

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: B.

Last name: Z.

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Last name: Z

Organization:

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First name: Julie

Last name: Z

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First name: Amanda

Last name: Zabohne

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/18/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Marilyn

Last name: Zaborek

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Alaska Roadless Rule

October 18, 2018

Sir/Madame,

I am strongly opposed to opening the Tongass and adjacent areas to roads and natural resource exploitation.

This nation needs to look at human development and natural resource exploitation as quantum accelerants for both climate change and its stunning, exploding impacts on all phases of life on this planet. Deforestation is changing weather patterns and temperatures locally and globally.

President Trump and his corporate affiliates have been stripping the American people of their nation-owned lands and natural resources as fast as possible. These lands and their resources will be more vital and valuable to future generations, who may not survive the current blight of policies, non-policies and deregulations.

Cooked books and DEIS statements don't change the catastrophes we are all facing with the soaring impacts of global temperature changes, flooding, fires, air pollution, water pollution, population dislocations, extinctions, et al. They do nothing to cushion humans from the multiplying effects of development - housing, natural resource and on.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Zaborek

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Julita

Last name: Zaborovsky

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First name: Jacob

Last name: Zacarias

Organization:

Title:

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Regards, Dan Zachar

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

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HC3538

U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule

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John Zacharkan

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First name: Liz

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Comments:

HC802

Dear Secretary Perdue,

I live and work on the lands and waters of the Tongass National Forest. The health of the Tongass National Forest is critical to sustaining my way of life in this rugged region - from hunting and fishing, to hiking and camping, to our tourism and commercial fishing-based economies, we rely on the intact habitat that the roadless areas of the Tongass contain. That is why it is important to me that the 2001 Roadless Rule remain in place on the Tongass National Forest. A no-action alternative is the best option for Southeast Alaska.

I support the Tongass Transition and I would like the Forest Service to continue phasing out old growth clearcutting. This forest is a salmon forest, and the Forest Service should focus on restoring degraded watersheds and fish streams. Please prioritize conservation of the T77 and TNC conservation priority areas in any new Alaska Roadless Rule. Prioritizing one antiquated industry over other private sectors is bad business, and bad for Southeast Alaska.

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/16/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Mike

Last name: Zachery

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is mike zachery and I live in Springfield, Oregon.

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First name: Mary

Last name: Zack

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Alex

Last name: Zackrone

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Regards, Alex Zackrone

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Sam

Last name: Zacour

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC4030

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/29/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Kate

Last name: Zaczkowski

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Kate Zaczkowski and I live in Sitka, Alaska. I have been living in southeast for four years during the school year I attend Mt Edgecumbe and love sitka it has become a second home to me I depend on the forest to go hiking swimming, running for xc, and biking. I feel involved because we help pick up trash to keep the forests clean I value the tongass and its very important to me I am writing a comment on the Alaska Roadless Rule DEIS because I am concerned with how the Rule and the proposed full exemption will impact my the peace and solitude I find in nature, recreating, the status of the Tongass as a national and global treasure, the conservation of resources for future generations the forest's ability to sequester carbon and mitigate climate change impacts, foraging for wild foods.

Out of the alternatives described in the AKRR DEIS I support alternative 1: no action. It protects important fish and wildlife habitat from clearcutting and roadbuilding. I depend on roadless areas in the Tongass National Forest for fiscal responsibility and saving taxpayer dollars keeping public lands wild for future generations, carbon sequestration and local climate change mitigation, recreating and enjoying nature, practicing my culture, foraging and gathering wild foods, deer habitat and subsistence hunting, healthy fish habitat, economic livelihood, viewing wildlife. A full exemption does not protect these values, nor does it effectively balance economic development and conservation of roadless area characteristics. A full exemption from the Roadless Rule and increased logging and roadbuilding will negatively impact the Tongass and what I and many others use and depend on the forest to provide for us.

The Roadless areas on the Tongass that are especially important to me are those on or around Baranof Island, Admiralty Island, Chichagof Island, the northern mainland above Port Snettisham (around Juneau), the central mainland from Hobart Bay to Stikine River, the southern mainland from Bradfield Canal to Dixon Entrance Kupreanof Island, Kuiu Island, Wrangell and Etoin Islands, Prince of Wales Island, Revillagigedo Island (near Ketchikan), Yakutat forelands, all of the inventoried roadless areas on the Tongass. I want the roadless areas in these locations to stay in roadless status in any alternative selected by the Forest Service, and be managed to provide for the uses and activities I listed above. It is important to me that the T77 and the TNC conservation priority areas retain their roadless protections.

I do not support the Forest Services preferred alternative of a full exemption. A full exemption is not in the interests of Southeast Alaskans who live in and use the Tongass National Forest, because Full exemption is wrong for Alaskans because it will take away a resource we use for field trips and sports and rec activities. The State of Alaska says that a full exemption is needed for rural economic development opportunities. However, a full exemption would not help create more rural economic development opportunities, it would instead harm our existing rural economies that are based on the visitor industry and commercial fishing industry.

It would further harm rural economic opportunities because pursuing the same outdated economic model of old growth clearcut harvesting for export stifles innovation and possibility in other sectors, such as mariculture, sustainable young growth harvest, and rural agriculture. If the Forest Service wants to support rural economic development, they should devote resources to support our fishing and visitor industries invest in creating and maintaining recreation infrastructure improve and streamline existing permitting processes for important community projects rather than rehashing old conflicts transition to second growth logging.

I urge the Forest Service to prioritize the voices of Southeast Alaskans over those of our political representation and corporate interests. Choosing a full exemption will not create a long lasting, durable solution for roadless areas on the Tongass. It will only increase the legal challenges, uncertainty for businesses, and conflict on the Tongass going forward.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Michael

Last name: Zadeh

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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The Tongass contains some of the largest intact old-growth temperate rainforest in the world, and its value in providing clean water for 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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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Srira

Last name: Zadmehrán

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Last name: Zaeleski

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Prioritizing one antiquated industry over private sectors is bad business, and bad for Southeast Alaska. I support the Tongass Transition and I would like the Forest Service to continue phasing out old growth clearcutting. Please prioritize conservation of the T77 and TNC conservation priority areas in any new Alaska Roadless Rule. This forest is a salmon forest, and the Forest Service should focus on restoring degraded watersheds and fish streams.

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Comments:

HC1287

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Maija

Last name: Zaeska

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Maija Zaeska and I live in Delano, Minnesota.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Maija Zaeska

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Liana

Last name: Zafran

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Liana Zafran and I live in Wellington, FL. I am writing a comment on the Alaska Roadless Rule DEIS because I am concerned with how the Rule and the proposed full exemption will affect the Tongass National Forest and the Chugach National Forest.

Clearcutting the Tongass National Forest threatens the safety of our citizens. All of the people of the United States are threatened by the climate crisis, and the Tongass National Forest is an ecosystem that plays a large role in sequestering carbon. When we cut these important trees, we are taking away an ecosystem that can not only never be re-created, but also will not offer its support in mitigating the climate crisis.

I urge the Forest Service to select Alternative 1, the no action alternative, for the final decision on the Alaska Roadless Rule. This alternative protects the inventoried roadless areas in Alaska that are full of pristine wilderness and provide important fish and wildlife habitat, and already allows for important community and economic development projects. As an American citizen, I value the Tongass National Forest and the Chugach National Forest for its status as America's best natural solution to climate change and its sequestering of millions of metric tons of carbon and mitigating climate change, its wild salmon populations and the world-class fishing opportunities, its huge swaths of intact ecosystems and all the biodiversity it contains, its status as the largest intact temperate rainforest in the world, the high density of incredible wildlife it contains, to keep public lands wild for future generations, the lifestyles of the indigenous communities that the forest supports. A full exemption does not protect these priorities, nor does it effectively balance economic development with the countless other benefits provided by roadless areas. I would like the Forest Service to manage roadless areas for low-impact recreation (camping, hiking, hunting, foraging, etc), passive/active watershed restoration (stream and habitat) to improve/maintain roadless characteristics (culvert removal/replacement, improve fish passage, wildlife thinning, etc). It is important to me that high-value intact habitat including the T77 watersheds and the TNC conservation priority areas retain their roadless protections in any alternative selected.

The Forest Service is wasting taxpayers' valuable time and money by trying to prop up a failing timber industry in Southeast Alaska. The nonpartisan, independent taxpayer watchdog Taxpayers for Common Sense reported that the Tongass timber program has losses of over \$600 million of taxpayers money in the past 20 years. I would rather see my taxpayer dollars used to restore salmon habitat that was hurt by past logging practices, establish the economic value of the carbon stored in the Tongass, perform restorative actions that support wildlife populations on previously degraded landscapes that support wildlife populations. We need to stop subsidizing the clearcutting of old growth on the Tongass through taxpayer funded roadbuilding. If a full exemption were chosen, it would not create opportunities and would instead prioritize the special interests of one industry over the interests of the entire American public.

The Tongass is Americas homegrown natural solution to climate change. The forest sequesters 8% of the carbon stored in forests throughout the contiguous US states, some 3 billion metric tons of it. We must take action to mitigate and adapt to climate change, and maintaining the Tongass in a roadless state is critical for a sustainable future.

I urge the Forest Service to listen to the voices of the American people and prioritize them over corporate interests. The Forest Service should strengthen public involvement in developing land management policy and focus on broadly supported work rather than allowing special corporate interests to guide policy changes.

Attempting to exempt inventoried roadless areas on the Chugach National Forest from the Alaska Roadless Rule adds further insult to injury, and this proposal has not received any sufficient environmental impact analysis or public input. Choosing a full exemption will not create a long lasting, durable solution for roadless areas in Alaska it will only increase the legal challenges, uncertainty for businesses, and conflict over these forests going forward.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Ken

Last name: Zafren

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Ken Zafren and I live in Anchorage, Alaska.

We Alaskans should protect our natural resources.

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Regards, Ken Zafren

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/5/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Nick

Last name: Zagaris

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

We need to preserve our oldest forests

As a supporter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers and our wild public lands, waters and wildlife, I am very concerned with the proposed rulemaking announced in Federal Register Document Number 2019-0023. I am writing these comments to strongly encourage you to maintain roadless area protections for the Tongass National Forest, including the wild fisheries habitat in the Tongass 77 and adopt the no action Alternative 1.

These public lands and waters are prized by sportsmen and women and are a mainstay of Alaska's economy, helping drive an \$887 billion economic engine from outdoor recreation like hunting and fishing.

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Further, this proposal and the preferred alternative set a slippery precedent that threatens to unravel roadless rule protections for fish and wildlife across all of our nation's wild roadless forest lands. None of the identified alternatives take into consideration BHA's scoping comments to include balanced management policies for the Tongass, utilizing the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule as a foundational benchmark for improvements so that any roadless policies only enhance the most important fish and wildlife habitats. Logging and timber harvest already co-exist with roadless areas in the Tongass after years of prior compromise and consensus-building.

I implore you to maintain the integrity of Alaska's roadless areas and the Tongass 77, critical watersheds for trout and salmon. The Roadless Area Conservation Rule is a collaborative management approach adopted following one of the most extensive public engagement campaigns in the history of federal rulemaking. It may be America's best and most popular land management rule ever. 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, subsistence practices and traditions like hunting and fishing.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Daniel

Last name: Zagnoli

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC6306

Dear Secretary Perdue,

I am writing to support the ***No-Action Alternative*** for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the proposed changes to the Alaska Roadless Rule. I strongly object to your plans reduce and remove protections from roadless areas in the Tongass National Forest. The Tongass contains the largest remaining intact temperate rainforest on Earth, and its value in providing clean water and habitat for fish and wildlife is essential to the economic and ecological health of Southeast Alaska. Furthermore, it's a critical carbon sink to combat climate change.

I urge you to keep the federal Roadless Rule intact and current protections in place for national forests in Alaska and across the country.

Sincerely,

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Jeff

Last name: Zagray

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Jeff Zagray and I live in Winters, California.

Leave our goddamn national parks alone they are not for profit nor to be raped by big business and big corporations.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Jeff Zagray

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: clara

Last name: zahadek

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is clara zahadek and I live in Raven, Virginia.

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Regards, clara zahadek

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Penny

Last name: Zahler

Organization:

Title:

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Regards, Penny Zahler

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Robin

Last name: Zahler

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM

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Regards, Robin. Zahler

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Guy

Last name: Zahller

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Guy Zahller

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Andrew

Last name: Zahn

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

I oppose this action. Please keep these public lands preserved and open for all Americans to enjoy.

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Phyllis

Last name: Zahnd

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Phyllis Zahnd and I live in Hastings-on-hudson, New York.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: lin

Last name: zahner

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, lin zahner

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/24/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Mary

Last name: Zahniser

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Comments to oppose modification to the Roadless Rule

Dear U.S. Forest Service,

You have read all the reasons, so I won't repeat them. I urge you to select the "No Action" Alternative (Alternative 1) and allow the Roadless Rule to remain intact on the Tongass National Forest.

Sincerely,

Mary Juliana Zahniser

Boulder, CO 80305

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Rena

Last name: Zahorsky

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Rena Zahorsky and I live in San Jose, California.

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Regards, Rena Zahorsky

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Raymond

Last name: Zahra

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Raymond Zahra and I live in Florissant, Missouri.

The Tongass provides vital habitat for eagles, bears, wolves, salmon, and countless other species. Alaska Natives such as the Tlingit rely upon its lands and waters for their livelihood and culture. And visitors from around the world travel to the Tongass for world-class recreation, hunting, sport, and fishing. Please stop putting corporate profits above the public interest and to protect our national forests, our air, and our water for future generations!

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Raymond Zahra

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Greg

Last name: Zahradnik

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Greg Zahradnik and I live in Louisville, Kentucky.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Patricia

Last name: Zahrbock

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is [Patricia] [Zahrbock] and I live in [Yankton], [SD].

The Trump administration has done enough harm to our national treasures....stop already!

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Regards, Patricia Zahrbock

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Andrea

Last name: Zajac

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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First name: D

Last name: Zajac

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, D Zajac

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/5/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: JOHN

Last name: ZAJAC

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

As a supporter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers and our wild public lands, waters and wildlife, I am very concerned with the proposed rulemaking announced in Federal Register Document Number 2019-0023. I am writing these comments to strongly encourage you to maintain roadless area protections for the Tongass National Forest, including the wild fisheries habitat in the Tongass 77 and adopt the no action Alternative 1. These public lands and waters are prized by sportsmen and women and are a mainstay of Alaska's economy, helping 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; 9.3 million acres of that wild backcountry is 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.

Further, this proposal and the preferred alternative set a slippery precedent that threatens to unravel roadless rule protections for fish and wildlife across all of our nation's wild roadless forest lands. None of the identified alternatives take into consideration BHA's scoping comments to include balanced management policies for the Tongass, utilizing the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule as a foundational benchmark for improvements so that any roadless policies only enhance the most important fish and wildlife habitats. Logging and timber harvest already co-exist with roadless areas in the Tongass after years of prior compromise and consensus-building.

I implore you to maintain the integrity of Alaska's roadless areas and the Tongass 77, critical watersheds for trout and salmon. The Roadless Area Conservation Rule is a collaborative management approach adopted following one of the most extensive public engagement campaigns in the history of federal rulemaking. It may be America's best and most popular land management rule ever. 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, subsistence practices and traditions like hunting and fishing.

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Barry

Last name: Zakar

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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First name: Ilse

Last name: Zalaman

Organization:

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Regards, Ilse Zalaman

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/4/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Angeline

Last name: Zalben

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Angeline Zalben

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/3/2019 3:00:00 PM

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Last name: Zalben

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Kellen

Last name: Zale

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

I am writing to urge the Department to reject the proposal to remove the Tongass National Forest from protection under the National Roadless Rule, and to instead adopt the "no-action" alternative (Alternative 1) in the DEIS and protect the Tongass National Forest.

The Department's preferred option of Alternative 6, the complete removal of protections under the Roadless Rule, will be detrimental to the economic, cultural, and ecological health of communities throughout Southeast Alaska. Furthermore, this alternative is not supported by the vast majority of Americans, who, after all, are the people who that the Department is supposed to be the the steward of "public lands" for.

As someone from the Lower 48 who has had the opportunity to travel to Alaska and hike in the Tongass National Forest, I am have personally experienced the benefits that come from having forests that have been protected from logging and roadbuilding in ways that few lands in the rest of the country are protected. I urge the Department to continue to protect the Tongass so that future generations of Americans can also experience this unique national asset.

Furthermore, as a law professor who teaches and researches about land use and environmental law, I know that the Roadless Rule is among the most economically rational land management policies the Federal Government has adopted. Not only does it preserve that pristine habitat, but it also saves untold millions of taxpayer dollars that might otherwise be spent to subsidize money-losing timber sales. 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 costs vastly exceed timber revenues and require unsustainable taxpayer subsidies.

Furthermore, the 2001 National Roadless Rule is well designed and flexible enough to allow for access and development projects that benefit local communities. Since 2009 48 projects have been approved in the Tongass, the majority relating to surface exploration of potential mining and hydropower. The USFS has also taken steps to expedite this approval process, now taking only one to three weeks for the Tongass National Forest.

A straightforward cost-benefit analysis clearly indicates that the myriad of benefits - to local economies, ecosystem health, and the national heritage of protected lands - of maintaining the Roadless Rule for the Tongass far outweigh the supposed "benefits" that lifting the rule would have, in the form of a windfall subsidy to logging, an industry that is no longer competitive nor sustainable. The DESI had five alternatives to its preferred Alternative 6 of removing protection to the Tongass, all of which would ensure greater protection for the intact old-growth temperate rainforests of the Tongass National Forest, and its value in providing recreation opportunities, clean water, and fish and wildlife habitat, which contribute to. I therefore urge the Department to select the "no-action" alternative, or at the very least re-consider the other four alternatives to Alternative 6, on the Alaska-specific Roadless Rule and keep the 2001 National Roadless Rule on the Tongass.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

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Last name: Zale

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Linda Zale

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/18/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Cheryl

Last name: Zalenski

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

The administration's rushed and reckless plan to allow clear-cutting and road-building in huge swaths of Alaska's Tongass National Forest will cause harm for generations to come. Tongass National Forest is not only a pristine national treasure, the largest intact temperate forest in the world, and a key part of local tourism and recreation economies - it is also one of our most effective tools to mitigate climate change for future generations. The vast majority of Americans want to see the Tongass protected.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: LISA

Last name: ZALES

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, LISA ZALES

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Judith

Last name: Zalesne

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Regards, Judith Zalesne

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: patrick

Last name: zalusky

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, patrick zalusky

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/13/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Rena

Last name: Zaman-Zade

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Rena Zaman-Zade

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Juan

Last name: Zamarripa

Organization:

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Last name: Zambie

Organization:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: David

Last name: Zambie

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC5350

U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

Salmon populations are declining as Their habitatS are being destroyed. As an avid hiker and fly fisherman Who has visited the area several times, I beg you to preserve the Tongass as roadless area. Once it is destroyed it is gone forever. Please do the right thing for our grandchildren and preserve the Tongass as a roadless area.

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Sincerely,

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Austin, TX 7827

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Michael

Last name: Zamm

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Michael Zamm and I live in New York, New York.

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Regards, Michael Zamm

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/30/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Joshua

Last name: Zamor

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Keep the Roadless Rule in Place for the Tongass National Forest

Dear Interdisciplinary Team Leader, Alaska Roadless Rule Ken Tu,

I'm a citizen of the USA and an avid supporter of our public lands. I fully support upholding the No Action Alternative (Roadless Rule) on the Tongass National Forest. This forest is our legacy and allowing it to be altered isn't in our interest.

Please continue to steward Tongass National Forest for generations to come by upholding the Roadless Rule.

Sincerely,

Joshua Zamor

Seattle, WA 98107-2335

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/11/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Elvia

Last name: Zamora

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Elvia Zamora

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Margarita

Last name: Zamora

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Margarita Zamora and I live in Verona, Wisconsin.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/11/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: John

Last name: Zamos

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: A.

Last name: Zamudio

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, A. Zamudio

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/11/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Keller

Last name: Zamudio

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

As a supporter of the USA and our wild public lands, waters and wildlife, I am very concerned with the proposed rulemaking announced in Federal Register Document Number 2019-0023. I am writing these comments to strongly encourage you to maintain roadless area protections for the Tongass National Forest, including the wild fisheries habitat in the Tongass 77 and adopt the no action Alternative 1. These public lands and waters are prized by sportsmen and women and are a mainstay of Alaska's economy, helping 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; 9.3 million acres of that wild backcountry is 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.

Further, this proposal and the preferred alternative set a slippery precedent that threatens to unravel roadless rule protections for fish and wildlife across all of our nation's wild roadless forest lands. None of the identified alternatives take into consideration BHA's scoping comments to include balanced management policies for the Tongass, utilizing the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule as a foundational benchmark for improvements so that any roadless policies only enhance the most important fish and wildlife habitats. Logging and timber harvest already co-exist with roadless areas in the Tongass after years of prior compromise and consensus-building.

I implore you to maintain the integrity of Alaska's roadless areas and the Tongass 77, critical watersheds for trout and salmon. The Roadless Area Conservation Rule is a collaborative management approach adopted following one of the most extensive public engagement campaigns in the history of federal rulemaking. It may be America's best and most popular land management rule ever. 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, subsistence practices and traditions like hunting and fishing.

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Doug

Last name: Zamzow

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC3536

U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule

Comment Period

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Sincerely,

Doug Zamzow

Boise, ID 83706

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Eva

Last name: Zamzow

Organization:

Title:

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HC6151

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Customize your comment by listing reasons the Tongass is important to you or why you value Alaska Roadless areas: (ex: specific locations you recreate, activities you do, or why you value fish & wildlife) [Text italicized]

Sincerely,

Would you like to volunteer with TU Alaska to Help America's Salmon Forest?

Yes No

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Kevin

Last name: Zamzow-Pollock

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Kevin Zamzow-Pollock

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

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Last name: Zandardeelli

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Comments:

HC3889

U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule

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I am writing in support of the 'no action' alternative to leave the Roadless Rule unchanged in Alaska. I am concerned that changes to the rule would lead to greatly expand clear-cut logging of old growth timber and costly road building in undeveloped, wild areas of both the Tongass and Chugach Forests. These activities increase sedimentation, hurt water quality, often block salmon migration, and add to an already large backlog of needed road maintenance and restoration.

Our fisheries and wild forests are critical to the economy of Alaska. To grow these sectors of our economy, we need intact habitat. Please leave the Alaska Roadless Rule in place.

Sincerely,

David Zandardeelli

Eighty Four, PA 15330

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: David

Last name: Zanardelli

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: sondra

Last name: zanassi

Organization:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

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Last name: Zane

Organization:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Charles

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Organization:

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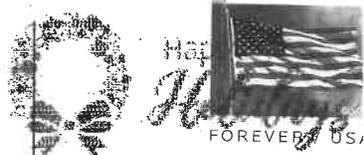
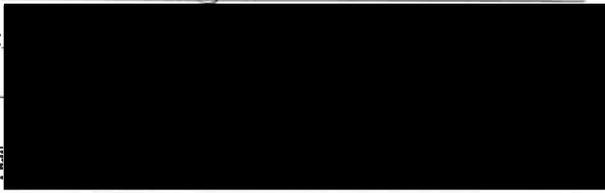
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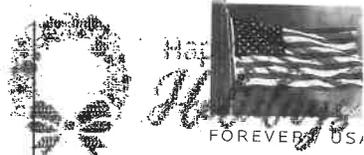
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

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Last name: zanoni

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Last name: Zantzinger

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Comments:

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First name: Amy

Last name: Zanuzoski

Organization:

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Dear Secretary Perdue,

I live and work on the lands and waters of the Tongass National Forest. The health of the Tongass National Forest is critical to sustaining my way of life in this rugged region. From hunting and fishing, to hiking and camping, to our tourism and commercial fishing-based economies, we rely on the intact habitat that the roadless areas of the Tongass contain. That is why it is important to me that the 2001 Roadless Rule remain in place on the Tongass National Forest. A no-action alternative is the best option for Southeast Alaska.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/5/2019 3:00:00 PM

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Last name: Zapf

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Regards, Fred Zapf

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

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Last name: Zaplatosch

Organization:

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First name: Wendy

Last name: Zara

Organization:

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Comments:

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First name: Mary

Last name: Zaranto

Organization:

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Comments:

My name is Mary Zaranto and I live in Cave Creek, Arizona.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Glen

Last name: Zarboni

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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule

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Sincerely,

Glen Zarboni

Malone, NY 12953

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Last name: Zarchin

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Last name: Zarek

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/20/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: John

Last name: Zaremba

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Do not sacrifice the commons for wealth creation of the few who would stand to benefit.

As the country struggles for short-term gains, the long-term wealth of the country is destroyed.

Do not exempt the Tongass from the Clinton-era Roadless Rule.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

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Last name: Zaret

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Regards, Cortney Zaret

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Dorien

Last name: Zaricor

Organization:

Title:

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Last name: Zarkhosh

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Last name: Zarro

Organization:

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Regards, Cindy Zarzycki

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First name: Patricia

Last name: Zasadny

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Patricia Zasadny and I live in Saint Charles, Maryland.

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First name: Janet

Last name: Zaso

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Janet Zaso and I live in Raccoon Ford, Virginia.

The Forest Service is supposed to protect our environment. It appears that the Head of the Forest service is being swayed to remove protections for at least one National Forest, though others have also been adversely effected by this administration. I urge you to stop these travesties. They will destroy our National Forests and Parks and only benefit the For Profit corporations.

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Last name: Zastovnik

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Regards, Diane Zastovnik

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/22/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Lila

Last name: Zastrow

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

The 2001 roadless rule should remain in effect and unchanged. There are better methods to stimulate rural economies than destroying more natural places. These parks have been set aside for a reason.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM

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Last name: Zastrow-Hendrickson

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Lila-Dave

Last name: Zastrow-Hendrickson

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Lila-Dave Zastrow-Hendrickson and I live in Seymour, Wisconsin.

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Last name: Zatirka

Organization:

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Last name: Zaudtke

Organization:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Hermine

Last name: Zavar

Organization:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Sharon

Last name: Zayac

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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First name: Misty

Last name: Zban

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First name: Rebecca

Last name: Zbylski

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Dear Chief Christiansen,

I am a visitor to the lands and waters of Southeast Alaska. The Tongass National Forest is a large part of why I am here. Visitors like me come to witness the vast, beautiful stands of old-growth trees that can't be found on such a scale anywhere else in the United States. We come to crew on commercial fishing boats. We come to hunt, fish and hike in America's largest National Forest. That is why it is important to me that the 2001 Roadless Rule remain in place on the Tongass National Forest. A no-action alternative is the best option for Alaskans and Americans.

I support the Tongass Transition and I would like the Forest Service to continue phasing out old growth clearcutting. This forest is a salmon forest, and the Forest Service should focus on restoring degraded watersheds and fish streams. Please prioritize conservation of the T77 and TNC conservation priority areas in any new Alaska Roadless Rule. Tourism and commercial fishing are at the heart of Southeast's economy, not the antiquated timber industry.

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Mario

Last name: Zdybel

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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First name: Kristi

Last name: Zea

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Kristi Zea

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First name: David

Last name: Zebker

Organization:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: gisela

Last name: zech

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is gisela zech and I live in Boise, Idaho.

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Regards, gisela zech

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Tyler

Last name: Zeeb

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Do NOT open Americas Amazon to loggers! Loggers are nothing bit evil, and the beauty of this planet does not need to be ruined anymore by humans. We have enough roads and buildings. Please don't do this!

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Last name: Zeff

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Regards, Barbara Zeff

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/5/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Daniel

Last name: Zeglen

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

As a supporter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers and our wild public lands, waters and wildlife, I am very concerned with the proposed rulemaking announced in Federal Register Document Number 2019-0023. I am writing these comments to strongly encourage you to maintain roadless area protections for the Tongass National Forest, including the wild fisheries habitat in the Tongass 77 and adopt the no action Alternative 1. These public lands and waters are prized by sportsmen and women and are a mainstay of Alaska's economy, helping 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; 9.3 million acres of that wild backcountry is 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.

Further, this proposal and the preferred alternative set a slippery precedent that threatens to unravel roadless rule protections for fish and wildlife across all of our nation's wild roadless forest lands. None of the identified alternatives take into consideration BHA's scoping comments to include balanced management policies for the Tongass, utilizing the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule as a foundational benchmark for improvements so that any roadless policies only enhance the most important fish and wildlife habitats. Logging and timber harvest already co-exist with roadless areas in the Tongass after years of prior compromise and consensus-building.

I implore you to maintain the integrity of Alaska's roadless areas and the Tongass 77, critical watersheds for trout and salmon. The Roadless Area Conservation Rule is a collaborative management approach adopted following one of the most extensive public engagement campaigns in the history of federal rulemaking. It may be America's best and most popular land management rule ever. 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, subsistence practices and traditions like hunting and fishing.

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

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Last name: Zehava

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Regards, Angela Zehava

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Nisreen

Last name: Zeidan

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Nisreen Zeidan

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/7/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: David
Last name: Zeiger
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Gentlefolk,

I was born in Petersburg, Alaska in 1959 at the dawn of statehood, and grew up in Sitka and Wrangell (both pulp and logging towns). For the past 30 years I have lived with my wife on the waters of the Alexander Archipelago, sailing without engines.

In my short span of life I've seen vast inroads made into the Tongass Forest. Logging, privatization and more logging, the clearing out of lease-holders and homesteaders and yet more logging. Large swathes of our home forests have been converted to pulp, exportation in the round and lumber of diminishing quality, generally misused in shortlived structures.

Moving about as we do puts us in a unique position to see the effect of clear-cutting practices across the Tongass.

Despite being assured by one EIS after another that "the best silvacultural practices will be followed", we observe that:

* Older clear-cuts do not recover to anywhere near their original state.

* Thinning has been largely underfunded and underperformed allowing terribly choked undergrowth and stunted trees.

* Despite the predictions and schedules that supported the pulp era contracts and still inform management practices, boreal rainforests recover much slower than those in more temperate zones. Viewing the Tongass as a 'renewable resource' has not been borne out on the timescale of our present institutions.

* Extensive percentages of clear-cuts have grown back in alder, undercutting the narrative and time table of "harvest cycles".

* In areas where timber has regrown to usable diameters, the annular ring spacing is an order of magnitude wider than that of old growth, severely reducing the quality of any lumber that might be produced from it.

* Many of the rivers and creeks running through clear-cut areas are strikingly low on fish return, especially in recent hot and droughty years.

Our involvement with many logging communities has provided ample evidence that the unbid-for reaches of the Tongass are "economically unsuitable for harvest". I.e., that, without the preponderance of high value trees found in old growth stands, large scale commercial logging cannot break even. This continues to lead to the targeting and decimation of remaining, old growth. As evidence, see the proportion of old-growth to other growth acreage in the present proposal.

My friends, old growth is not renewable, at least on a time scale available to our present institutions and society. Old growth forest and the ecosystems of which timber is a foundational support are finite.

To our friends in the USFS, I ask you to remember that you became foresters for love of the forest. How many of you spend happy days in a clear cut?

To our friends at the top of the State Government, I ask you to remember that in the 'harvest' of the Tongass, you are in effect extending the I-5 corridor to our state. Washington, Oregon and California were also formerly lands of pristine abundance, and fell to the same, false economic imperatives.

I ask, too, that you remember your Republican aversion to subsidy (counter to free market principles). The taxpayer has been subsidizing the logging industry by paying for road construction. Is there any reason to think that, were recreational access their sole function, they would ever be funded or built?

I'll end by quoting Edward Abbey from *The Fool's Progress*... "An economy is a machine for turning resources into garbage." As things are going, the Tongass is destined for the dumpster.

We can preserve the living Tongass for ourselves and those who come after, or we can cut it for short term gain to no lasting benefit.

As an Alaskan, I say NO to more roads in the Tongass. I say YES to conserving what remains, especially the old growth.

Respectfully yours,

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Bob

Last name: Zeigler

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Bob Zeigler and I live in Olympia, Washington.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/11/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Jack

Last name: Zeilenga

Organization:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: MARY

Last name: ZEIS

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is MARY ZEIS and I live in Hamburg, New York.

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Regards, MARY ZEIS

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Regards, MARY ZEIS

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/21/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: MARY LOU

Last name: ZEIS

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Please keep this beautiful area of Alaska intact. Keep away the bulldozers, machinery and people that have ruined many of our other beautiful forest areas. With the deplorable direction our world is headed, do anything you can to change the direction for the better.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/17/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Steven

Last name: Zeit

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Steven Zeit and I live in Palm Bay, Florida.

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Regards, Steven Zeit

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Sandy

Last name: Zelasko

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Sandy Zelasko and I live in Valley Center, California.

SAVE BEARS EARS!

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Regards, Sandy Zelasko

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Joseph

Last name: Zelasney

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Joseph Zelasney and I live in Denver, CO. I am writing a comment on the Alaska Roadless Rule DEIS because I am concerned with how the Rule and the proposed full exemption will affect the Tongass National Forest and the Chugach National Forest.

I have fish commercially for salmon in Kodiak, AK for many years. I know what a functional natural system looks like. My day job is as a fishery officer for the US food and agriculture organization. I have also seen first hand natural systems undermined by human activity, and the devastating impacts on food security, that affect both local and distant populations. There are precious few intact ecosystems left on earth. Economic activity is important, prioritize the kind that doesn't require roads in our National Forests. Keep Tongass National Forest roadless (and the rest of our roadless wilderness), and extend roadless protection to new areas where practical!!

I urge the Forest Service to select Alternative 1, the no action alternative, for the final decision on the Alaska Roadless Rule. This alternative protects the inventoried roadless areas in Alaska that are full of pristine wilderness and provide important fish and wildlife habitat, and already allows for important community and economic development projects. As an American citizen, I value the Tongass National Forest and the Chugach National Forest for its status as America's best natural solution to climate change and its sequestering of millions of metric tons of carbon and mitigating climate change, its wild salmon populations and the world-class fishing opportunities, its huge swaths of intact ecosystems and all the biodiversity it contains, its status as the largest intact temperate rainforest in the world, the recreational opportunities it provides, the high density of incredible wildlife it contains, to keep public lands wild for future generations, its status as a national and global treasure, the lifestyles of the indigenous communities that the forest supports. A full exemption does not protect these priorities, nor does it effectively balance economic development with the countless other benefits provided by roadless areas. I would like the Forest Service to manage roadless areas for passive/active watershed restoration (stream and habitat) to improve/maintain roadless characteristics (culvert removal/replacement, improve fish passage, wildlife thinning, etc), low-impact recreation (camping, hiking, hunting, foraging, etc), medium-impact recreation (FS cabins, trails, mooring buoys, 3-sided shelters). It is important to me that high-value intact habitat including the T77 watersheds and the TNC conservation priority areas retain their roadless protections in any alternative selected.

The Forest Service is wasting taxpayers' valuable time and money by trying to prop up a failing timber industry in Southeast Alaska. The nonpartisan, independent taxpayer watchdog Taxpayers for Common Sense reported that the Tongass timber program has losses of over \$600 million of taxpayers money in the past 20 years. I would rather see my taxpayer dollars used to restore salmon habitat that was hurt by past logging practices, perform restorative actions that support wildlife populations on previously degraded landscapes that support wildlife populations, develop more recreational opportunities, like trails and cabins, support small-scale, sustainable logging, establish the economic value of the carbon stored in the Tongass. We need to stop subsidizing the clearcutting of old growth on the Tongass through taxpayer funded roadbuilding. If a full exemption were chosen, it would not create opportunities and would instead prioritize the special interests of one industry over the interests of the entire American public.

The Tongass is America's homegrown natural solution to climate change. The forest sequesters 8% of the carbon stored in forests throughout the contiguous US states, some 3 billion metric tons of it. We must take action to mitigate and adapt to climate change, and maintaining the Tongass in a roadless state is critical for a sustainable future.

I urge the Forest Service to listen to the voices of the American people and prioritize them over corporate interests. The Forest Service should strengthen public involvement in developing land management policy and focus on broadly supported work rather than allowing special corporate interests to guide policy changes. Attempting to exempt inventoried roadless areas on the Chugach National Forest from the Alaska Roadless Rule adds further insult to injury, and this proposal has not received any sufficient environmental impact analysis or public input. Choosing a full exemption will not create a long lasting, durable solution for roadless areas in Alaska it will only increase the legal challenges, uncertainty for businesses, and conflict over these forests going forward.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Janice

Last name: Zelazo

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is [Janice@advFirst] Zelazo and I live in Boulder, Colorado.

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Regards, Janice Zelazo

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Mark

Last name: Zelenak

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

Let's save national treasures. They are not making more land so we should keep natural as much of it as possible. Please keep this land unharmed by man.

I am writing in support of the 'no action' alternative to leave the Roadless Rule unchanged in Alaska. I am concerned that changes to the rule would lead to greatly expand clear-cut logging of old growth timber and costly road building in undeveloped, wild areas of both the Tongass and Chugach Forests. These activities increase sedimentation, hurt water quality, often block salmon migration, and add to an already large backlog of needed road maintenance and restoration.

Our fisheries and wild forests are critical to the economy of Alaska. To grow these sectors of our economy, we need intact habitat. Please leave the Alaska Roadless Rule in place.

Sincerely,

Mark Zelenak

Liberty, MO 64068

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Gina

Last name: Zelinka

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Gina Zelinka and I live in Lauderhill, Florida.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Gina Zelinka

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: SARA

Last name: ZELINSKE

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is SARA ZELINSKE and I live in New Baltimore, Michigan.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, SARA ZELINSKE

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/11/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Dawn

Last name: Zelinski

Organization:

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Comments:

My name is Dawn Zelinski and I live in Middletown, New Jersey.

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Regards, Dawn Zelinski

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Dawn

Last name: Zelinski

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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First name: Freyda

Last name: Zell

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Regards, Freyda Zell

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Robin

Last name: Zell

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Robin Zell and I live in Maricopa, AZ. I am writing a comment on the Alaska Roadless Rule DEIS because I am concerned with how the Rule and the proposed full exemption will affect the Tongass National Forest and the Chugach National Forest.

I am the group sales manager of Salmon Falls Resort in Ketchikan, Alaska. Located on Behm Canal, we offer fishing charters on the Inside Passage. Did you know the King Salmon arrived two weeks late this year? If you want to see climate change at work, come to Alaska.

I urge the Forest Service to select Alternative 1, the no action alternative, for the final decision on the Alaska Roadless Rule. This alternative protects the inventoried roadless areas in Alaska that are full of pristine wilderness and provide important fish and wildlife habitat, and already allows for important community and economic development projects. As an American citizen, I value the Tongass National Forest and the Chugach National Forest for its status as America's best natural solution to climate change and its sequestering of millions of metric tons of carbon and mitigating climate change, its wild salmon populations and the world-class fishing opportunities, its huge swaths of intact ecosystems and all the biodiversity it contains, its status as the largest intact temperate rainforest in the world, the high density of incredible wildlife it contains, to keep public lands wild for future generations, its status as a national and global treasure, the lifestyles of the indigenous communities that the forest supports. A full exemption does not protect these priorities, nor does it effectively balance economic development with the countless other benefits provided by roadless areas. I would like the Forest Service to manage roadless areas for low-impact recreation (camping, hiking, hunting, foraging, etc), passive/active watershed restoration (stream and habitat) to improve/maintain roadless characteristics (culvert removal/replacement, improve fish passage, wildlife thinning, etc). It is important to me that high-value intact habitat including the T77 watersheds and the TNC conservation priority areas retain their roadless protections in any alternative selected.

The Forest Service is wasting taxpayers' valuable time and money by trying to prop up a failing timber industry in Southeast Alaska. The nonpartisan, independent taxpayer watchdog Taxpayers for Common Sense reported that the Tongass timber program has losses of over \$600 million of taxpayers money in the past 20 years. I would rather see my taxpayer dollars used to restore salmon habitat that was hurt by past logging practices, perform restorative actions that support wildlife populations on previously degraded landscapes that support wildlife populations, establish the economic value of the carbon stored in the Tongass. We need to stop subsidizing the clearcutting of old growth on the Tongass through taxpayer funded roadbuilding. If a full exemption were chosen, it would not create opportunities and would instead prioritize the special interests of one industry over the interests of the entire American public.

The Tongass is Americas homegrown natural solution to climate change. The forest sequesters 8% of the carbon stored in forests throughout the contiguous US states, some 3 billion metric tons of it. We must take action to mitigate and adapt to climate change, and maintaining the Tongass in a roadless state is critical for a sustainable future.

I urge the Forest Service to listen to the voices of the American people and prioritize them over corporate interests. The Forest Service should strengthen public involvement in developing land management policy and focus on broadly supported work rather than allowing special corporate interests to guide policy changes.

Attempting to exempt inventoried roadless areas on the Chugach National Forest from the Alaska Roadless Rule adds further insult to injury, and this proposal has not received any sufficient environmental impact analysis or public input. Choosing a full exemption will not create a long lasting, durable solution for roadless areas in Alaska it will only increase the legal challenges, uncertainty for businesses, and conflict over these forests going forward.

[Position]

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Sabine

Last name: ZELL

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Sabine ZELL and I live in Simsbury, Connecticut.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Sabine ZELL

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Jean

Last name: Zeller

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Jean Zeller and I live in Harrison, Tennessee.

Trump administration GREED is getting out of control. It is pretty sad to have to go to court just to have clean water in our streams & rivers.

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Regards, Jean Zeller

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Last name: Zeller

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Michael

Last name: Zeller

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Michael Zeller

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: robert

Last name: zeller

Organization:

Title:

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Regards, robert zeller

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: robert

Last name: zeller

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is robert zeller and I live in Lindenhurst, New York.

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Regards, robert zeller

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Rudy

Last name: Zeller

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Rudy Zeller and I live in Benicia, California.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Rudy Zeller

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/13/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: David
Last name: Zellmer
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC480

Dear Roadless Rule Planning Team,

The health of the Tongass National Forest is important to me. I depend on the Tongass which is a unique and global treasure.

The freshwater streams where salmon and old growth forest of the Tongass provide spawning habitat for these fish, which in turn feed a matrix of bears, birds, insects, and other wildlife that Alaska is so famous for. The health of our economy, which is heavily dependent on the fishing and tourism industries, also depends on the salmon, wildlife and presence of old growth forests. A sustainable future for Southeast Alaska requires protecting expansive areas of intact habitat - in short, it requires keeping our Roadless areas roadless! I urge the Forest Service and the Secretary to protect important salmon spawning habitat, maintain old growth forests for winter deer habitat, and keep the places I like to recreate free of clearcuts and roadbuilding.

WHO I AM: [text bolded for emphasis] Include your name, where you live, and any relevant biographical information. Do you live or work on the Tongass National Forest? What is your relationship to the Tongass?

David Zellmer montan no, its home, I grow up in Ketchikan

PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE: [text bolded for emphasis] The Forest Service will choose how to proceed from a number of different alternatives. If you want the Roadless Rule to remain on the Tongass, write "No Action."

I want smart management, so that forest will not burn. and salmon are safe.

WHY I PREFER THIS ALTERNATIVE: [text bolded for emphasis] How would this alternative affect you and Southeast Alaskans?

AREAS: [text bolded for emphasis] Are there specific islands, watersheds, or mountains that you depend on? Name the most important areas that the Roadless Rule to protect. Examples include the Tenakee Inlet, Nakwasina Sound, Fish Bay, Ushk Bay, Northern Prince of Wales, T77 salmon watershed areas, Audobon TNC ecological priority areas, etc.

POW, any salmon strean or area around them.

USE: [text bolded for emphasis] What activities do you use the Tongass National Forest for? Hunting, fishing, recreation, subsistence, business, tourism, etc.

Recreation.

SUGGESTION: [text bolded for emphasis] How should the Forest Service manage the Tongass National Forest, rather than old-growth clearcut logging? More sustainable alternatives to timber harvest include salmon watershed restoration, visitor industry infrastructure, deer habitat enhancement, young growth thinning, and maintenance of recreation infrastructure such as trails and cabins.

Just manage the forest in way that maximize Salmon Runs.

Additional comments for the Forest Service:

Sincerely,

David Zellmer

I want to receive a copy of the Draft Environmental Statement

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/26/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Davis

Last name: Zellmer

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC120

Dear F.S.

I don't think that logging should not interfere with salmon streams. Use the powers you have to insure that happens. Thanks

Davis Zellmer

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Hannah

Last name: Zellmer

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC4914

Dear U.S. Forest Service,

CC: Alaska Congressional Delegation and Federal Administration

I support the no-action alternative to leave the 2001 Roadless Rule in place on the Tongass National Forest. We must continue to phase out old-growth clear-cut logging and instead prioritize restoring degraded watersheds and fish streams that contribute to the growing fisheries and tourism-based economies of Southeast. To that end, please conserve the Tongass 77 and TNC priority areas in the final Roadless Rule.

Sincerely,

Comments: *(Eg: list locations you recreate, or why you value Tongass fish & wildlife)* [Text italicized for emphasis]

[Box unchecked] I would like to get more involved in the campaign!

*By taking this action, you are consenting to receive future communications via phone, text message, email, or mail from Sitka Conservation Society and its partners working to protect the Tongass. * [Text italicized for emphasis]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Angie

Last name: Zellner

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Angie Zellner

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Stephen

Last name: Zelman

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Stephen Zelman

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/7/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Jess

Last name: Zelniker

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Don't exempt the Tongass from the Roadless Rule

U.S. Forest Service

RE: Don't exempt the Tongass from the Roadless Rule

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Docket Number: FS-2019-0023

Secretary Perdue:

The only acceptable option for the proposed Alaska Roadless Rule, is the No-Action Alternative in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Alternative #1.

Alaska's Tongass National Forest must be preserved. These lands are home to pacific salmon, iconic bald eagles, southern resident orcas, a 1000-year-old tree, and the traditional homelands of the Tlingit, Haida and Tsimshian Peoples.

Beyond its natural beauty and cultural importance, the Tongass Forest is one of the world's best climate defenses. The old trees store nearly 10-12 percent of all carbon consumed by America's national forests - and it's Alaska's first defense against the worsening climate crisis.

The Roadless Rule protects wildlife & their habitat and preserves the country's largest carbon sink to help mitigate climate change. It is absurd and irresponsible to gut a successful, efficient land management tool so as to open the Tongass to the devastation of clear-cutting.

Sincerely,

Jess Zelniker

North Hollywood, CA 91601

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM

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Last name: zeltman

Organization:

Title:

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Regards, eanthy zeltman

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: T.

Last name: Zeltmann

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is T. Zeltmann and I live in East Quogue, New York.

The Tongass is Americas Climate Forest...a rare temperate rainforest. Its old-growth trees retain vast stores of carbon, thus it plays a critical role in fighting climate change. You must chose the No Action alternative to save this precious, vital forest...you must do this for our children and grandchildren!

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, T. Zeltmann

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

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Last name: Zeman

Organization:

Title:

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First name: Denise

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Comments:

My name is Denise Zembryki and I live in Sagle, Idaho.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/5/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Mitchell

Last name: Zemites

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Comments:

As a supporter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers and our wild public lands, waters and wildlife, I am very concerned with the proposed rulemaking announced in Federal Register Document Number 2019-0023. I am writing these comments to strongly encourage you to maintain roadless area protections for the Tongass National Forest, including the wild fisheries habitat in the Tongass 77 and adopt the no action Alternative 1. These public lands and waters are prized by sportsmen and women and are a mainstay of Alaska's economy, helping 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; 9.3 million acres of that wild backcountry is 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.

Further, this proposal and the preferred alternative set a slippery precedent that threatens to unravel roadless rule protections for fish and wildlife across all of our nation's wild roadless forest lands. None of the identified alternatives take into consideration BHA's scoping comments to include balanced management policies for the Tongass, utilizing the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule as a foundational benchmark for improvements so that any roadless policies only enhance the most important fish and wildlife habitats. Logging and timber harvest already co-exist with roadless areas in the Tongass after years of prior compromise and consensus-building.

I implore you to maintain the integrity of Alaska's roadless areas and the Tongass 77, critical watersheds for trout and salmon. The Roadless Area Conservation Rule is a collaborative management approach adopted following one of the most extensive public engagement campaigns in the history of federal rulemaking. It may be America's best and most popular land management rule ever. 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, subsistence practices and traditions like hunting and fishing.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/18/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Matthew

Last name: Zencey

Organization:

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Comments:

Please select Alternative 1 - leaving the entire Tongass covered by the Roadless Area protection rule.
Commercial logging on the Tongass is a money-wasting environmental atrocity. Stop wasting my taxpayer dollars on cutting irreplaceable old-growth trees!

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Bill

Last name: Zenger

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC5182

U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

I'm totally against clear cutting of old growth trees. I've seen the damage in Oregon when this has happened. The streams get silted in and kill the trout. Plus the Forest Service should close more roads. Let the hunters and fisherman do more walking. Also the ATV people will destroy less forest up. I personally worked for lumber and oil companies and they care less about the wildlife and the land. It's the money that they want.

Thanks.

The Roadless Rule has been instrumental in conserving the Tongass National Forest and in supporting its fish and wildlife-based industries for almost 20 years. Please uphold the Rule's protections for important fish and wildlife areas, including the Tongass 77. Roadless areas are an important source of food, jobs, and income through commercial, subsistence, and recreational fishing. Salmon are part of Alaska's culture and we must protect them and their spawning streams. Please do not roll back roadless area protections for habitat that our irreplaceable fish and wildlife populations need to survive.

Sincerely,

Bill Zenger

Santa Fe, NM 87508

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: William

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HC3931

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Last name: Zenker

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Comments:

My name is Paul Zenker and I live in Burnsville, Minnesota.

I have visited Alaska and this is a beautiful area that supports much of the tourism area and the wildlife that are seen on these trips. The forests are beautiful. How can you even consider the short-term gain of clear-cutting? We almost destroyed all the redwoods clear-cutting in California - don't repeat this mistake!

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Last name: Zepeda

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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First name: Nathan

Last name: Zerbe

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Last name: Zerby

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Last name: zercher

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First name: Deborah

Last name: Zerden

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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First name: Stephen

Last name: Zerefos

Organization:

Title:

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Regards, Stephen Zerefos

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/11/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Kirk

Last name: Zerkel

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

I am writing this letter to support the Preferred Alternative - Alternative 6, a full exemption for the Tongass National Forest. Alaska, more so than any other State in the US, is dependent on its Natural Resources to provide jobs, renewable energy sources, and make a living for those of us who call this State, Home, as I do. Alaskans have shown that we are better adept to manage our Natural Resources, and create a sustainable environment for our future generations, not outside politically motivated groups who don't depend on this State for their livelihoods.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

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Last name: Zermeno

Organization:

Title:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Eric

Last name: Zerneke

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

We do not need to log these areas, nor should we. We have sustainable logging (and some unsustainable) throughout the country. There is no clear need to open this protected land to resource extraction - harvesting of trees, minerals and ore, or anything else. We must protect these areas from damage by humans and leave them to support the environment and ecosystem that exists there (and elsewhere). Just as the Amazon supports the planet beyond its local area, so too does these forests. We have an abundance of wood resources in other States already available and legally authorized to utilize. Use those and continue to protect these lands.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/13/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Laura

Last name: Zerr

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Laura Zerr and I live in Auburn, Washington.

The Tongass National Forest is extremely important. Maintaining old growth trees is critical to the overall health of the earth as it retains large amounts of carbon. Whether you "believe" in climate change or not, these old growth forest provides too much to just clearcut and for what? This is an irreplaceable asset and must be protected at all cost.

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First name: Stephen

Last name: Zettel

Organization:

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Comments:

My name is Stephen Zettel and I live in Sequim, Washington.

I am absolutely opposed to the Trump Administrations new plan for what remains of Bears Ears National Monument. It will cause incalculable damage to the environment and and irreplaceable cultural and archeological sites and should not be allowed to proceed.

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Last name: Zeveloff

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Regards, L. Zeveloff

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/22/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Shannin

Last name: Zevian

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Keep 'Roadless Rule' Protections for the Tongass National Forest

Dear U.S. Forest Service,

I am adamantly against the Forest Service's plan to eliminate "Roadless Rule" protections for the Tongass National Forest and very much hope you will choose the "no action" alternative.

The Tongass is America's wildest remaining national forest, with more than 9 million acres of roadless areas. It's home to a ton of wildlife, including Alexander Archipelago wolves, grizzlies, and salmon. It also stores a vast amount of carbon, with its centuries-old trees serving as a carbon-reserve life raft in this time of climate change. Logging would release most of that carbon into the atmosphere. The plan to allow clearcutting and bulldozing in this wild & irreplaceable place is irresponsible, at best. It is completely senseless to allow a few timber companies to profit from it's destruction.

Also, I oppose your plan to allow the agency to open any of the 5 million acres of roadless areas on the Chugach National Forest to bulldozing & clearcutting, for any reason. This is simply a backdoor repeal of the 2001 Roadless Rule, which protects all roadless lands because of the critical role they play in protecting pure water, secure wildlife habitat, & remote recreation.

Please - think of future generations by selecting the "no action" alternative to maintain "Roadless Rule" protections for the Tongass and Chugach.

Sincerely,

Shannin Zevian

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/13/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Alex

Last name: Zhai

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC377

Dear Sonny Perdue,

My name is Alex Zhai, and I'm a student from San Jose, CA. I'm currently sitting in the Tongass National Forest on a school trip. However, I have hear about the Alaska Roadless Rule (2001), and I believe that the Department of Agriculture should focus on the "Tongass Transition" from using old growth to the more sustainable young growth. The older dress here are extremely important in the local ecosystem, as they support many of the organisms living here, like the many kinds of salmon. Furthermore, while walking on these trail, I have noticed just how beautiful this forest is. This makes it even more important for trail maintenance, and I hope you keep the vitality of this forest in mind.

Thank you, Secretary Perdue, for listening to the input of the citizens of America. I urge you to keep our wellness in mind.

Thank you,

Alex Zhai

Saratoga CA 95070

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

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Last name: ZHANG

Organization:

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Comments:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Jeff

Last name: Zhang

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Alternative One

I choose alternative one as logging and damaging these ancient irreplaceable forests will do untold damage to the already hurt salmon fishery. No roads and logging!!

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Yinghua

Last name: Zhang

Organization:

Title:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/13/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Eric

Last name: Zhu

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC375

Dear Secretary Purdue,

I am Eric Zhu, a student from San Jose visiting the Tongass National Forest prior to starting my junior year. I believe it is important to keep the 2001 roadless rule in tact to allow others to enjoy this experience as much as I have for long into the future. We live on Earth. We don't own the Earth. We ought to keep nature on this Earth as unharmed as possible as it is imply a privilege to be alive on this Earth not a right. We don't deserve to have everything Don't abuse human power and rich nature for everyone.

Thanks,

[Signature]

Eric Zhu

Saratoga, CA, 95070

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM

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Last name: Zhuo

Organization:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Mrs.

Last name: Ziac

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Mrs. Ziac and I live in Greenwich, Connecticut.

In order to breathe, we need the trees...for your Grandchildren, do the right thing.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Mrs. Ziac

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Steve

Last name: Ziagos

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Please choose Alternative One!

Please Choose Alternative One. The changes once wrought can never be recovered. Please don't choose to ruin this national natural treasure.

-Steve Ziagos

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/1/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Kristin

Last name: Zibell

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

The Tongass National Forest is a public forest, meaning that every American citizen can benefit from the forest through clean air, recreation, cultural heritage, and beauty. Repealing the roadless rule and selling the Tongass forest to private companies will destroy this one of a kind forest and betray the promise of public land. There are other ways to provide jobs for rural communities - invest in strong internet infrastructure, public education, public libraries, community colleges, and extension services of land-grant universities. Studies by the Joint Economic Committee have shown that when government invests in education in rural communities - not the destruction of their natural environment - there is more upward mobility than urban areas.

Selling off the Tongass National Forest to private companies to create more jobs is a lie. The act of selling public lands to private interests results in higher poverty rates, lower life expectancy, and less opportunities.

Not only that, repealing the protection of the roadless rule and logging the Tongass National Forest will cause the rural communities more harm by removing their access to public forests, destroying ecosystems and ability to sustain themselves, and poisoning their natural environment.

There are a variety of alternatives proposed. I support Alternative #1 - no change. Save the Tongass National Forest to save rural communities. Invest tax dollars in education to create long-lasting jobs and opportunities.

[Position]

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Jessica

Last name: Zickefoose

Organization:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Jessica

Last name: Zickefoose

Organization:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

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Last name: ziegler

Organization:

Title:

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Regards, cynthia ziegler

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First name: Joel

Last name: Ziegler

Organization:

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Regards, Joel Ziegler

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Norbert

Last name: Ziegler

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC3564

U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule

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Our fisheries and wild forests are critical to the economy of Alaska. To grow these sectors of our economy, we need intact habitat. Please leave the Alaska Roadless Rule in place.

Sincerely,

Norbert Ziegler

Sammamish, WA 98075

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 1/1/0001 12:00:00 AM

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Sammamish, WA 98075

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/18/2019 8:12:37 PM

First name: Patricia

Last name: Ziegler

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Comments to oppose modification to the Roadless Rule

Dear U.S. Forest Service,

The Roadless Rule helps protect old-growth habitat for birds like the Prince of Wales Spruce Grouse and Northern Goshawk, as well as for mammals like wolves and deer. Opening roadless areas to more logging and roads will fragment the forest and eliminate more of the big old trees that these animals rely on.

Yet, all of the action alternatives in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement allow more roadbuilding and logging across the Tongass National Forest. Logging roads and timber operations cost tens of millions of taxpayer dollars every year, with zero return on investment. Meanwhile, these destructive activities degrade the naturally sustainable wealth of salmon, wildlife watching, and tourism opportunities.

It is time to stop opening more and more acres to the timber industry and instead bolster protections to the old-growth forests and wild areas on the Tongass. I urge you to select the "No Action" Alternative (Alternative 1) and allow the Roadless Rule to remain intact on the Tongass National Forest.

Sincerely,
Patricia Ziegler
Marshalltown, IA 50158

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Richard

Last name: Ziegler

Organization:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/14/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Russ

Last name: Ziegler

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

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Last name: ziegler

Organization:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/24/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Rudy

Last name: Ziehl

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Comments to oppose modification to the Roadless Rule

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Sincerely,

Rudy Ziehl

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Paige

Last name: Ziehler-Martin

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Paige Ziehler-Martin and I live in Monrovia, California.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Rita

Last name: Zielinski

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Rita Zielinski and I live in Cedar Hill, Texas.

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Regards, Sandra Zielinski

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/23/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Judy

Last name: Ziemann

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Judy Ziemann and I live in Denver, Colorado.

In a year when we have lost so many trees to fire we need to maintain all that we have to fight climate change.

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Regards, Laurel Zien

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Joseph

Last name: Zienkiewicz

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC4064

U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

Protect nature.

The Roadless Rule has been instrumental in conserving the Tongass National Forest and in supporting its fish and wildlife-based industries for almost 20 years. Please uphold the Rule's protections for important fish and wildlife areas, including the Tongass 77. Roadless areas are an important source of food, jobs, and income through commercial, subsistence, and recreational fishing. Salmon are part of Alaska's culture and we must protect them and their spawning streams. Please do not roll back roadless area protections for habitat that our irreplaceable fish and wildlife populations need to survive.

Sincerely,

Joseph Zienkiewicz

Pottsville, PA 17901

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Karen

Last name: Zilber

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Karen Zilber

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Steven

Last name: Zilber

Organization:

Title:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Steven Zilber

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Last name: Zilboorg

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Last name: Zilliacus

Organization:

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Regards, Karin Zilliacus

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/5/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Rob

Last name: Zillioux

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

As a supporter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers and our wild public lands, waters and wildlife, I am very concerned with the proposed rulemaking announced in Federal Register Document Number 2019-0023. I am writing these comments to strongly encourage you to maintain roadless area protections for the Tongass National Forest, including the wild fisheries habitat in the Tongass 77 and adopt the no action Alternative 1. These public lands and waters are prized by sportsmen and women and are a mainstay of Alaska's economy, helping 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; 9.3 million acres of that wild backcountry is 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.

Further, this proposal and the preferred alternative set a slippery precedent that threatens to unravel roadless rule protections for fish and wildlife across all of our nation's wild roadless forest lands. None of the identified alternatives take into consideration BHA's scoping comments to include balanced management policies for the Tongass, utilizing the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule as a foundational benchmark for improvements so that any roadless policies only enhance the most important fish and wildlife habitats. Logging and timber harvest already co-exist with roadless areas in the Tongass after years of prior compromise and consensus-building.

I implore you to maintain the integrity of Alaska's roadless areas and the Tongass 77, critical watersheds for trout and salmon. The Roadless Area Conservation Rule is a collaborative management approach adopted following one of the most extensive public engagement campaigns in the history of federal rulemaking. It may be America's best and most popular land management rule ever. 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, subsistence practices and traditions like hunting and fishing.

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Fran

Last name: Zimbard

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Fran Zimbard

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/21/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Tal

Last name: Zimm

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Tongass

Alternative 1 takes no action and would leave all of Alaska under the 2001 Roadless Rule, including the Tongass National Forest

I support alternative 1.

Leave the forest undisturbed. Do not allow logging. Find some other way to manage economically up there - the wilderness needs to remain protected for the future.

Sent from my iPad

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Cheryn

Last name: Zimmer

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Cheryn Zimmer and I live in Mount Vernon, Washington.

We must protect our public lands and ensure access for our children!

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Cheryn Zimmer

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Howard

Last name: Zimmer

Organization:

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Comments:

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Regards, Howard Zimmer

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Louise

Last name: Zimmer

Organization:

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Comments:

My name is Louise Zimmer and I live in Temecula, California.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Louise Zimmer

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Sandra

Last name: zimmer

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Sandra zimmer

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Danielle
Last name: Zimmerer
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC5447

Dear U.S. Forest Service,

CC: Alaska Congressional Delegation and Federal Administration

I support the no-action alternative to leave the 2001 Roadless Rule in place on the Tongass National Forest. We must continue to phase out old-growth clear-cut logging and instead prioritize restoring degraded watersheds and fish streams that contribute to the growing fisheries and tourism-based economies of Southeast. To that end, please conserve the Tongass 77 and TNC priority areas in the final Roadless Rule.

Sincerely,

Danielle Zimmerer

Juneau, AK 99801

Comments: *(Eg: list locations you recreate, or why you value Tongass fish & wildlife)* [Text italicized for emphasis]

I would like to get more involved in the campaign!

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Anna

Last name: Zimmerman

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC799

Dear Secretary Perdue,

I live and work on the lands and waters of the Tongass National Forest. The health of the Tongass National Forest is critical to sustaining my way of life in this rugged region - from hunting and fishing, to hiking and camping, to our tourism and commercial fishing-based economies, we rely on the intact habitat that the roadless areas of the Tongass contain. That is why it is important to me that the 2001 Roadless Rule remain in place on the Tongass National Forest. A no-action alternative is the best option for Southeast Alaska.

I support the Tongass Transition and I would like the Forest Service to continue phasing out old growth clearcutting. This forest is a salmon forest, and the Forest Service should focus on restoring degraded watersheds and fish streams. Please prioritize conservation of the T77 and TNC conservation priority areas in any new Alaska Roadless Rule. Prioritizing one antiquated industry over other private sectors is bad business, and bad for Southeast Alaska.

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Bob

Last name: Zimmerman

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Bob Zimmerman and I live in Tahoe City, California.

Both my daughters live in urban areas and have allergies and breathing problems. When we go visit them for a few days we return home coughing. We all deserve to breath clean air and not have health problems because of where we live.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

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Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC4876

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Camilla

Last name: Zimmerman

Organization:

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Comments:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: James

Last name: Zimmerman

Organization:

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Comments:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Jane

Last name: Zimmerman

Organization:

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Regards, Jane Zimmerman