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Dear Ms. Caton:

Thank you for your email of December 6, 2019, to U.S. Department of Agriculture's Tell Sonny inbox regarding the Alaska Roadless Rule on the Tongass National Forest. The Secretary has asked the Forest Service to respond. I apologize for the delayed response.

We will enter your comment into the public record. All comments are taken into account as we move forward to develop a final Rule.

Thank you for participating in this process and for your interest in the management of America's National Forests.

Sincerely,

CHRISTINE DAWE

Director, Ecosystem Management Coordination



Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/6/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Elaine

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Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Tell Sonny

Dear Secretary Purdue,

I am writing to voice my strong support for the No-Action Alternative for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the proposed Alaska Roadless Rule,

Alternative #1. We must keep the Roadless Rule intact for the Tongass

National Forest, which contains some of the largest intact old-growth temperate rainforest in the world. Its value in providing clean water for fish and wildlife habitat is essential to the economic and ecological health of Southeast Alaska. The Tongass is also vitally important to the indigenous people of southeast Alaska.

I strongly object to any weakening of the Roadless Rule in America's forests.

I live in an area dependent on the industries that in turn depend on healthy

ecosystems: hunting, hiking, fishing, horseback riding, and the outfitting and related businesses that make them possible. Weakening the Roadless Rule would turn back the clock at a time when our nation must look forward.

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