implemented or proposed to implement the transition to a primarily young-growth timber program. Following a final decision on a state-specific roadless rule, the Tongass National Forest Land Management Plan could be amended or revised [emphasis added] to reflect any management designations established by the state-specific rule."

And, according to the Roadless Rulemaking petition submitted Governor Walker,

"The state also requests that the Secretary of Agriculture direct the USFS to commence a TLMP revision or an amendment to remove provisions of the Roadless Rule that have been incorporated into the plan and to reconsider the state objections set forth in Ex. 6 that were not addressed in the final TLMP."

So, here we go again. Clearly, the TLMP is likely to be revised again, causing Alaskans who only a few years ago thought it was settled, to go through the grueling and contentious process yet again[mdash]and at the behest of the 1% timber industry. Just who is the Governor listening to?

The State of Alaska recently participated in the Tongass Advisory Committee

(TAC) for the purpose of developing an alternative for the 2016 Tongass Land Management Plan. Following numerous meetings and expense the Committee developed an alternative and submitted it to the TLMP planning process. The TAC's alternative was adopted. Now, the SoA is in effect reneging on that expensive, contentious, and time consuming process with its request to redo the recently adopted TLMP. This is absolutely unacceptable.

In its quest to access every last bastion of economic old growth on the Tongass, the SoA once again keeps Tongass management on a treadmill of uncertainty and ensures that the region remains in constant upheaval. The Governor has caved to a welfare industry which for decades has enjoyed massive subsidies, but somehow still can't manage to stand on its own two feet and pay its own way. The push behind Walker's ill-conceived Petition is the export timber industry, who occupies less than one percent of the Regional economy, not most Alaskans and the American people who have tired of the ever persistent drone of the industries cries to feed it rapacious appetite.

It is time to put the Roadless issue to rest and allow Alaskans to live their lives free of the constant threat of having their public lands turned into an export colony.

V. Aquatic habitat: The proposed Roadless Exemption presents unacceptable and undisclosed risks to fishery resources, at great cost to the taxpayer.

A. Logging roads are a drain on the taxpayer with little benefit but to the timber industry.

On a national level, the Forest Service has an estimated $3.2 billion backlog of road maintenance needs. In particular, the Tongass, with over 5,000 miles of logging roads has many stream miles damaged by logging, and many red pipes blocking an undisclosed number of miles of salmon habitat, and a need for a number of watershed treatments deemed necessary to mitigate losses to salmon production.

It is clear that island anadromous salmon systems in Southeast Alaska are at risk for a number of reasons related to federal mismanagement. Landscape scale modifications, such as the system of logging roads, impair and reduce salmon production capacity. This proposed Roadless Rule exemption would further reduce southeast Alaska's salmon production by building roads in fish habitat accompanied by intensive logging of old growth and second growth recovering forests - and do so at a time when the region's salmon production capacity is at risk due to multiple environmental factors. In the DEIS the Forest Service must disclose the road maintenance backlog existing, both monetary and physical on the Tongass in its Roadless analysis.

Southeast Alaska communities are heavily dependent on the salmon fishery. In 2017, the estimated ex-vessel value of the Southeast Alaska Salmon fishery alone in was $161 million. In terms of just the salmon fisheries, over 800 commercial salmon permit holders depend on Southeast Alaska salmon fisheries as well as many more crew members. These vessels generate multimillions in fishing income that additionally support over thousands of processing jobs generating millions in wages. Multiple businesses in Southeast Alaska communities benefit from fishing dollars and state and local governments receive fishery enhancement taxes. This level of economic activity in the region is in stark contrast to the activity generated by decades of deficit federal spending on the timber sale program.

B. The USFS needs to disclose and analyze in the DEIS the proposed exemption's risks to fisheries and the fishery economy

The Forest Service recently produced a DEIS for the Prince of Wales Landscape Level Annihilation project that purported to discuss aquatic impacts but shockingly failed to discuss the current status of southeast Alaska fish populations or the relevance of salmon production trends across southeast Alaska. The year 2016 was a pink salmon fishery disaster for southeast Alaska. Although the final numbers are not yet in, 2018 appears to be worse. A large part of the problem is poor pink production in northern southeast Alaska inside waters, particularly during even year cycles.

Across southeast Alaska the pink salmon run failed to meet even low expectations, with 7.3 million fish harvested 2017 - the lowest since 1976 and over ten million fewer fish than fishermen caught during the 2016 disaster year. Importantly, ADF&G seine fishery announcements and test fisheries in 2018 showed that the poorest returns were in central southeast Alaska - fishing districts 9 and 10 in Frederick Sound and Chatham Strait.

The Forest Service's 1995 Anadromous Fish Habitat Assessment made numerous findings and recommendations related to reducing the impacts of industrial clear cut logging on salmon habitat in southeast Alaska. The Assessment explained that:

The cumulative effects of frequent disturbances in the Pacific Northwest have been shown to substantially reduce the quality of freshwater fish habitats resulting in negative consequences for species, stocks, and populations of fish that depend on them, even if coniferous cover is left in buffer strips along the fish-bearing streams. Fish-bearing streams represent only a small portion of stream mileage in any watershed. Because recovery of fish habitat from the effects of extensive logging in a watershed may take a century or more, recovery may never be complete if forests are clear cut harvested and watersheds are disturbed extensively on rotation cycles of about 100 years. Few refuges remain in a watershed that fish can use during such widespread, intense, and recurrent disturbances.

[hellip]Should freshwater habitats be degraded for long periods, salmon and steelhead stocks will eventually be confronted simultaneously with low marine productivity and degraded freshwater habitat. The likely result of such double jeopardy could be high, long-term risk of extinction.

Given current trends in pink salmon production, the proposed Rule exemption would present the "double jeopardy" situation described above. It would be reckless to proceed with this rulemaking because of likely

long-term adverse impacts on the salmon themselves and salmon dependent species such as bears and commercial fishermen. Scientific studies have found strong negative correlations between logging road density, timber extraction and salmon productivity. Also, the combined effects of climate change and habitat degradation increase these risks and warrant disclosure and analysis in Roadless Rule Rulemaking DEIS. For example, NMFS has found that logging has:

"... degraded coho salmon habitat through removal and disturbance of natural vegetation, disturbance and compaction of soils, construction of roads and installation of culverts. Timber harvest activities can result in sediment delivered to streams through mass wasting and surface erosion that can elevate the level of fine sediments in spawning gravels and fill the substrate interstices inhabited by invertebrates. The most pervasive cumulative effect of past forest practices on habitats for anadromous salmonids has been an overall reduction of habitat complexity from loss of multiple habitat components.

Habitat complexity has declined principally because of reduced size and frequency of pools due to filling with sediment and loss of LWD (large woody debris)[hellip]. As previously mentioned, sedimentation of stream beds has been implicated as a principal cause of declining salmonid populations throughout their range'

[hellip]. 'Several studies have indicated that, in [southern Oregon/northern California], catastrophic erosion and subsequent stream sedimentation [from major floods] resulted from areas which had been clearcut or which had roads constructed on unstable soils."

Given these findings and recent declines in fishery outputs, the Rulemaking DEIS needs to evaluate losses associated with lost fishing revenues caused by logging and road construction. Habitat loss has a substantial impact on the commercial fisheries. It is possible to estimate the loss of salmon-related economic values caused by logging and related road construction. Canadian researchers in 2003 developed habitat values (which the authors described as conservative estimates) that ranged from $.026 to $1.40 per acre of watershed, or $1,491 to $7,914 per mile of spawning stream (converted to 2003 U.S. dollars - or roughly $10,000 per mile of spawning stream today). A 1988 study identified significant economic losses to salmon fisheries caused by logging and road construction on just 21% of the Siuslaw National Forest. The author noted that even "while improved timber harvesting practices of leaving buffer strips and use of better road design have reduced the extent of fisheries losses, there are still substantial 'unavoidable' losses associated with timber harvesting." Another study found that "if habitat improvements resulting from salmon-related logging restrictions generated one additional fish for the recreational fishery per year per acre for the foreseeable future, the per acre" or seven times the forgone timber asset value of the land.

In other words, the Roadless Rule exemption will significantly sacrifice annually renewable economic outputs in order to supply Viking Lumber's parent corporation in Aberdeen with some old-growth cedar and Alcan/Transpac from Vancouver, British Columbia with some immature timber to ship off to China. The DEIS needs to assess the significant positive economic impacts of the no-action alternative in terms of reducing risks of further declines in fishery outputs and disclose the significant risks that further aquatic degradation presents to fishery resources.

C. The Forest Service must develop a funded plan to replace red pipes

Any Forest Service action to improve watershed function "must" prioritize fish passage improvements by replacing culverts and creating a valid process to fix fish passage on the island. Reliance on the Forest Service Access and Travel Management Plan is inadequate since the agency has repaired roughly only a handful of red pipes per year over the past fifteen years, meaning it may take a century or more to address the potential thousands of red pipes on the Tongass. There is an unfunded goal of improving the repair rate to ten per year in the Central Tongass Project for example, leaving two-thirds of the existing red pipes in place.

The issue of blocked culverts is so important to salmon habitat that tribes have sued the state of Washington in order to require it to fix barrier culverts in order to increase salmon populations in the region. As explained by EarthJustice in an amicus brief filed on behalf of commercial fishermen in the state of Washington:

"[hellip] because barrier culverts block access to habitat entirely, barrier removal is frequently the most effective recovery measure (and often the measure with the most immediate positive impact) when compared with other habitat recovery efforts, such as reforestation, repairing stream straightening or channelization, or increasing

flows. And obviously, other habitat restoration efforts will be futile if salmon are unable to access the restored habitat."

EarthJustice's brief noted that the district court agreed that barrier culverts "have a significant total impact on salmon production" due to "a negative impact on spawning success, growth and survival of young salmon, upstream and downstream migration, and overall production." Thus, removing them "provides immediate benefit in terms of salmon production, as salmon rapidly re-colonize the upstream area and returning adults spawn there." We believe that fixing these problems is an obligation under the Clean Water Act and Alaska state law, and that there is a NEPA obligation to develop an alternative or mitigation measure that prioritizes the remediation of fish passage problems.

D. Log-transfer facilities: The USFS must consider alternatives and mitigation measures for estuarine habitat affected by LTFs

Additionally, the Forest Service should more carefully assess adverse impacts to estuarine habitat. The Forest Service intends to utilize or reconstruct a large number of log transfer facilities across the Tongass. During the 1990s, the use of LTFs by the Forest Service and other landowners caused severe damage to sixteen saltwater ecosystems in southeast Alaska, resulting the designation of Category 5 impaired waterbodies. Fortunately, a significant decline in timber industry activity has reduced or eliminated use of many of these LTFs, resulting in partial attainment of water quality standards and some recovery of aquatic after several decades of nonuse or reduced use.

Defenders has significant concerns about the plan to expand the number of active LTFs in southeast Alaska and increase the volume of timber moved through LTFs by state and private timber operators. The potential direct, indirect and cumulative effects of federal and non-federal log rafting on fisheries and fishery habitat associated with a federal program to fund and develop marine transportation infrastructure presents a significant concern and requires detailed NEPA analysis.

In-water log storage degrades water quality to below levels necessary to protect existing commercial fisheries. There is a significant body of science that shows the incompatibility of the marine log storage with benthic habitat. Scientists and nontimber agency resource managers recognize that toxins, bark debris accumulations and the low dissolved oxygen levels they cause adversely impact shellfish species such as Dungeness crab in numerous ways, causing reproductive problems, disease, deformities, prey depletion.

For these and other reasons related to water quality degradation and impacts to the region's more important economic sectors, the LRMP provides that "[w]here feasible, preference should be given to onshore storage and barging of logs." Because the large volume of timber potentially made available under the proposed exemption will likely meet or exceed the volumes that caused Category V water quality impairments throughout the region, the Forest Service needs to prohibit in-water log storage in LTFs utilized by or operated by the Forest Service.

The 2016 LRMP requires that the Forest Service "[a]void, where practicable, siting log transfer, rafting and storage facilities in areas with established commercial, subsistence, and sport fishing activity, high levels of recreation use, areas of high scenic quality, or documented concentrations of species commonly pursued by commercial, subsistence, and sport fishers." Also, LTFs should not be located "in areas known to be important for fish spawning and rearing because of "the high value of the fisheries resources." However, these guidelines are too discretionary, and readily waived every time Viking Lumber whines that barging is too expensive.

The Forest Service needs to provide detailed information about the actual amount of timber transferred through existing or new LTFs, and analyze whether those locations would be consistent Appendix G guidelines. The discussion needs to disclose the adverse environmental impacts caused by bark accumulation and the numerous other adverse and potentially long-term impacts caused by anaerobic conditions and benthic pollution that is toxic to many marine organisms. The DEIS also needs to consider the cumulative effects of developing new infrastructure for inwater log storage and facilitating increased use of existing LTF sites through federal and non-federal timber sale programs.

The Forest Service must comply with the consultation and best available science requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act with regard to Essential Fish Habitat. The development of an expanded LTF network, and increased use of federally funded or operated LTFs by state

and private operators is clearly a "large scale planning effort" that involves "potentially large numbers of individual actions that may adversely affect EFH." Further, the level of detail in an EFH should reflect the best science, and provide an analysis of adverse effects and proposed mitigation. The significance of nearshore areas to the commercial fisheries warrants a literature review, further site investigations, and consideration of alternatives that could minimize or avoid adverse effects, including a prohibition on in-water log storage.

A NEPA analysis must provide a detailed discussion of means to mitigate adverse environmental impacts and the effectiveness of those measures, and cannot forgo this analysis by deferring to state regulatory agencies. The Forest Service needs to evaluate how it will minimize the effects of in-water log storage or clean up the mess afterwards. Timber operators in British Columbia employ site deactivation procedures in order to minimize long-term impacts and conduct baseline assessments prior to development. The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife recommends replanting marine vegetation and removing woody debris in order to mitigate LTF effects on crab.

In sum, the DEIS must provide detailed information about existing proposed new LTF sites, the impacts on the commercial fisheries, consult with NMFS and provide a full analysis of LTF impacts to fish and shellfish habitat, and includes means to mitigate impacts, including a prohibition on in-water log storage, contemporary mitigation measures, and seasonal and timing restrictions on log transfer activities to mitigate disruptions to commercial and recreational users of southeast Alaska's bays and inlets.

E. Conclusion-Aquatics section.

Southeast Alaska island ecosystems are highly significant in terms of historical salmon production, and resource recovery is critical for commercial fisheries at this time especially given the pink salmon crisis during the even year cycles. The Forest Service's plans to sacrifice aquatic ecosystems for the benefit of Viking Lumber and international raw log exporter Alcan of second growth timber poses unacceptable risks to the region's economic drivers, particularly sport fishing and commercial fishing. The Roadless Rulemaking vegetation and access management components would cause immense ecological and economic harm. The Rulemaking DEIS must candidly discuss and disclose the current status of southeast Alaska's salmon populations and the risks presented by the proposed action.

VI. The Rulemaking DEIS must disclose serious problems with the Tongass administration of large timber sales

Defenders requests that the Governor and Forest Service cease this rulemaking process because of, for example, the Petersburg Ranger District's and Prince of Wales ranger districts' inabilities to adequately administer timber sales, as has been demonstrated (but not resolved) regarding timber sale oversight, contractual and appraisal issues. As reported in 1996 by the Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility, the Tongass National Forest has a long history of permitting timber operators such as Viking Lumber Company to operate in a lawless manner in Southeast Alaska, ignoring timber export violations, scaling fraud, and outright timber theft. Defender's Board is well aware that the "Alaska Rules" still apply through ground truthing the Tonka Timber project, where Viking would clearcut deer winter range prescribed for selective cutting, and expand cutting units beyond the prescribed acreage to whatever size Viking deemed fit.

In 2016, the Washington Office reviewed the Alaska Region's timber sale and administration processes for two Viking Lumber timber sales - the Petersburg Ranger District's Tonka Timber Sale on Lindenberg Peninsula and recent Big Thorne Project on Prince of Wales Island. The review showed that (1) instead of improving "forest ecosystem health," the Tongass National Forest allowed Viking to high-grade the most ecologically valuable trees rather than the trees intended for removal to achieve the desired "forest ecosystem health" effects; (2) the Forest Service failed to conduct timber-theft prevention inspections and (3) all monitoring and reports of timber removals, etc. were self-reporting by Viking Lumber Company. These problems are a particular concern given that a major purpose of many forest service timber sales are to "improve forest ecosystem health."

Information from PEER's website indicates that the Petersburg Ranger District's failure to inspect Viking's activities and require adherence to the timber sale contract for the Tonka sale cost taxpayers $2 million alone - more than twice the amount Viking paid for the timber. On-the-ground operators admit that harvest prescription or contract terms were irrelevant to what happened on the ground - they cut only according to Viking Lumber's instructions. Petersburg Ranger District timber sale maladministration through various avenues cost taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars. Its appraisal methods resulted in artificially low appraisal rates for higher value species such as Alaska Yellow Cedar and Sitka Spruce. Logging and haul costs were much lower than

estimated by the Forest Service, resulting additional windfalls to Viking Lumber. Moreover, the Activity Review found that the "Region had not updated the appraisal program to the most recent set of cost and selling value Under the current appraisal, required removal of the Hemlock saw timber represents a reduction in sale value exceeding $1.7 million" for the Big Thorne timber sale.

Now, after adding to the taxpayer costs of the program through poor oversight and erroneous cost analyses, the Forest Service and Governor want to provide access to hundreds of millions - perhaps billions - of board feet of timber from Roadless areas. This, for timber operators to run amok cutting some of the most ecologically important forested, while the Forest Service looks the other way or pulls out the check book any time Viking or Alcan/Transpac needs more timber to boost cash flow.

Defenders submits these issues also bear significantly on the agency's ability to implement standards and guidelines, such as they are, intended to protect other resource values. How can the Forest Service rely on Viking Lumber to apply Forest Plan Standards and Guidelines for other forest values such as den, nest or riparian in the absence of responsible oversight?

In sum, the Tongass National Forest lacks the institutional capacity and will to administer large timber sales The DEIS must disclose and discuss the Forest Service's present ability and capacity to ensure the accountability of its timber sale program. This lack of accountability was particularly evident in the recent public hearing in Petersburg for the Central Tongass Project - despite the serious loss of public funds and program audit, the Forest Supervisor had no answers and appeared to be ignorant of this issue.

VII. Wildlife habitat impacts

Defenders requests that the Forest Service do and document surveys for wildlife species present in all Roadless areas and discuss their locations and preferred habitat uses in the DEIS. This analysis should entail more than a quantitative approach to measuring productive old growth losses at various scales. Instead, there needs to be consideration of specific habitat features that contribute to wildlife viability and abundance, particularly in light of the high degree of fragmentation in roaded portions of the Tongass. No doubt, wildlife populations in the various project areas would benefit from delaying any subsequent entries for some time.

In this section we begin with a discussion of impacts to Sitka black-tailed deer, Alexander Archipelago wolves and Queen Charlotte goshawks and bears. We believe impacts to the four aforementioned species and their habitats merit treatment as significant issues given the importance of deer for hunting in southeast Alaska communities, cumulative impacts of logging on bears now that salmon foraging habitat is a significant resource concern, and the precarious population status of wolves and Queen Charlotte Goshawks.

A. The DEIS should provide a detailed analysis of impacts to Sitka black-tailed deer and deer winter range.

We have significant concerns about the lack of high value winter deer range remaining on the Tongass, particularly in central and southern southeast and consequently the impacts of this Rulemaking on remaining deer habitat. Many of the proposed timber analysis areas abut past clearcuts where canopy closures are now or will soon be occurring. Logging in current Roadless areas may also further fragment or directly remove the little remaining winter deer habitat. Many southeast Alaska islands and mainland are already heavily fragmented and contain large portions of what is currently, or soon to be, unsuitable deer habitat due to canopy closure in the extensive created openings and second-growth stands. Given the importance of deer, the Rulemaking DEIS should also consider adjusting OGR boundaries in a way that would provide additional protection.

In the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA), Congress announced the following policy: "[c]onsistent with sound management principles, and the conservation of healthy populations of fish and wildlife, the utilization of public lands in Alaska is to cause the least adverse impact possible on rural residents who depend on subsistence uses of the lands."

Congress intended for federal agencies to incorporate a factor of safety into resource management decisions:

The committee intends the phrase "the conservation of healthy populations of fish and wildlife" to mean the maintenance of fish and wildlife resources and their habitats in a condition which assures stable and continuing natural populations and species mix of plants and animals in relation to their ecosystems, including recognition

that rural residents engaged in subsistence uses may be a natural part of that ecosystem; minimize the likelihood of irreversible or long-term effects of such populations and species; and ensures maximum practicable diversity of options for the future. The greater the ignorance of resource parameters, particularly of the ability of a population or species to respond to changes in its ecosystem, the greater the safety factor must be.

The Tongass NF has failed to meet this standard for decades by disproportionately removing deer winter range. According to a conservation assessment included in the TLMP planning record, most of the logging on the Tongass occurred on low-elevation, south facing slopes favored by deer. The disproportionate effect on important deer winter habitat raises serious questions about alternative hunting areas. Previous Forest Service analyses has shown that in some areas, For instance, Wrangell Island to name but one, deer numbers are lower than on surrounding islands based on browse indications, pellet density data and hunter harvest information. These low population numbers may reflect the significant loss of winter deer habitat in many Wrangell landscape units and others. Pending state timber throughout Southeast Alaska, particularly central and southern, have had or will have a significant impact on whatever high value winter deer range remains. Indeed, an older Forest Service analysis, the Shady project EA, noted that "any additional loss of important deer habitat could reduce the ability of an already depressed population to recover." Given the cumulative loss, and existing scarcity of high value winter deer range in many areas on the Tongass, we believe that the Forest Service must stop logging all remaining moderate and lower value deer habitat.

The Rulemaking DEIS should take in account that, for instance, in some Southeast locals roughly a decade ago, a series of above average snowfall winters, including a record snowfalls caused serious impacts to central southeast Alaska deer populations. Specifically, from 2006-2009, the central Alaska panhandle, including Game Management Unit 3, experienced 3 consecutive winters with well above average snowfall. In fact, snow depths in combination with habitat loss at least partly influenced the Alaska Board of Game's January 2013 decision to limit the deer hunting seasons and bag limits in some areas. As ADFG personnel explained, "maintaining adequate reserves of old growth will be important for maintaining deer numbers at higher levels once recovery of the deer population has occurred." In sum, the Forest Service must take reasonable steps to ensure not just viable, but harvestable levels of wildlife populations, in particular - for deer.

Findings in the DEIS must account for ANILCA's emphasis on special consideration for subsistence resources, the uncertainty about climate change impacts on wildlife populations, and the extensive high grading of prime winter deer habitat throughout the Tongass.

B. Impacts to Alexander Archipelago Wolves: consider abundance and significance of all Tongass populations

The DEIS should consider and disclose a reasonable, place-specific population estimates for southeast Alaska wolves. Many areas of Southeast Alaska where wolves historically were abundant have conditions similar to the Prince of Wales Archipelago, where suppression of the population to a very low level has been a critical concern in recent years. Extensive logging and road construction have similarly changed conditions for deer and wolves on Kuiu, Kupreanof, Mitkof, Zarembo, Revillagigedo, and Wrangell Islands. In conjunction with the Prince of Wales Archipelago, those islands sustain most of the wolf population in Southeast Alaska. (Person et al. 1996). Decline in sustainable predator-prey communities will occur throughout the most productive areas for deer and wolves in Southeast Alaska because those areas are correlated with the most productive forest stands selected for timber harvest. [David Person Declaration on Big Thorne, 2015, at [para]13e].

We also request a detailed discussion of the impacts of increased road density on wolves in all Roadless Areas, on a wildlife analysis area (WAA) basis, including the 80,000 acres that are classified as "roaded roadless" areas.

C. Comments on analysis of impacts to Queen Charlotte Goshawks

There are significant uncertainties about the current status of goshawk populations and the adequacy of nest protection measures. The Fish and Wildlife Service's 2007 Status Review explained that Queen Charlotte goshawks in southeast Alaska are highly vulnerable to additional stresses - because of the low population level, "low survival or reproductive rates could not be sustained long before viability of the subspecies would be at risk." Population levels are unknown; according to the Status Review, southeast Alaska may support just a few to several hundred breeding pairs. These findings and other results from risk assessments and scientific studies demonstrate the risks of continued and serious population decline associated with further loss of habitat

caused by old-growth logging. Queen Charlotte Goshawks will likely face at the very least additional localized extirpations on Prince of Wales Island pending implementation of the Prince of Wales Landscape Level Annihilation (POWLLA). Many of the few remaining active nest sites are in southeast Alaskan old growth forest stands and will be at direct or indirect risk due to any logging in Roadless acres.

The DEIS must specifically consider prey availability and other features such as alternative nest sites for Roadless area Queen Charlotte Goshawks. The Forest Service's 1996 conservation assessment found that a "broad scale of analysis fails to consider distribution of habitat throughout southeast Alaska." Subsequent studies also have verified that it is unreasonable to rely on habitat measurements outside of known nests. Based on these findings, we question the Forest Service's recent approach of using impacts to high-probability nesting habitat as the primary metric for impact assessment. This approach masks degradation to specific goshawk foraging habitat caused by logging in the vicinity of the nests. A site-specific analysis is possible and will generate a more accurate evaluation of impacts and viability risks. For example, the Forest Service has in the past evaluated timber projects by considering impacts to foraging habitat and disruptions within a 6,000 acre foraging area surrounding each nest.

1. The DEIS should include a goshawk population inventory and sitespecific analysis of known southeast Alaska nest sites

There are a number of historical known goshawk nests in roadless areas in southeast Alaska. The Forest Service needs to survey these sites and discuss and disclose potential nest and breeding failures. Alexander Archipelago Queen Charlotte Goshawks - potentially among the most important remaining populations - are particularly at risk. Individual impacts, such as impact to individual QCGs, can have more significant impacts in relation to other impacts on overall species viability - across the Alexander Archipelago:

Cumulative impacts of multiple projects can be significant in different ways. The most obvious way is that the greater total magnitude of the environmental effects - such as the number of acres affected or the total amount of sediment to be added to streams within a watershed- may demonstrate by itself that the environmental impact may be significant. Sometimes the total impact from a set of actions may be greater than the sum of the parts. For example, the addition of a small amount of sediment to a creek may have only a limited impact on salmon survival, or perhaps no impact at all. But the addition of a small amount here, a small amount here, and still more at another point could add up to something with a much greater impact, until there comes a point where even a marginal increase will mean that no salmon will survive.

The Ninth Circuit's explanation of sediment impacts to salmon has a direct bearing on how the DEIS should analyze risks to individual Queen Charlotte Goshawks in the project area. The cumulative effects analysis must explain how the proposed Rulemaking exemption, in combination with other past, planned and other ongoing projects threatens QCG viability in light of the low population of the species, and the importance of individual breeding pairs in the project area to the broader persistence of the species.

The DEIS must review the Forest Service's 1996 Conservation Assessment which included a risk assessment that identified areas with harvest rates exceeding percent by 1995 or 33% by 2055 as presenting "a higher risk of not providing the amount and distribution of habitat necessary to sustain goshawks." Where do Roadless area VCUs fit within these risk thresholds? NEPA analysis must address and answer these questions.

The Rulemaking DEIS needs to review the locations of any known current or historical nests and any other observations of goshawk habitat use, including information about foraging habitat. Please also indicate how many surveys have been conducted and describe the survey methodologies.

2. The DEIS should address risks to Queen Charlotte Goshawks

The proposed exemption, if approved will likely will affect the fitness and breeding potential of Roadless area goshawks due to reduced foraging capacity. The Fish and Wildlife Service's 2007 status review explained that QCGs in southeast Alaska are highly vulnerable to additional stresses - because of the low population level, "low survival or reproductive rates could not be sustained long before viability of the subspecies would be at risk."

Further, a 2005 study of Queen Charlotte Goshawks on similarly degraded island ecosystem habitat in British Columbia concluded that they experience more breeding failures than other northern goshawks, and raised the

concern that "at the present rate of productivity, insufficient young are possibly being produced to allow the population to be maintained." The study identifies a number of risks that are highly relevant to the analysis in the DEIS, including risks associated with low productivity, specific flaws with the use of the Forest Service's high probability foraging habitat methodology and uncertainties about using different timber management prescriptions to mitigate population effects:

QCGs produce few young fledglings per breeding attempt relative to other northern goshawks, and were possibly not producing sufficient young in the study area (Haida Gwaii), raising the question of whether small insulated island populations with low breeding rates can maintain a viable population;

1. successful breeding may require greater than 60% productive old growth;
2. because of an absence of nest activities outside of known nests, it is unreasonable to rely on measurements of highly productive habitat as goshawks are not being detected in those areas;
3. raising uncertainties about the effectiveness of a variable retention approach. In other words, the DEIS must focus on the availability of foraging habitat and other critical features in the vicinity of historical nest sites rather than rely on broad scale habitat measurements.

3. The DEIS should address scientific critiques of the TLMP Conservation Strategy pertaining to Queen Charlotte Goshawks

Also, the Roadless exemption DEIS should review responsible scientific opinion raising serious questions about whether current TLMP standards and guidelines and the conservation strategy effectively sustain viability. For example, federal and state wildlife agencies believe that measures implemented in the 2008 TLMP Amendment will reduce conservation standards and necessitate a reconsideration of the 2007 status review. A subsequent study by one of the region's leading Queen Charlotte Goshawk experts, Dr. Winston Smith, identified uncertainties pertaining to whether TLMP conservation measures provide the habitat features necessary to sustain well distributed goshawk populations across the Alexander Archipelago.

Dr. Smith's analysis indicated that risks to goshawks under the TLMP are likely even greater than anticipated under the 1996 risk assessments. Specifically, the 1996 risk assessment assumed that the TLMP conservation strategy, particularly the reserve system, would in part mitigate habitat loss from excessive timber harvest.

However, Dr. Smith's study indicates that contributions from reserves and other conservation elements (buffers) "might not mitigate the cumulative habitat loss in intensively managed landscapes." Dr. Smith added that there is "evidence on nearby islands that extensive loss and fragmentation of habitat from clearcut logging contributed to population declines of QCGs." His analysis explicitly stated that TLMP standards and guidelines "are unlikely to meet breeding-season habitat objectives established for goshawk populations" in other areas. Specifically, Smith's study showed that:

* TLMP conservation measures contribute about half the secure habitat recommended for post-fledgling areas of breeding pairs in other portions of the northern goshawk's range
* Guidelines for northern goshawk populations in other areas may underestimate habitat needed by goshawks s due to limitations in prey resources
* Breeding pairs in southeast Alaska "likely rely almost entirely on productive old-growth forest as foraging and nesting habitat as few mammal species inhabit low-volume or managed forests and the structure of second growth stands renders prey unavailable to foraging QCGs. [(Exh. 45 at 6-7]

Another recent study, Sonsthagen et al 2012, also is relevant to the analysis of cumulative effects and site-specific impacts. Sonsthagen et al indicate that a metapopulation framework actually suggests a heightened need for specific individual nest site protections because without those, the individuals would blink out, resulting in the loss of source populations and over time, the metapopulation would cease to exist.

In sum, Dr. Smith's study in particular identified significant uncertainties and adverse risks to QCGs associated with the inadequacy of the TLMP conservation strategy. Further NEPA analysis should discuss and respond to Smith's analysis of the conservation strategy, and assess the implications of Sonsthagen's discussion of metapopulations.

4. The Roadless DEIS must consider larger buffers & other measures to protect known nest & forage habitat

TLMP standards provide that "[s]pecial consideration should be given to the possible adverse impacts on habitat of sensitive, threatened and endangered species."

We request consideration of mitigation/alternative nest management measures as required by the TLMP, such as increased buffers for nests and increased forest structure retention requirements in the vicinity of known goshawk nests. The DEIS needs to include a site-specific habitat quality analysis that takes into account all available information on differential utilization of various forest types and structures.

During the 2008 TLMP Amendment process, ADF&G, the FWS, and the Forest Service's Pacific Northwest Research Station each recommended, at a minimum, a 500-acre buffer as needed to minimize risks to QCGs. The TLMP required the Responsible Official to "[c]onsider surrounding landscapes when managing for goshawk nest sites" and provide for alternative nest management measures as appropriate.

5. Conclusion

In sum, there are significant uncertainties about immediate and long term risks to southeast Alaska Queen Charlotte Goshawks, and consequently, the viability of the species throughout southeast Alaska. The DEIS must consider the population status and particular vulnerabilities of Roadless area populations, and address uncertainties about the viability of the population, particularly in response to further logging in the vicinity of known nests.

D. Comments on Impacts to other wildlife species

We request that the DEIS provide comprehensive analysis of exemption impacts on other Roadless area wildlife species and consider measures that will mitigate adverse impacts such as increased buffers, increased forest structure retention requirements and effective road closures. The DEIS should document surveys for wildlife species present in the Roadless areas and discuss their locations and preferred habitat uses and that the analysis do more than a quantitative assessment of productive old growth losses at various scales. In particular, we requested consideration of specific types of old growth forests that are valuable to old-growth dependent species.

In general, the cumulative loss of key habitat features for bear, marten and other MIS such as endemic voles and interior forest birds in particular is alarming and it is hard to see how there will be sufficient habitat available to meet NFMA requirements maintain well-distributed, viable populations of existing native species in the planning area. The scale of the proposed timber sales raises serious questions about the Rulemaking's inconsistency with numerous TLMP goals and objectives for wildlife, which range from maintaining sufficient habitat capability needed to provide opportunities for hunting, trapping and wildlife viewing and preventing species from being listed as sensitive due to degraded habitat conditions.

1. Comments on impacts to bears

In its most recent game management report on black and brown bears, ADF&G has continued to express concerns about habitat changes from logging. According to that state agency, "timber harvest poses the most serious threat to black bear habitat in [GMU 3] over the long term."

Black and brown bears are umbrella species with large area requirements and varied habitat uses. The health of black and brown bear populations can be an indicator of overall ecosystem integrity. The 2008 TLMP FEIS explains that "[b]lack and brown bears were chosen as an MIS because of their importance for hunting and for recreation and tourism."

The DEIS should disclose impacts to high value bear habitat - low-elevation, old-growth forest with abundant and productive salmon streams - and discuss how much summer black and brown bear habitat and denning habitat will be lost because of this proposed exemption. We also request an analysis of human caused disturbances to bears, particularly those related to roads and summer habitat loss and thinning activities near streams during spawning season. Finally, we request that the DEIS recognize the impact of canopy closures and resulting loss of understory vegetation and habitat value for bear and consider impacts on forage availability due to impending canopy closures in past and future clearcuts.

In general, we are concerned about the proposed Roadless exemption's impacts, if approved, to black and brown bear viability in light of these concerns. Please address the following issues in the DEIS with regard to the viability of both black and brown bear MIS and include site-specific analyses of impacts to both species by alternative:

1.
The DEIS should clarify whether black and brown bear foraging areas will receiveadditional protections, following from experts' recommendations for 500 foot riparian buffers to meet foraging needs. It should carefully evaluate expanded riparian buffers for black and brown bears and evaluate the recommendations of the recent studies on the importance of riparian buffers to bear populations. The TLMP does not delineate specific buffers for black and brown bear but does direct that riparian buffers be increased from the standard buffer to 500 feet in important brown bear foraging areas. Black bear are more secretive than brown bear and should receive additional protection. The availability of spawning salmon as a food resource is a major influence on bear habitat quality and bears have the highest vulnerability to human activities in low elevation riparian areas during summer months.

Consequently, the DEIS should evaluate the value of 500 foot riparian bear buffers on all class I streams. The failure to include this measure in any action alternative means that the Forest Service has failed to consider its statutory mandates to take a hard look at adverse impacts to bear or meets its NFMA obligations to provide for wildlife viability. In general, 100 foot buffers are inadequate to meet bear foraging needs. Studies of brown bear riparian habitat utilization found that: (1) 500 foot riparian buffers should be applied "universally to all salmon streams"; (2) a 1,000 foot buffer would provide for 73% of female bear riparian habitat use in lightly altered landscapes and (3) 1,000 foot buffers are appropriate in areas where management objectives include healthy, abundant bear populations for hunting and viewing.

2.
The Roadless DEIS should discuss impacts to bear habitat at a fine scale, and we request that the DEIS do more than catalog old-growth removals at broad scales. Black and brown bears repeatedly use specific habitats, and even small stream reaches may be important, thus triggering a need to identify high use riparian areas

3.
Old-Growth Forest Dependency: The DEIS should include information about black and brown bear utilization of and impacts to large tree old-growth forest, which is the most used habitat type by all bears in all seasons. Wildlife managers are increasingly associated black and brown bear habitat with large-tree old-growth and expect population declines to correlate with reductions in this specific type of habitat.

4.
Denning habitat: The DEIS should disclose that black and brown bears in southeast Alaska select for specific denning habitats, meaning that further NEPA analysis should consider site-specific features, and avoid clearcutting in areas that provide suitable denning habitat. There is considerable re-use of existing den sites, which may indicate in part a lack of adequate alternative sites. In light of the likely importance of adequate den sites to black and brown bear survivability and reproductive success, further analysis and consideration of mitigation measures are needed.

5.
Habitat capability model: Please use the interagency habitat capability model in further analyses in order to systematically assess proposed exemption impacts to black and brown bears.

6.
Road density impacts: The DEIS should address road density impacts to bears.

7.
Further NEPA analysis should consider specific riparian habitat needs and discuss site-specific mitigation measures: the extensive rate of past planned harvest in the vicinity of Roadless area anadromous streams is likely to significantly reduce riparian bear habitat and lead to population declines. Access to riparian habitat is a major influence on bear habitat quality and critical to black and brown bear cub production and survival. Bears strongly select for less altered, closed forest riparian habitats. Bears using heavily altered habitats consume

less salmon and restricted access to salmon means that there will be reduced survival and fewer hunting and viewing opportunities.

8.
Bear population status: The DEIS discuss current trends in black and brown bear abundance in Roadless areas and disclose indicia of a population decline. Analyze the extent to which intensive habitat alteration caused by logging may reduce carrying capacity for bears and exacerbate other environmental factors contributing to a suspected population decline. In particular, the Forest Service should consult ADF&G and/or its Division of Wildlife Conservation and disclose and discuss any ongoing scientific research related to the effects of southeast Alaska's pink salmon crisis on black and brown bears.

2. Comments on proposed Roadless exemption to Impacts to marten

The DEIS must discuss significant marten viability concerns for southeast Alaska island ecosystems. We request that the Forest Service undertake systematic surveys given the potential for extinction of marten or at least excessive mortality on roadless ecosystems under threat of logging and roading, The DEIS should provide information on current trapping effort or the existing status of marten populations rather than rely on overall habitat measurements to assess impacts. We request that further analysis address the following concerns:

1. Road density risks: The DEIS needs to identify relevant thresholds or to what extent road density increases would result in the entire population being vulnerable to overharvest or the potential for local extirpations.
2. Further NEPA analysis should include use of the habitat capability model: The TLMP specifically recommends using a habitat capability model for MIS in order to systematically assess the proposed exemption impacts. The need for an interagency model is particularly critical in light of the species low tolerance for habitat loss.
3. Consider forest retention prescriptions for marten: The Forest Service should consider additional retention requirements in clearcut units. When planned logging will threaten viability, partial harvest aimed at maintaining productivity of small mammals, retaining habitat features for dens and nest sites, leaving substantial amounts of vertical structure are key features that must be considered in further NEPA analysis.
4. Trapping Refugia and Prey Availability: The DEIS should include some additional discussion of trapping refugia and prey availability. The analysis would be improved by reviewing the recommendations of expert scientists from the 2006 Conservation Strategy Review Workshop and considering responsive measures, such as matrix management and enhanced corridors between OGRs.
5. Review updated scientific literature on logging impacts to marten: The DEIS should review two recent studies we submitted to the Wrangell Ranger District during the Wrangell Island Project NEPA process - one indicates how marten are one of the most sensitive species to environmental changes, including climate change, and bears on project impacts, and the second address how even lighter touch logging prescriptions can adversely affect marten movement patterns and ecological needs, and indicates that partial harvest prescriptions thus can also have adverse impacts and should not be relied on to mitigate project impacts.

VIII. Cedar decline; high-grading of large trees and cedar; and the warming climate

We request that you consider cedar and large-tree old-growth high-grading, cedar decline and silvicultural prescriptions as a significant and alternative driving issue in the DEIS. We have repeatedly emphasized concerns about a trend across the forest to high-grade certain types of forest structure stands and cedar species.

This problem is magnified in Roadless areas because if history is any guide, intensive high grading of large-tree old-growth forests will result. The DEIS thus needs to include a discussion and disclose data relevant to high-grading high volume large tree old-growth forests that provide optimum fish habitat and winter carrying capacity for deer.

The DEIS should also address cedar high-grading, consider yellow cedar decline and climate change, and provide information about regeneration in logged areas. In particular, there should be alternatives that avoid healthy yellow cedar stands. The DEIS should provide enough information to assess the impacts of removing high levels of yellow cedar and how this project fits in with biome-wide red cedar removals now that the

Tongass functions as a refuge for this species. The Forest Service has removed disproportionate amounts of cedar in order to generate positive appraisal sales for decades with no end in sight.

The DEIS also should discuss the Alaska Region's developing strategy for cedar conservation and how it is relevant to this project. Because of the forest-wide significance of this issue and because of the extent of cedar decline in the Roadless areas, there should be a description of specific areas that prohibit taking yellow cedar, for instance areas of adequate soil drainage where cedar decline is less likely to occur.

We also request that the DEIS evaluate this project in terms of how logging impacts climate change and consider and disclose threats posed by climate change to project area forest resources. It is widely recognized that old-growth logging (in particular) and also second-growth logging contribute to global carbon emissions and that climate change has significant ramifications for forests and biodiversity. The DEIS also needs to address and disclose real threats to Tongass NF fish, wildlife and vegetation resources that result from scientifically recognized changes in climate.

Every section of the DEIS, including the timber economics section, should consider the impacts of our changing climate. There are also numerous scientifically credible views pertaining to climate change impacts on the Tongass and project prescriptions should add an extra factor of caution due to the projected changes for the Tongass and increased risks to fish and wildlife. For example, the DEIS should review the unusually dry weather in 2018, and consider the cumulative effects of climate induced low streams flows and logging together. The DEIS should also consider the effects of new clearings and additional roads on abnormal heating and drying of the surrounding forest.

IX. In Conclusion

If approved, any diminishment of the current Roadless Rule would do irreparable harm to Tongass wildlands including their fish and wildlife populations, Alaskans who depend on intact Tongass ecosystems for their livelihoods, the tourism and recreation sectors, and all American taxpayers.

We understand that you will likely continue to frame this exemption around timber, as well as hydro, mining, telecommunications, and community access issues which are not really at threat from the Rule.

We however ask, if the overwhelming sense of Alaskans and the American citizen's continue to support the current 2001 roadless area policy, and are they willing to forego the manufactured Roadless obstacles to development that your agency has concocted, will you continue to persist in your "big government knows best" philosophy, or instead allow the will of the American people and Alaskans to finally rest in peace?.

We urge you to drop this foolhardy Rulemaking venture and cease the relentless attacks on Tongass old growth forests, once and for all.

Sincerely,

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Alaska Roadless Rule

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Re: Alaska Roadless Rulemaking

Dear Secretary Perdue,

I will be brief. The comments of Alaska Rainforest Defenders and of the many Southeast Alaskans who comment on the high ecological, scenic, subsistence and commercial fisheries values of the remaining roadless areas of the Tongass National Forest (including the so called roaded-roadless) speak for me. There is much eloquence in that record already, so on this last day of the comment period, that is sufficient.

I write to add to the record my attached short essay, "On the jobs and the timber base of the Tongass NF." It is an extract from a critique I wrote of testimony by Tom Crafford, representing Alaska governor in testimony to the U.S. House Interior Committee on November 3 that year. It exposes untruths that for the last two decades have been raised repeatedly by the state, the timber industry and other pro-development interests concerning past levels of employment in the Tongass and wider-Southeast timber industry and their claims for why the industry should be rebuilt to that scale. As the essay explains, in truth the pace of logging across all forestland ownerships in Southeast Alaska (including the Tongass National Forest) was far, far beyond any semblance of sustainability. The industry collapsed because the profitable timber that was accessible was exhausted, to the

tremendous detriment today of every other forest use in the region and to our truly productive and sustainable major industries [ndash] commercial fishing and tourism. While the essay speaks to a then-proposed large land transfer to the State of Alaska, for logging, the same issues it raises apply to the opening of presently protected Roadless areas.

I must add that I am absolutely appalled by the ham-handed, undemocratic process that USDA, the Forest Service and the State of Alaska have established for this rulemaking. If it isn't criminal, it should be. The state should have consulted the citizens of Southeast Alaska before it filed the Petition; that is apparent from the strong, angry, nearly universal backlash to opening up roadless lands that was apparent at I believe every scoping meeting that was held. It is appalling that there is no official record of what was said at those meetings, by the intent of the state and the Forest Service. In the past, public meetings of this importance have been recorded and transcribed for the official record. Please listen to and transcribe for the record the recordings of the Petersburg and Sitka meetings that Alaska Rainforest Defenders submitted for the record today. Please solicit from the public, through public notice, any recordings of the other meetings as well, and transcribe those too.

At the meetings, the repeated denials by all representatives of the state and the Forest Service that the purpose of the rulemaking is not primarily to open more land for logging was shameful, absolutely disgusting and flatly called-out by the public, with good evidence.

Further, the state's appointment of its "advisory committee" with a contrived makeup to get the recommendations the state wants [ndash] to promote a roadless lands giveaway for logging [ndash] is despicable. It is essentially the same skewed, unrepresentative approach used in Southeast in the past, detrimentally, with the Tongass Futures Roundtable and FACA committee called the Tongass Advisory Committee. Conservation interests have never been fairly represented on any of these committees, including the present one, and only the weak, pliable members are appointed to so-called "conservation" seats, from organizations more interested in deal making than advocating for the values and the sustainability that should be expected from these seats. But it is not just a matter of the composition of the state's Roadless advisory committee or who is in the so-called conservation seats; employing such a committee is contrary to good public process, and the public process here should be a straight-up NEPA process where everyone is on a level playing field, and beginning with public scoping meetings that include the on-the-record public testimony opportunity that the public has been denied (both what should have occurred pre-Petition, and what should have occurred last month).

Mr. Secretary, the process that has been employed is disrespectful of the public and acceptable public process, in every regard. Please order termination of the Alaska Roadless Rulemaking process, immediately. The rulemaking is in truth unjustified, it is angering the public, and its premise amounts to unsustainable land management.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Larry Edwards

41-year Southeast resident

Attachment:

"On the jobs and the timber base on the Tongass NF"

[Attachment: duplicate of letter and essay by author "On the jobs and the timber base on the Tongass NF"]

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Thank you for considering my comments.

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Protect the Roadless Rule for backcountry recreation

Dear Alaska Forest Service,

I am an outdoor recreation enthusiast writing to express my interest in continuing to protect the Tongass National Forest and its backcountry and roadless areas from unnecessary logging and development. The Tongass has tremendous value for outdoor recreation in the region, and also provides clean water, clean air, and wildlife habitat, all of which are foundational to the economic and ecological health of Southeast Alaska. Road building, logging, and development should be prohibited in the Tongass's roadless areas to preserve valuable outdoor recreation resources.

The Roadless Rule was created after a lot of public outreach. It's a popular and sensible approach to land management.

The federal Roadless Rule should remain in place in Alaska, and all current roadless areas in the state should remain protected.

Alterations to the Roadless Rule in Alaska would likely have significant impacts to the resources stated above. As such, any proposed alteration should be evaluated with an Environmental Impact Statement. Furthermore, the recreational benefits of recreation should be included in the cost-benefit analysis.

Any data your analysis uses from the State of Alaska should be peer reviewed by external scientists (not State scientists), to avoid conflicts of interest.

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The Honorable Sonny Perdue, Secretary

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Dear Secretary Perdue,

I am writing to voice my opposition to any modification to the Roadless Rule in Alaska. The proposed changes would undermine safeguards, and facilitate increased old-growth logging in the Tongass and the Chugach National Forests. Logging prohibitions contained within the Roadless Rule are a key component of the long-awaited transition away from old-growth clearcutting on the Tongass. The Roadless Rule protects over 2.5 million acres of productive old-growth (which constitutes half of the old-growth forests remaining on the Tongass) and prevents the fragmentation of large unbroken landscape. Rolling back the Roadless Rule in Alaska would ignore overwhelming public support, put wildlife and critical habitat at risk, and threaten access to safe drinking water. The rule change would be a step away from sustainable development and would run counter to the interests of all Americans, as well as Alaskans, and is not in the best interest of taxpayers.

Scientists overwhelmingly agree that clear cutting of old growth trees for timber puts whole systems at risk and destroys wildlife habitats. The Roadless Rule is an indispensable conservation tool responsible for the protection of approximately 58.5 million acres of our national forests. The Roadless Rule was the product of, at the time, the most robust public engagement process on record. 1.6 million people commented on the Roadless Rule with 95 percent voicing support for strong protections for roadless areas. In the decades since, the American people have continued to support strong conservation protections for our public lands and roadless national forests. At its core, the Roadless Rule is about preserving wild, high conservation value lands across the National Forest System. The Roadless Rule helps preserve these places while providing significant management flexibility for activities.

The science is clear: If we want to keep global warming from threatening the existence of coastal areas and low-lying island nations, the world must preserve its remaining old forests and the massive carbon reserves they[rsquo]ve accumulated over the centuries.

Again, I strongly urge you against granting any exemptions or exceptions to the Roadless Rule in Alaska, and advise the Forest Service to refrain from pursuing an Alaska version of the Roadless Rule. Rather, continue to uphold the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule, maintaining protections against logging and roadbuilding in Tongass roadless areas.

The agency[rsquo]s mission is [ldquo]Caring for the Land and Serving the People.[rdquo] The Forest Service should strive to protect the Tongass National Forest and ensure our public lands serve the people and wildlife of today and future generations.

Thank you for taking the time for my comment,

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In the Shadow of the Wolf

[Contents of letter duplicated in attachment]

IN THE SHADOW OF THE WOLF

The Honorable Sonny Perdue, Secretary
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Dear Secretary Perdue and Mr. French:

The Tongass is the country's largest national forest—and home to nearly one-third of all old-growth temperate rainforest remaining in the entire world, and is prime habitat for wolves, specifically the Alexander Archipelago wolf, and their prey, the Sitka black-tailed deer. The Tongass old-growth forests provide ideal nesting habitat for the Queen Charlotte Goshawk, an endemic rainforest raptor that lives in coastal British Columbia and Southeast Alaska. The old-growth trees within Tongass roadless areas provide necessary shade for salmon streams. Both the Tongass and the Chugach play a vital role in capturing excess carbon from the atmosphere and mitigating some of the impact of global warming, as well as providing ecosystems services that reach beyond Alaska.

The wildlands of these forests are a treasured natural resource that should be valued and protected from the destruction of logging. Changing or repealing the Roadless Rule will lead to nothing but environmental degradation in these vital forest ecosystems. The Tongass has already lost at least half of its old growth forest since the 1950s, due to scorched-earth logging practices that utilized a technique of clear cutting full forest areas. Large areas that were clearcut are slowly growing back into dense thickets of young trees that are nearly impenetrable to wildlife. Old logging roads fall into disrepair, filling salmon streams with erosion and blocking the way for fish.

An “Alaska state-specific” version of the Roadless Rule, would allow for increased resource extraction in the form of roadbuilding and old growth timber logging in the farthest reaches of Alaska, would be a step away from sustainable development, would run counter to the interests of all Americans, and is a rule change that we vehemently oppose. The Roadless Rule was put in place for good reason, and aims to protect sensitive habitats and wild areas, as well as to conserve natural resources in all of our national forests—an obligation that is part of the U.S. Forest Service’s mandate to manage public land for multiple uses. Because it reflects a shift from the long history of subsidized logging of the Tongass’ old-growth forests and toward a more sustainable management approach that capitalizes on the region’s globally unique ecology, the rule has become a contentious issue with the extraction industry and a small minority insisting on exceptions or exemptions in the form of an “Alaska version" of the Roadless Rule, pursuing an antiquated strategy; a subterfuge which is clearly unsustainable, goes against the majority of citizen stakeholders as well as the agency's mission.

Science shows that the clear cutting of old growth trees for timber puts whole systems at risk and destroys wildlife habitats. This timber-centric approach not only disregards scientific research, but also neglects the opportunities that the Tongass has created for other industries, namely tourism and commercial fisheries, which are cornerstones of southeast Alaska’s regional economy. Managing the Tongass for timber, an industry that has been heavily subsidized by the taxpayer, accounts for not even 1 percent—less than 400—of Southeast Alaska’s jobs. More profitable industries, on the other hand, such as tourism and commercial fishing, together generate more than $2 billion in revenue annually and employ more than 10,000 people in the region.

The administration’s move to rollback the Roadless Rule to expand logging in the Tongass follows decades of the federal government subsidizing timber sales in the Tongass, often at the expense of over $20 million per year (1). For example, a controversial southeast Alaska timber sale this year, in June, on Kuiu Island, promoted heavily by the USFS, received no bids, despite significant federal subsidies that included USFS investments of $3.1 million in new roads. Despite the expense to taxpayers, the USFS estimated the sale would generate just $200,000 in revenue. This particular timber sale of old-growth lies in an area of Kuiu that contains one of the most important watersheds for salmon production in the Tongass, underscoring how focusing on timber production not only wastes vast amounts of taxpayer dollars but completely ignores environmental damage and species' dependence on intact ecosystems. Further, not only is the dwindling timber industry heavily subsidized by taxpayers, but it regularly exports unprocessed logs abroad, thus contributing little to the local economy; the USFS has already granted a waiver to allow timber logged on Kuiu to be exported to mills overseas for processing immediately following harvest (2).

The Tongass National Forest is home to more than 9 million acres of roadless area. The Roadless Rule protects ecosystems, which, in turn, helps make the Tongass the country's

single most important national forest for carbon sequestration and climate change mitigation. As parts of Alaska are warming at roughly twice the rate of the rest of the planet, maintaining an intact Tongass ecosystem can help provide climate change solutions for Alaska and contribute to international climate efforts. Forest conservation plays a major role in the race to stem climate disruption. Deforestation, on the other hand generates nearly a quarter of all the world's greenhouse gas emissions. The world must preserve its remaining old forests and the massive carbon reserves they've accumulated over the centuries if we are to reduce the impacts of climate change. Rather than destroying ancient intact forest ecosystems, the wood we use should come from sustainably managed plantations and young stands that quickly regrow and recapture the carbon they lose to logging.

I strongly urge you against granting any exemptions or exceptions to the Roadless Rule in Alaska, and advise the Forest Service to refrain from pursuing an Alaska version of the Roadless Rule. Rather, continue to uphold the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule, protecting these biologically rich, carbon dense, irreplaceable, and stunning forests.

Thank you for taking the time for my comment,

Stephen Edwards

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(1) https://www.taxpayer.net/article/u-s-forest-service-tongass-national-forest-financials/
(2) https://www.alaskapublic.org/2018/06/06/no-bids-on-controversial-old-growth-timber-sale-again/

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Do Not Remove Roadless Protections From Tongass Roadless Areas (Oppose Alaska Roadless Rulemaking #53511)

Oct 4, 2018

Secretary Perdue

Dear Perdue,

I strongly object to your plans to reduce and remove protections from roadless areas on the Tongass National Forest. The Tongass contains some of the last remaining old-growth temperate rainforest in the world, and its value in providing clean water and fish and wildlife habitat is essential to the economic and ecological health of Southeast Alaska. I urge you to keep the federal Roadless Rule intact and current protections in place for national forests in Alaska.

The Roadless Rule is one of the smartest and most popular land management policies the Federal Government has ever adopted. Not only does it preserve some of America's best fish and wildlife habitat, but it also saves untold millions of taxpayer dollars from subsidizing money-losing timber sales and road construction. The value of the Roadless Rule in preventing environmentally damaging and economically wasteful road-building and logging is particularly relevant in the Tongass, where logging and road building threaten some of the last, best habitat for treasured species such as salmon, grizzly bear and moose, and logging costs vastly exceed timber revenues and require unconscionable taxpayer subsidies.

Further, this proposal to eliminate protections for Alaska's roadless areas is just the beginning. By carving out an exception for the Tongass you will open the floodgates to enable similar attacks on roadless areas, rivers, fish and wildlife throughout the U.S.

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Do Not Remove Roadless Protections From Tongass Roadless Areas (Oppose Alaska Roadless Rulemaking #53511)

Oct 4, 2018

Secretary Perdue

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Sincerely,

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Protect the Roadless Rule for backcountry recreation

Dear Alaska Forest Service,

I am an outdoor recreation enthusiast writing to express my interest in continuing to protect the Tongass National Forest and its backcountry and roadless areas from unnecessary logging and development. The Tongass has tremendous value for outdoor recreation in the region, and also provides clean water, clean air, and wildlife habitat, all of which are foundational to the economic and ecological health of Southeast Alaska. Road building, logging, and development should be prohibited in the Tongass's roadless areas to preserve valuable outdoor recreation resources.

The Roadless Rule was created after a lot of public outreach. It's a popular and sensible approach to land management.

The federal Roadless Rule should remain in place in Alaska, and all current roadless areas in the state should remain protected.

Sincerely,
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Thank you for considering my comments.

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Comments:
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The value of the Roadless Rule in preventing environmentally damaging and economically wasteful road-building and logging is particularly important in the Tongass, where logging costs vastly exceed timber revenues and require unconscionable taxpayer subsidies.

It is vital that the Federal Government disclose the economics of timber harvest on the Tongass, the cost of associated road-building, and the loss to taxpayers in the environmental analysis for this proposal. The federal Roadless Rule should remain in place in Alaska, and all current roadless areas in the state should remain protected.

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Oct 5, 2018

Secretary Perdue

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Sincerely,

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This is outrageous. No clearcutting should be allowed in these forests that belong to the indigenous people who have lived there since time immemorial. These old growth forests are one of the most effective ways of sequestering carbon and are part of the native peoples' livelihoods and are sacred to them. It is criminal to do the clear cutting in my opinion. Please stop this now

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Oct 13, 2018

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Sincerely,

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I oppose any rollbacks of the Roadless rule in Alaska, especially in The Tongass National Forest. In Alaska, the Roadless rule provides numerous benefits including clean water, insulation for nearby national parts, unmatched recreational and tourism opportunities, and wildlife habitat that supports hunting, commercial, and recreational fishing as well as habitat for many threatened, endangered and sensitive species (to climate change and disturbance of habitat). In SE Alaska, logging represents less than one percent of regional employment & earnings, whereas the visitor and seafood industries collectively contribute 26% of jobs and 21% of regional earnings. Rolling back protection of the roadless rule is an attempt to subvert a workable, commonsense safeguard for tens of millions of acres of roadless national forest in AK (as well as in other states). Attempts to appease industry by restoring industrial scale old-growth logging, including rolling back the roadless rule, could have a significant negative impact on the thriving toursim and seafood industries. It does not make good economic OR environmental sense.

The Forest Service has estimated that the trees and soils of the Tongass store up to 8 percent of the carbon stored in ALL the national forests of the lower 48, with other estimates putting that percentage closer to 10-22 percent. By opening the Tongass to logging, oil/gas exploration and other uses, the carbon stores will surely be adversely impacted. The Tongass National Forest, which as a US taxpayer I own a part of, is the single most important national forest for carbon sequestration and climate change mitigation. Protecting the roadless rule is crucial for the Tongass--it is the country's single most important national forest for carbon sequestration and climate change mitigation.

Alaska is warming at roughly twice the rate as the rest of planet and maintaining an intact Tongass ecosystem, including continued protection for roadless areas can help protect Alaska as well as support international climate efforts.

The Tongass ecosystem provides some of the last remaining habitat for bears, wolves, eagles and salmon,which help to support a thriving tourism and fishing industry. These vulnerable species need to be left undisturbed, in a pristine as feasible habitat which does not include roads, helicopter landing pads or other excuses to exploit the land and water they depend upon.

And finally, a question from my friends at Defenders of Wildlife which I think should be considered carefully: considering the Forest Service's budget challenges, e.g. the ever increasing cost of fire supression, how can the cost and staff time required to undertake this rulemaking be justified, especially considering that an amendment to the Tongass Land Management Plan was just finalized in 2016?

Though not an Alaska resident, this National Forest is important to protect, and is an American treasure under attack by the industry in bed with state politicians, so it is important to consider the viewpoint of all stakeholders, including US taxpayers and interested parties such as myself.

Thank you for your careful consideration of these points.

Yours truly,

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I support the roadless rule and object to an Alaska-specific version. Although very few projects are blocked by the roadless rule, it protects our wilderness which is an economic driver for Southeast, important for a healthy environment, and part of our cultural heritage. The value of forests for tourism and general ecological health are vast and dwarf any short benefits that might be created by reducing protections such as the roadless rule.

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Do Not Remove Roadless Protections From Tongass Roadless Areas (Oppose Alaska Roadless Rulemaking #53511)

Oct 4, 2018

Secretary Perdue

Dear Perdue,

I strongly object to your plans to reduce and remove protections from roadless areas on the Tongass National Forest. The Tongass contains some of the last remaining old-growth temperate rainforest in the world, and its value in providing clean water and fish and wildlife habitat is essential to the economic and ecological health of Southeast Alaska. I urge you to keep the federal Roadless Rule intact and current protections in place for national forests in Alaska.

The Roadless Rule is one of the smartest and most popular land management policies the Federal Government has ever adopted. Not only does it preserve some of America's best fish and wildlife habitat, but it also saves untold millions of taxpayer dollars from subsidizing money-losing timber sales and road construction. The value of the Roadless Rule in preventing environmentally damaging and economically wasteful road-building and logging is particularly relevant in the Tongass, where logging and road building threaten some of the last, best habitat for treasured species such as salmon, grizzly bear and moose, and logging costs vastly exceed timber revenues and require unconscionable taxpayer subsidies.

Further, this proposal to eliminate protections for Alaska's roadless areas is just the beginning. By carving out an exception for the Tongass you will open the floodgates to enable similar attacks on roadless areas, rivers, fish and wildlife throughout the U.S.

Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Do Not Remove Roadless Protections From Tongass Roadless Areas (Oppose Alaska Roadless Rulemaking #53511)

Oct 4, 2018

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Sincerely,

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Comments:
I support maintaining the roadless rule in the Tongass. In particular I support protecting the T77 watersheds. I have owned a sport fish based business in Juneau for over 20 years and I employee Alaskans year round to keep my business running. The foundation of my business is intact forest systems with healthy salmon rivers. My customers recreate there and the sale of items through my business is completely reliant on these prime watersheds remaining healthy.

Two last comments:
1) I have worked very hard to build my business. Why would you make decisions that would threaten the viability of my business, and many other similar businesses, to try and prop up a highly subsidized and fading industry.

2) We just went through a very long process with the last forest plan and I invested quite a bit of my time in it. I am busy trying to run my business and don't appreciate having the whole thing started over again. Leave the roadless rule in place!

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Brooke Elgie

Wendy Stern

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Alaska Roadless Rule
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Oct 6, 2018

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Comments:
Please do not rescind the roadless rule in the Tongass National Forest. It will be detrimental to one of the last remaining great wilderness areas on the planet. Let us pass on something of great beauty and natural importance to future generations.

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Comments:
I am writing to express strong opposition to efforts to roll back the Roadless Area Conservation Rule (Roadless Rule) in Alaska or elsewhere. The Roadless Rule was adopted with unprecedented public support to protect some of our nations most pristine public lands, including the Tongass National Forest. Rolling back the Roadless Rule in Alaska would ignore overwhelming public support, put wildlife and critical habitat at risk, and threaten access to safe drinking water. It would be a step away from sustainable development and would run counter to the interests of Alaskans and taxpayers. I urge the Forest Service to maintain the Roadless Rule in Alaska and put the public interest above timber industry profits.

Thank you for considering my comments.

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Comments:
Don't Pave Over Tongass

Dear U.S. Forest Service Interim Chief Vicki Christiansen,

I am writing to urge the U.S. Forest Service not to exempt any portion of the Tongass National Forest from the Roadless Rule.

Since 2001, the Roadless Area Conservation Rule has kept loggers and other destructive developers from cutting down and paving over forests around the country. The Tongass deserves this protection in its entirety.

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Sincerely,

Gerald Ellefson
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Finally, it must be remembered it is an honor and a privilege to protect our national treasures, whether they are plants, animals, soil, or anything else. It is not conducive to our national health to sell any of these things to the highest bidder.

Thank you for considering my comments.

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Comments:
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Thank you for considering my comments.

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Comments:
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Sincerely,

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Comments:
Don't Pave Over Tongass

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As someone who has visited Alaska, and appreciates its wildness, I am writing to urge the U.S. Forest Service not to exempt any portion of the Tongass National Forest from the Roadless Rule.

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

Crystal Ellett-Mitchell
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BERTRAM, TX 78605

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Sincerely,

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Comments:
I am writing to express strong opposition to efforts to roll back the Roadless Area Conservation Rule (Roadless Rule) in Alaska or elsewhere. The Roadless Rule was adopted with unprecedented public support to protect some of our nations most pristine public lands, including the Tongass National Forest. Rolling back the Roadless Rule in Alaska would ignore overwhelming public support, put wildlife and critical habitat at risk, and threaten access to safe drinking water. It would be a step away from sustainable development and would run counter to the interests of Alaskans and taxpayers. I urge the Forest Service to maintain the Roadless Rule in Alaska and put the public interest above timber industry profits.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 9/20/2018 10:17:42 AM
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Comments:
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Thank you for considering my comments.

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/5/2018 6:55:21 AM
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Comments:
As a proud American, I am writing to express my vehement opposition to the efforts aimed at rolling back the Roadless Area Conservation Rule (Roadless Rule) in Alaska or elsewhere. The Roadless Rule was adopted with unprecedented public support to protect some of our nations most pristine public lands, including the Tongass National Forest. Rolling back the Roadless Rule in Alaska would ignore overwhelming public support, put wildlife and critical habitat at risk, and threaten access to safe drinking water. It would be a step away from sustainable development and would run counter to the interests of Alaskans and taxpayers. I urge the Forest Service to maintain the Roadless Rule in Alaska and put the public interest above timber industry profits.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/3/2018 10:21:49 AM
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Comments:
I've never fished the Tongass, but have a few friends who have. I'd like to see this place spared from unsustainable resource extraction and unsustainable management. I'd like to go there in the furtive and see an unchanged and unharmed environment. Please preserve these roadless areas!!

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 9/20/2018 7:15:24 AM
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Comments:
I am writing to express strong opposition to efforts to roll back the Roadless Area Conservation Rule (Roadless Rule) in Alaska or elsewhere. The Roadless Rule was adopted with unprecedented public support to protect some of our nations most pristine public lands, including the Tongass National Forest. Rolling back the Roadless Rule in Alaska would ignore overwhelming public support, put wildlife and critical habitat at risk, and threaten access to safe drinking water. It would be a step away from sustainable development and would run counter to the interests of Alaskans and taxpayers. I urge the Forest Service to maintain the Roadless Rule in Alaska and put the public interest above timber industry profits.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/5/2018 11:33:36 AM
First name: Ed
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Comments:
Do Not Remove Roadless Protections From Tongass Roadless Areas (Oppose Alaska Roadless Rulemaking #53511)

Oct 5, 2018

Secretary Perdue

Dear Perdue,

I strongly object to your plans to reduce and remove protections from roadless areas on the Tongass National Forest. The Tongass contains some of the last remaining old-growth temperate rainforest in the world, and its value in providing clean water and fish and wildlife habitat is essential to the economic and ecological health of Southeast Alaska. I urge you to keep the federal Roadless Rule intact and current protections in place for national forests in Alaska.

The Roadless Rule is one of the smartest and most popular land management policies the Federal Government has ever adopted. Not only does it preserve some of America's best fish and wildlife habitat, but it also saves untold millions of taxpayer dollars from subsidizing money-losing timber sales and road construction. The value of the Roadless Rule in preventing environmentally damaging and economically wasteful road-building and logging is particularly relevant in the Tongass, where logging and road building threaten some of the last, best habitat for treasured species such as salmon, grizzly bear and moose, and logging costs vastly exceed timber revenues and require unconscionable taxpayer subsidies.

Further, this proposal to eliminate protections for Alaska's roadless areas is just the beginning. By carving out an exception for the Tongass you will open the floodgates to enable similar attacks on roadless areas, rivers, fish and wildlife throughout the U.S.

Sincerely,

Ed Elliott
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Comments:
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Thank you for considering my comments.

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/13/2018 10:13:59 AM
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Comments:
Roads through wilderness disrupt the ability for animals to move around as they forage and reproduce. Effects to one animal often cascade into effects throughout the entire ecosystem. I find it imprudent to invest money into building and maintaining roads that have such large negative externalities.

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 9/1/2018 11:23:57 PM
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Comments:
Don't Pave Over Tongass

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Sincerely,

Judith Elliott
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Orlando, FL 32804

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/8/2018 2:05:12 PM
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Comments:
Do Not Remove Roadless Protections From Tongass Roadless Areas (Oppose Alaska Roadless Rulemaking #53511)

Oct 8, 2018

Secretary Perdue

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Sincerely,

Lynette Elliott
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Comments:
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Thank you for considering my comments.

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 8/31/2018 8:29:46 PM
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Comments:
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Sincerely,

Naomi Elliott
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Las Vegas, NV 89131

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Comments:
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Thank you for considering my comments.

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 9/21/2018 6:30:35 AM
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Comments:
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Thank you for considering my comments.

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 9/2/2018 10:50:20 AM
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Comments:
Don't Pave Over Tongass

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Please do not jeopardize our protected wild areas.

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Sincerely,

Phyllis Elliott
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Comments:
Do Not Remove Roadless Protections From Tongass Roadless Areas (Oppose Alaska Roadless Rulemaking #53511)

Oct 4, 2018

Secretary Perdue

Dear Perdue,

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Sincerely,

Shaneice Elliott
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Sincerely,

Shawn Elliott
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Comments:
I am writing to express strong opposition to efforts to roll back the Roadless Area Conservation Rule (Roadless Rule) in Alaska or elsewhere. The Roadless Rule was adopted with unprecedented public support to protect some of our nations most pristine public lands, including the Tongass National Forest. Rolling back the Roadless Rule in Alaska would ignore overwhelming public support, put wildlife and critical habitat at risk, and threaten access to safe drinking water. It would be a step away from sustainable development and would run counter to the interests of Alaskans and taxpayers. I urge the Forest Service to maintain the Roadless Rule in Alaska and put the public interest above timber industry profits.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 9/1/2018 6:48:06 AM
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Sincerely,

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Comments:
I live and work in the Tongass, and Alaska is my home. I do not support a new Alaska Roadless Rule that would open up the Tongass to roadbuilding and development because our local economy depends on a healthy forest for fishing and tourism. These have proven to be sustainable industries while logging has not. Please note that my comments support a roadless Tongass for economic reasons, not-- as the cliche goes --for the environment 'over' jobs.

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Sincerely,

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Do Not Remove Roadless Protections From Tongass Roadless Areas (Oppose Alaska Roadless Rulemaking #53511)

Oct 4, 2018

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Thank you for considering my comments.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

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Comments:
Protect wild, roadless areas in the Tongass

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The Tongass has trees that have been standing for 800 years. It would be a tragedy open up the wildest parts of this forest to commercial logging and road building.

Sincerely,

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Kensington, CA 94707

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Sincerely,

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Oct 5, 2018

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

Scott Ellisen
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Sincerely,

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Thank you for considering my comments.

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Denise Elston

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Sincerely,

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Dear U.S. Forest Service Interim Chief Vicki Christiansen:

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Sincerely,

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Do Not Remove Roadless Protections From Tongass Roadless Areas (Oppose Alaska Roadless Rulemaking #53511)

Oct 5, 2018

Secretary Perdue

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Sincerely,

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Please continue to keep the safeguards in place to protect the Tongass and reject any proposals or rules that would jeopardize the Roadless Rule.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

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Oct 8, 2018

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Sincerely,

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Don't Pave Over Tongass

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Oct 4, 2018

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Oct 4, 2018

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As a supporter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers and our wild public lands, waters and wildlife, I am very concerned with the rule-making process announced in Federal Register Document Number 2018-18937. I am writing these comments to strongly encourage you to maintain Roadless Area protections for the Tongass and all of America's national forests. These public lands and waters are prized by sportsmen and women and are a mainstay of Alaska's economy. Nationally they help drive an $887 billion economic engine from outdoor recreation like hunting and fishing.

At nearly 17 million acres, the Tongass is the nation's largest national forest and the world's largest remaining intact coastal temperate rainforest. Of that wild backcountry, 9.3 million acres are inventoried roadless areas providing high quality habitat for a unique diversity of sought-after game species, including mountain goats, black-tailed deer and both brown and black bears. The Tongass also encompasses thousands of miles of salmon-rich waterways, legendary among anglers and fundamental to the state's commercial salmon industry. The commercial fishing sector alone relies on the Tongass for more than 80 percent of its salmon and employs more than 4,300 people in the region, accounting for 9 percent of the area's entire employment. By contrast, timber production accounts for only 1 percent of the region's jobs.

If done poorly, a state rule-making process could set a slippery precedent that unravels Roadless Rule protections for fish and wildlife across all of our nation's wild roadless forest lands including the Chugach National Forest just to the north and west. If any state rule-making process does move forward, the 2001 Roadless Rule should be the benchmark for improvements so that roadless policies only enhance the most important fish and wildlife habitats while preventing new development, road building and resource extraction.

Currently, these valuable resources are upheld by the Roadless Area Conservation Rule, a collaborative management approach adopted following one of the most extensive public engagement campaigns in the history of federal rulemaking. I implore you to maintain the integrity of what may be America's best and most popular land management rule in history. The costs to American taxpayers for road building and unconscionably subsidized resource extraction are too high, not to mention the irreparable impact to wildlife, water and outdoor traditions like hunting and fishing.

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Oct 4, 2018

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Oct 5, 2018

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Do Not Remove Roadless Protections From Tongass Roadless Areas (Oppose Alaska Roadless Rulemaking #53511)

Oct 9, 2018

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Sincerely,

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Protect the Roadless Rule for backcountry recreation

Dear Alaska Forest Service,

I am an outdoor recreation enthusiast writing to express my interest in continuing to protect the Tongass National Forest and its backcountry and roadless areas from unnecessary logging and development. The Tongass has tremendous value for outdoor recreation in the region, and also provides clean water, clean air, and wildlife habitat, all of which are foundational to the economic and ecological health of Southeast Alaska. Road building, logging, and development should be prohibited in the Tongass's roadless areas to preserve valuable outdoor recreation resources.

The Roadless Rule was created after a lot of public outreach. It's a popular and sensible approach to land management.

The federal Roadless Rule should remain in place in Alaska, and all current roadless areas in the state should remain protected.

Sincerely,
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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Thank you for considering my comments.

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Do Not Remove Roadless Protections From Tongass Roadless Areas (Oppose Alaska Roadless Rulemaking #53511)

Oct 4, 2018

Secretary Perdue

Dear Perdue,

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The Roadless Rule is one of the smartest and most popular land management policies the Federal Government has ever adopted. Not only does it preserve some of America's best fish and wildlife habitat, but it also saves untold millions of taxpayer dollars from subsidizing money-losing timber sales and road construction. The value of the Roadless Rule in preventing environmentally damaging and economically wasteful road-building and logging is particularly relevant in the Tongass, where logging and road building threaten some of the last, best habitat for treasured species such as salmon, grizzly bear and moose, and logging costs vastly exceed timber revenues and require unconscionable taxpayer subsidies.

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Do Not Remove Roadless Protections From Tongass Roadless Areas (Oppose Alaska Roadless Rulemaking #53511)

Oct 4, 2018

Secretary Perdue

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Thank you for considering my comments.

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Thank you for considering my comments.

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Do Not Remove Roadless Protections From Tongass Roadless Areas (Oppose Alaska Roadless Rulemaking #53511)

Oct 5, 2018

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Sincerely,

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Oct 6, 2018

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Thank you for considering my comments.

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Sincerely,

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/10/2018 12:00:00 AM
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Alaska Roadless Rule
USDA Forest Service, Alaska Region
Ecosystem Planning and Budget Staff
PO Box 21628
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RE: Comment - Rulemaking for Alaska-specific Road less Rule
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Sincerely,

Harold M. Enright

President

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Comments:
My preference would be for the Tongass to be completely exempted from the 2001 Roadless Rule. If that is not possible, please open and maintain the roads that are in the roadless and look at the zonings within and adjacent to roadless that allows more areas to be utilized for a variety of purposes that will help to enhance our economies of SE - all of them.

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Do Not Remove Roadless Protections From Tongass Roadless Areas (Oppose Alaska Roadless Rulemaking #53511)

Oct 5, 2018

Secretary Perdue

Dear Perdue,

I strongly object to your plans to reduce and remove protections from roadless areas on the Tongass National Forest. The Tongass contains some of the last remaining old-growth temperate rainforest in the world, and its value in providing clean water and fish and wildlife habitat is essential to the economic and ecological health of Southeast Alaska. I urge you to keep the federal Roadless Rule intact and current protections in place for national forests in Alaska.

The Roadless Rule is one of the smartest and most popular land management policies the Federal Government has ever adopted. Not only does it preserve some of America's best fish and wildlife habitat, but it also saves untold millions of taxpayer dollars from subsidizing money-losing timber sales and road construction. The value of the Roadless Rule in preventing environmentally damaging and economically wasteful road-building and logging is particularly relevant in the Tongass, where logging and road building threaten some of the last, best habitat for treasured species such as salmon, grizzly bear and moose, and logging costs vastly exceed timber revenues and require unconscionable taxpayer subsidies.

Further, this proposal to eliminate protections for Alaska's roadless areas is just the beginning. By carving out an exception for the Tongass you will open the floodgates to enable similar attacks on roadless areas, rivers, fish and wildlife throughout the U.S.

Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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I urge the Forest Service to maintain the Roadless Rule in Alaska and to place the public interest, conservation efforts and the preservation of the environment above timber industry profits.

Thank you for considering my comments.

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Oct 4, 2018

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Motor fuel tax exemptions [ndash]

Fuel sold for heating, for use by federal, state and local government agencies, and charitable institutions, and for sales or transfers between qualified dealers; fuel sold for use in foreign flights (jet fuel), and as exports; and for fuel sold as bunker fuel (residual fuel oil or #6 fuel oil).

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I believe there needs to come a time when respect for the natural world is valued more than the profits of those looking to exploit it.

Please defend our natural world.

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Sincerely,

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CITY & BOROUGH of YAKUTAT
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October 15, 2018
US Forest Service
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P.O. Box 21628
Juneau, Alaska 99802

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Thank you for considering my comments.

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Comments:
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The value of the Roadless Rule in preventing environmentally damaging and economically wasteful road-building and logging is particularly important in the Tongass, where logging costs vastly exceed timber revenues and require unconscionable taxpayer subsidies.

It is vital that the Forest Service disclose the economics of timber harvest on the Tongass, the cost of associated road-building, and the loss to taxpayers in the environmental analysis for this proposal. If you continue to go down this path of creating an Alaska Roadless Rule, you must ensure that all current roadless areas in the state remain protected.

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As a sportsman, I am concerned by the US Forest Service's actions to rewrite the management of national forest roadless areas on the Tongass and Chugach National Forests in Alaska.

These lands provide enormous benefits for hunters, anglers, and the commercial fishing industry, and the current 2001 roadless rule is doing its job of ensuring they continue to do so.

Alaska's national forest backcountry lands provide incredibly valuable habitat for salmon, Sitka black-tailed deer, moose, Dall sheep, and bear.

I ask that you support our hunting and fishing traditions by maintaining strong safeguards for Alaska roadless areas and preventing rollbacks that would open them to industrial development.

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Do Not Remove Roadless Protections From Tongass Roadless Areas (Oppose Alaska Roadless Rulemaking #53511)

Oct 4, 2018

Secretary Perdue

Dear Perdue,

THE TRUMP/GOP/FOX ADMINISTRATION IS NOTHING MORE THEN A STRONG ARM OF FOSSIL FUELS AND ARMS! THEY ARE NOT PUBLIC SERVANTS BUT INSTEAD EMPLOYEES FOR CORPORATIONS AND THOSE HARMING US, OUR KIDS, LANDS, CLEAN AIR, WATER, FOOD PROTECTIONS, ANIMAL AND WILDLIFE PROTECTIONS, HEALTHCARE PROTECTIONS, ETC., ETC. THE GOP ARE PURE EVIL AND CAN ONLY WIN BY LYING ON FOX, TAKING DARK MONIES, HACKING, COLLUDING, TREASON, VOTER SUPPRESSION AND BLACKMAIL! EXPOSE THEM FULLY AND INVESTIGATE THEM ALL FULLY! I strongly object to your plans to reduce and remove protections from roadless areas on the Tongass National Forest. The Tongass contains some of the last remaining old-growth temperate rainforest in the world, and its value in providing clean water and fish and wildlife habitat is essential to the economic and ecological health of Southeast Alaska. I urge you to keep the federal Roadless Rule intact and current protections in place for national forests in Alaska.

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Sincerely,

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Thank you for considering my comments.

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Thank you for considering my comments.

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Oct 4, 2018

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Do Not Remove Roadless Protections From Tongass Roadless Areas (Oppose Alaska Roadless Rulemaking #53511)

Oct 6, 2018

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Sincerely,

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Do Not Remove Roadless Protections From Tongass Roadless Areas (Oppose Alaska Roadless Rulemaking #53511)

Oct 6, 2018

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Oct 4, 2018

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Oct 4, 2018

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Thank you for considering my comments.

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Do Not Remove Roadless Protections From Tongass Roadless Areas (Oppose Alaska Roadless Rulemaking #53511)

Oct 4, 2018

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Comments:
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The value of the Roadless Rule in preventing environmentally damaging and economically wasteful road-building and logging is particularly important in the Tongass, where logging costs vastly exceed timber revenues and require unconscionable taxpayer subsidies.

It is vital that the Federal Government disclose the economics of timber harvest on the Tongass, the cost of associated road-building, and the loss to taxpayers in the environmental analysis for this proposal. The federal Roadless Rule should remain in place in Alaska, and all current roadless areas in the state should remain protected.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

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Sincerely,

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Thank you for considering my comments.

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Sincerely,

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What a country chooses to save is what a country says about itself!

Thank you for considering my comments.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

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Do Not Remove Roadless Protections From Tongass Roadless Areas (Oppose Alaska Roadless Rulemaking #53511)

Oct 5, 2018

Secretary Perdue

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Comments:
The entirety of the Tongass National Forest that is protected be the Roadless Area Conservation Rule must remain under its protection.
1) It is folly to build roads and cut trees. Data proves that it costs tax payers much more to build logging roads than is recovered from logging contracts.Road building and logging are environmental disasters and money pits.
2) With the climate changing, there is no way to know if the trees will actually be able to grow back.
3) A lot more money is made through recreation. Recreation through tourism supports local residents. Well laid-out/built and maintained trails offer many more opportunities for locals and visitors to benefit and enjoy the forest into the future.
Leave the Tongass in the Roadless Area forever.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

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Do Not Remove Roadless Protections From Tongass Roadless Areas (Oppose Alaska Roadless Rulemaking #53511)

Oct 4, 2018

Secretary Perdue

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Sincerely,

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Don't Pave Over Tongass

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Sincerely,

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Don't weaken the Roadless Rule protections of our public lands. They are part of a precious legacy we need to pass on to future generations.. Protection of the Tongass National Forest is vital to the economy and environmental health of Alaska. Do not jeopardize it for the short-term advantage of the few.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

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Do Not Remove Roadless Protections From Tongass Roadless Areas (Oppose Alaska Roadless Rulemaking #53511)

Oct 5, 2018

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Sincerely,

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Thank you for considering my comments.

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Thank you for considering my comments.

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Sincerely,

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Do Not Remove Roadless Protections From Tongass Roadless Areas (Oppose Alaska Roadless Rulemaking #53511)

Oct 4, 2018

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Sincerely,

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Thank you for considering my comments.

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Comments:
I strongly object to your plans to reduce and remove protections from roadless areas on the Tongass National Forest. The Tongass contains the last remaining old-growth temperate rainforest in North America where old-growth logging still occurs, and its value in providing clean water and fish and wildlife habitat is essential to the economic and ecological health of Southeast Alaska. I urge you to keep the federal Roadless Rule intact and current protections in place for national forests in Alaska.

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The value of the Roadless Rule in preventing environmentally damaging and economically wasteful road-building and logging is particularly important in the Tongass, where logging costs vastly exceed timber revenues and require unconscionable taxpayer subsidies.

It is vital that the Federal Government disclose the economics of timber harvest on the Tongass, the cost of associated road-building, and the loss to taxpayers in the environmental analysis for this proposal. The federal Roadless Rule should remain in place in Alaska, and all current roadless areas in the state should remain protected.

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Sincerely,

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Don't Pave Over Tongass

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Protect wild, roadless areas in the Tongass

Dear U.S. Forest Service Interim Chief Vicki Christiansen,

I urge you to continue to protect wild, roadless areas in the Tongass.

I want nature and truly wild places to exist. We need them to exist. But right now, the U.S. Forest Service is considering a plan to open up the wildest places in our largest national forest, the Tongass, to commercial logging and the road building that accompanies it.

The Tongass has trees that have been standing for 800 years. It would be a tragedy to open up the wildest parts of this forest to commercial logging and road building.

Sincerely,

Jeanne Evans
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Sincerely,

Jeanne Evans
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Don't Pave Over Tongass

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Sincerely,

Jeff Evans
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Sincerely,

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Comments:
As a lifelong Alaskan Native I support conserving roadless areas in the Tongass. My family and I frequently are hunting and fishing in many of the watersheds and streams such as: Redoubt Lake, Krestof Sound, Fish Bay, Salmon Lake, and many of the areas in a Hoonah sound as well. These sacred places support our family and friends, and we vehemently opppse any development in these areas. Many of these places were logged years ago, and need time to recover. More development will just hinder this process and harm the natural resources we hold so dear. Enough is enough, stop proposing development in our sacred lands.

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

Steven Evans
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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

Walter Evans
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McMinnville, OR 97128

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Sincerely,

Tracy Eve
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Say no to logging!

Thank you for considering my comments.

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Sincerely,

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1830 Knox St., #2
Lincoln, NE 68521

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Do Not Remove Roadless Protections From Tongass Roadless Areas (Oppose Alaska Roadless Rulemaking #53511)

Oct 4, 2018

Secretary Perdue

Dear Perdue,

I strongly object to your plans to reduce and remove protections from roadless areas on the Tongass National Forest. The Tongass contains some of the last remaining old-growth temperate rainforest in the world, and its value in providing clean water and fish and wildlife habitat is essential to the economic and ecological health of Southeast Alaska. I urge you to keep the federal Roadless Rule intact and current protections in place for national forests in Alaska.

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Sincerely,

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Do Not Remove Roadless Protections From Tongass Roadless Areas (Oppose Alaska Roadless Rulemaking #53511)

Oct 7, 2018

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Do Not Remove Roadless Protections From Tongass Roadless Areas (Oppose Alaska Roadless Rulemaking #53511)

Oct 4, 2018

Secretary Perdue

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Don't Pave Over Tongass

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Sincerely, Matthew Everett

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Oct 6, 2018

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Oct 4, 2018

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Sincerely,

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Do Not Remove Roadless Protections From Tongass Roadless Areas (Oppose Alaska Roadless Rulemaking #53511)

Oct 5, 2018

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Oct 4, 2018

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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