

1. Introduction
 - a. Objectives of report
 - b. Background
 - c. Public Comment Overview
 - i. No Action
 - ii. Full Exemption
 - iii. An Alaska-specific Roadless Rule
2. Summary of comments regarding No Action and continued application of existing 2001 Roadless Rule
 - a. Supporting existing Rule
 - i. 2001 Roadless Rule does not inhibit community development and economic growth
 - ii. Protection of Tongass National Forest as an intact Ecosystem
 - iii. Tongass NF is essential to climate stabilization
 - iv. Tongass is home to and essential for Alaska Native Peoples
 - v. Road Construction and resource extraction is destructive to Fish and Wildlife Habitat
 - vi. Existing Rule supports tourism and fishing industries
 - b. Opposing existing Rule
 - i. Industry restrictions hamper economic development
 - ii. Forest Plan is sufficient for environmental protection
 - c. Other/Neutral Comments
3. Summary of comments regarding change from existing 2001 Roadless Rule to either Full Exemptions or an Alaska-specific Rule
 - a. Supporting Change
 - i. Economic Stability is dependent upon resource extraction from Tongass.
 - ii. Tongass can support resource extraction.
 - iii. Tongass is unique and should be managed differently from other Forests.
 - iv. Roads are required for economic stability.
 - v. Roads reduce community isolation. Community isolation increases utility rates.
 - vi. Roads are beneficial for other reasons such as fire prevention, forest health management, access for tourism & recreation
 - b. Opposing Change
 - i. Current Rule better protects environment
 - ii. Further restrictions further protect environment
 - iii. Change to existing rule is unnecessary
 - iv. Change to current rule may inhibit industries which rely on pristine natural environment
 - v. Change to current rule is not in best interests of Alaska citizens
4. Summary of Comments regarding Southeast Alaska Timber Industry
 - a. Opposing increased Timber Harvest proposed through change from existing Roadless Rule
 - i. Specific opposition to federal subsidization of timber industry
 - ii. Economic contributions from timber industry are limited.

- iii. Overseas export of Tongass timber impacts & limits local employment
 - b. Supporting increased timber harvest proposed through change from existing Roadless Rule
 - i. Reduced timber harvest since 2001 Rule implementation has resulted in job loss, population decline, increased crime, decline in school enrollments
 - ii. Increasing timber harvest will result in overall economic benefit
- 5. Summary of Comments regarding recommendations for Roadless Area Management
 - a. Alternatives related to timber harvest
 - b. Protection for Tongass 77 watersheds, The Nature Conservancy (TNC)/Audubon Priority Conservation Areas, and the Chugach National Forest
 - c. Focus on sustainable industries rather than resource extraction
 - d. Forest Service focus in managing the Tongass National Forest
 - e. Requests for specific locations to be designated and protected as Roadless
 - f. Conditional activities such as road construction under specific circumstances
 - g. Use of existing regulations as a template for modifications to Roadless Rule
- 6. Summary of additional comments received
 - a. Feedback regarding process for scoping
- 7. Requests for NEPA analysis & additional information