

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

First name: Dan

Last name: Q

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Dan Q and I live in Newbury, Massachusetts.

Old-Growth Forests are PRECIOUS. Private ownership SHOULD NOT expose them to destruction. It's LEGAL -- It's NOT RIGHT !

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Dan Q

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

First name: Erin

Last name: Q

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Erin Q

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

First name: Robina

Last name: Q

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Robina Qureshi and I live in Redmond, WA

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Regards, Robina Q

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

First name: Nabgha

Last name: Qereshi

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC101

The Old growth in the Tongass Nat. forest needs to be protected for the sake of future Alaskans! The benefits of preserving the Tongass for outweigh the benefits of logging it!! *Please* [Text underlined for emphasis] listen to your concerned Alaskan citizens + select "no-action" on the Roadless Rule.

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Todd
Last name: - QIAGEN
Organization: QIAGEN Inc
Title:
Comments:
Attn: Alaska Roadless Rule

To the evaluation committee,

I write you today as a concerned citizen of the United States of America as well as an inhabitant of Planet Earth.

Please, invoke alternative 1.

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

We need to maintain the health and diversity of the wildlife if mankind hope to have a chance.

Please select Alternative 1. Take no action and leave all Alaska under the 2001 Roadless Rule including the Tongass National Forest.

Kindest regards,

Best regards / viele Gr[uuml]sse

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[Position]



Automation improves workflow efficiency and quality of results. Explore [this link](https://www.qiagen.com/AutomateMe) to see which automation solution is right for you and contact us for more information or a personalized demo.

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

First name: Namphuong

Last name: Quach

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Namphuong Quach

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/7/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Mason

Last name: Quackenbush

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.

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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: Laura

Last name: Quade

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

No Action in Tongass

Hi.

I am writing to express my plea for keeping this amazing area roadless.

Many of us have forgotten the vitality of true wilderness to our humanity.

Simply put, Alaska is a gem. The purity in its wilderness is something we oughtn't to have to be deliberate about preserving. In fact, the concept of a road through such a remote place once seemed impossible.

Alaska is wilderness.

It is where travel and experience require intentionality, reserved for those who have earned it, who find solace, comfort, and inspiration in the most remote of experiences. Alaska is for those who have spent their lives understanding the intricacies of a purely natural environment and how best to respectfully interact with it. Its remote and undeveloped qualities are special to those who have been there, and are necessary for our understanding of how the natural world operates.

By creating access to untouched land, we neglect our explorers places to explore. This can be dire to the progress of even our urban spaces, as our interactions with the "wild environment" often have so much influence on how we design our heavily peopled places: our cities.

It is a gift that teaches what it means to be a person at our very core. In being so undeveloped, remote Alaska offers experiences that are unique and often profound. I want to ask that you all share that sentiment on behalf of those of us who have loved and healed and drawn from the place without "taking" from it or trying to develop it in the name of commerce.

Please leave it be. It's perfect as is.

My profound thanks,

Laura Quade

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Laura E. Quade

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 8:16:58 AM

First name: Katherine

Last name: Quaid

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Dear Secretary Perdue:

I am writing to support the No-Action Alternative for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the proposed Alaska Roadless Rule, Alternative 1. I support keeping the current Roadless Rule protections in place and intact for the Tongass National Forest, which exists within the traditional territories of the Tlingit, Haida, and Tsimshian peoples. The Tongass is the world's largest intact temperate rainforest and has been called "America's Climate Forest" as it is the single most important national forest for carbon sequestration and climate change mitigation in the United States.

Globally, deforestation (8-15%) and forest degradation (6-13%) contribute more greenhouse gas pollution than the world's entire transportation network, which is why countries, including the U.S., must commit to reducing emissions and protecting forest carbon sinks, like the Tongass National Forest.

During the original rulemaking process, more than 1.5 million Americans voiced support for the Roadless Rule, which followed decades of clear-cutting that had a destructive and lasting impact on the Tongass. The rule continues to receive overwhelming support, with a 2019 poll finding three-fourths of the general public in support of the Roadless Rule.

If Alaska is exempt from the Roadless Rule, it will open up the forest to further industrial scale logging. Deforestation of the Tongass will threaten the health of Alaskan salmon by polluting rivers and streams, harm cultural and sacred sites of great importance to Indigenous communities, jeopardize local economies based on tourism and fisheries, and continue to cost taxpayers money. New budget data revealed that the US Forest Service could end up losing more than \$180 million in the Tongass over the next four years.

Additionally, many Indigenous communities have stated they are not interested in exempting the Tongass from the Roadless Rule. In October, The Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, which represents 57 tribal governments, passed a resolution in support of the Roadless Rule in Alaska. If the Tongass is made exempt from the Roadless Rule, it will not only destroy the forest and our global climate but the exemption will actively contribute to the ongoing genocide of Indigenous Peoples whose identities, cultures, and livelihoods are integral to the forest.

I urge you and the Forest Service to protect over 9 million acres of forest, defend our global climate, and stand with Indigenous and local communities by keeping the National Roadless rule intact and selecting the no-action alternative for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the proposed Alaska Roadless Rule, Alternative 1.

Sincerely,
Katherine Quaid

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

First name: Linda

Last name: Quaid

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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In addition, I strongly object to your plans to reduce and remove protections from our national forests roadless areas. The Roadless Rule is one of the smartest and most popular land management policies the Federal Government has ever adopted. Not only does it preserve some of Americas best fish and wildlife 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 unconscionable taxpayer subsidies.

Regards, Linda Quaid

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

First name: Karen

Last name: Quail

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Karen Quail and I live in Davis, California.

Protect the Tongass!

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Karen Quail

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

First name: Andrew

Last name: Quakembush

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC576

Dear Secretary Perdue and Senator Murkowski, [text bolded for emphasis]

I am currently on a boat cruise off the coast of Kruzof Island. On this cruise, I am exploring and learning about the natural habitat of this area that is so special to local Sitkans, including the intertidal area on the shore of Kruzof island.

Only 10 miles west of Sitka, Kruzof is widely used as a place for locals to fish, hunt, forage and recreate. From Sea Lion Bay to Shelikof, North Beach to Shoals Point, the Forest Service manages extensive recreation infrastructure such as cabins, trails, and the existing road system for our enjoyment. Sitka black-tailed deer are plentiful, as are chum and pink salmon that run through the numerous stream systems on the island. Kruzof Island contains productive, intact fish habitat, with three Tongass 77 and four TNC 'conservation priority areas' identified on the island. Mt. Edgecumbe volcano is an incredible day hike, and only a piece of the island's fascinating geologic activity.

The intertidal zone of Kruzof is replete with life: black seaweed and mussels are harvested off these shores. Sea anemones and starfish populate the rocks. Crabs and fish hide in the bright-green eel grass. Lucky visitors may even spot an octopus hiding beneath a crevice. The intertidal area of Kruzof depends on healthy forests. Clearcut logging leads to sedimentation of rivers and estuaries, and endangers the prolific ecosystems like the one I am visiting today.

Our use and enjoyment of Kruzof Island depends entirely on the health of its forests and ecosystems. Currently, Kruzof Island is protected from old-growth clearcutting and road building under the 2001 Roadless Rule. As it stands, the 2001 Roadless Rule safeguards our recreation and subsistence activities on Kruzof. ***It is important to me that the 2001 Roadless Rule remains in place on Kruzof Island, and throughout the Tongass National Forest.*** [text bolded for emphasis] Opening up this area to more clearcutting and roadbuilding will jeopardize my way of life, and will sacrifice the spirit of Sitka that brings so many people to this special place. I do not want to see the 2001 Roadless Rule repealed on Kruzof, or anywhere else in the Tongass. Please protect this land for future generations to enjoy in perpetuity.

Personal Comments: [text bolded for emphasis] I am not interested in learning more!

We are not the only creatures who use this planet. It is shameful for us to act like we own the place.

[Position]

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

First name: Pamela

Last name: Qualley

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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

The Tongass National Forest is the lungs of the North American continent. This area must be protected and preserved! The effects of climate change are already reaching a tipping point and areas such as the Tongass National Forest are essential to survival of our own species.

PLEASE do NOT build roads in this pristine and essential national resource!

Pamela Qualley

Eugene, Oregon

[Position]

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

First name: Carolyn

Last name: Qualls

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Carolyn Qualls

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

First name: Franklin

Last name: Quan

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Regards, Franklin Quan

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

First name: Loretta

Last name: Quarella

Organization:

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Regards, Loretta Quarella

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First name: Caly

Last name: Quartararo

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Regards, Caly Quartararo

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

First name: Lisa

Last name: Quartararo

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Lisa Quartararo and I live in Woodbridge Township, New Jersey.

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Regards, Lisa Quartararo

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

First name: Felicity

Last name: Quartermaine

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Felicity Quartermaine and I live in Portland, Oregon.

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Regards, Felicity Quartermaine

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

First name: George

Last name: Quasha

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, George Quasha

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

First name: Jon

Last name: Quay

Organization:

Title:

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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): 10/31/2019 11:10:48 AM

First name: Maddy

Last name: Quealey

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Maddy Quealey and I live in Sitka, Alaska. I have lived in Sitka, Alaska my entire life. The Tongass is very special to me, having grown up surrounded by it, and I do not ever want to lose my home or see friends or family lose apart of their home, either. 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 fishing, hunting, subsistence harvesting, the peace and solitude I find in nature, foraging for wild foods, the status of the Tongass as a national and global treasure, the forest's ability to sequester carbon and mitigate climate change impacts, the conservation of resources for future generations .

Out of the alternatives described in the AKRR DEIS I support alternative 3: community priority. It protects important fish and wildlife habitat from clearcutting and roadbuilding. I depend on roadless areas in the Tongass National Forest for healthy fish habitat, deer habitat and subsistence hunting, foraging and gathering wild foods, carbon sequestration and local climate change mitigation, viewing wildlife, keeping public lands wild for future generations, economic livelihood. 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, Chichagof Island, Admiralty Island, 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 There must be some method to all of this madness. In other words, this must be for something, but does it have to be to this extent? Please do not ruin my home.. 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 invest in creating and maintaining recreation infrastructure improve and streamline existing permitting processes for important community projects rather than rehashing old conflicts.

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.

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

First name: Kieran

Last name: Quebman

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Tongass National Forest

To whom it may concern

I urge you to choose alternative one. Road building and logging in the Tongass National forest should not be renewed. We must protect this forest as it is a large carbon sink. A forest like this that is thousands of years old can not be replaced after it has been cut down. It is wrong to exploit this forest for profit.

Kieran Quebman

Cincinnati, Ohio

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[Position]

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

First name: Aaron

Last name: Queen

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Please Keep the Tongas Roadless

Please KEEP the Tongas Roadless. Our natural resources and culture depends on it.

Thank you.

-Aaron Queen

[Position]

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

First name: Roger

Last name: Quelch

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Roger Quelch

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First name: liz

Last name: quelle

Organization:

Title:

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Regards, Kathleen Querner

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

First name: Kathleen

Last name: Querner

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Kathleen Querner and I live in Springboro, Ohio.

We must protect our few forests- this is special and should be well protected!!

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Kathleen Querner

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

First name: Abigail

Last name: Query

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC6258

Dear U.S. Forest Service:

The Roadless Rule has been instrumental in conserving the Tongass National Forest and in supporting its fish and wildlife-based industries for more than 20 years. ***Please uphold the Rule's protections for important fish and wildlife areas, including the Tongass 77.*** [Text bolded for emphasis] 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 are protection for habitat that our irreplaceable fish and wildlife populations need to survive.*** [Text bolded for emphasis]

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]

Part of the magic of Alaska is its remote, inaccessible wild spaces. I have lived in Alaska my entire life and intend to remain here for the rest of it. I am in strong support of keeping the roadless rule and preserving the wild place that is home.

Sincerely,

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

Yes No

[Position]

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

First name: Wendi

Last name: Quest

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Wendi Quest and I live in Medford, Massachusetts.

As we live with the reality of a changing climate, it is of utmost importance that we do all we can to protect, not exploit, our natural resources. Please respect the needs of the people whose lives will be most affected by rolling back the Roadless Rule.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Wendi Quest

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

First name: V

Last name: Questar

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is V Questar and I live in Holts Summit, Missouri.

Stop raiding the future from Americans! Not only do the national parks & monuments BELONG to Americans, it belongs to future generations. They are also a hedge for possible future energy crisis scenarios, they are the savings account. Remember, when it is gone, it is gone. The present rape of our natural treasures not only takes, it leaves a legacy of toxic aftermath that endangers even more of our heritage!!

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

First name: Jin

Last name: Quhn

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Hey, Jin Quhn. I'm in favor of the alternative one plan. It's dumb to cut down more trees, especially right now. I'm assuming that those of you voting on this won't be the ones who reap the results. But I will. So Please Save my Planet!

[Position]

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

First name: Carol

Last name: Quick

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Carol Quick and I live in Farmington, New Mexico.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Carol Quick

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

First name: Robert

Last name: Quick

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Robert Quick and I live in Medford, New Jersey.

Opening Tongass and other National Forest roadless areas to clearcut commercial logging would be a crime against America and against the rightful future of our children.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Robert Quick

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/18/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Natalie

Last name: Quiet

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Natalie Quiet and I live in Wheat Ridge, Colorado.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Natalie Quiet

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

First name: Edwin

Last name: Quigley

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Edwin Quigley and I live in Muscle Shoals, Alabama.

Please protect the Tongass National Forest and protect our climate. Thank you for considering my comments.

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Regards, Edwin Quigley

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

First name: Louise

Last name: Quigley

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Louise Quigley and I live in Quincy, Massachusetts.

Keep trees standing! They sequester carbon.

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

First name: Michelle

Last name: Quigley

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Michelle Quigley

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

First name: Peggy

Last name: Quigley

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Peggy Quigley and I live in Pueblo West, Colorado.

The monuments included Bears Ears were saved as part of the history of our country and to be enjoyed by future generations. Please STOP destroying our history!

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Regards, Peggy Quigley

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

First name: Isabel

Last name: Quilantan

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Isabel Quilantan and I live in Salt Lake City, Utah.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Isabel Quilantan

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/27/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Steve

Last name: Quilkey

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Steve Quilkey and I live in Davie, Florida.

Unthinkable to weaken protections for the air we all breath. Don't do it.

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Regards, Steve Quilkey

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

First name: Avery

Last name: Quilliams

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.

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

First name: P

Last name: Quillian

Organization:

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

First name: Michael

Last name: Quillin

Organization:

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Regards, Michael Quillin

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

First name: Tia

Last name: Quilter

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Summer '19 we enjoyed sailing the inland passage thru the beautiful Tongass area. Please , please keep the Tongass Roadless and preserve its natural beauty. In short, we (1) demand a no-action alternative on the Alaska-specific Roadless Rule.

Thank you!

[Position]

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

First name: Mary

Last name: Quimby

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Mary Quimby and I live in Arcadia, California.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Mary Quimby

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

First name: Diane

Last name: Quinlivan

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Regards, Diane Quinlivan

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

First name: Diane

Last name: Quinlivan

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

First name: Jo

Last name: Quinlivan

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Jo Quinlivan

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

First name: Alison

Last name: Quinn

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Alison Quinn

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

First name: Charles

Last name: Quinn

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Charles Quinn and I live in Livingston, New Jersey.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Charles Quinn

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

First name: Dan

Last name: Quinn

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

The Tongass National Forest is a national jewel. Please continue to preserve it for future generations -- especially the native people who call it their ancestral home. Cutting the timber will actually cost the US money, in subsidies, and devastate a national treasure -- for the short-term gain of a few.

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Regards, Dan Quinn

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

First name: Dana

Last name: Quinn

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Dana Quinn and I live in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Stop poisoning our citizens

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Dana Quinn

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

First name: David

Last name: Quinn

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

We need to protect wilderness areas like the Chugach and Tongass National Forest for ourselves and for future generations. I seek out wilderness areas like the Tongass for rest and relaxation and to explore nature that hasn't been touched too much by man - that means no roads are needed in this area. We need to protect the fish and wildlife in the area as well. Keep roads out of the National Forests. Allow people to walk and bike them - that's all! No automobiles!

The Roadless Rule has been instrumental in conserving the Chugach and Tongass National Forest and in supporting their associated fish and wildlife-based industries for more than 20 years. Please uphold the Rule's protections for important fish and wildlife areas, including the Tongass 77, by selecting the 'no action' alternative. 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,

David Quinn

Denver, CO 80224

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

First name: Del

Last name: Quinn

Organization:

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Regards, Del Quinn

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

First name: Edythe

Last name: Quinn

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Edythe Quinn and I live in Unadilla, New York.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Edythe Quinn

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

First name: Gina

Last name: Quinn

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Gina Quinn

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

First name: Jacob

Last name: Quinn

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

First name: John

Last name: Quinn

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Regards, Margaret Quinn

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

First name: Murphy

Last name: Quinn

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Murphy Quinn and I live in Soquel, CA. 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.

Please protect the Tongass National Forest for it is not only home to an immense amount of biodiversity, but the role that it plays in carbon storage is invaluable. Protecting the old growth that is left is one of the most important things that we can do in saving our forests. The understory depends on our action!

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, the lifestyles of the indigenous communities that the forest supports its status as a national and global treasure. 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]

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

First name: Patricia

Last name: Quinn

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Tongass and the Roadless Rule

The new proposal would eliminate protections the Tongass now enjoys under what's known as the Roadless Rule. For nearly two decades, that rule has protected much of our country's last wild national forests from most logging and development. At almost 17 million acres, the Tongass is the largest U.S. national forest - and one of the world's most important temperate rainforests. The only other temperate rainforests in the world are in Tasmania and southern Chile. Wild salmon are much preferred over farmed salmon due to lack of contaminants and other reasons, and are a multi-BILLION industry in Alaska--"pink gold". Clearcutting ruins their habitat. And it would be a major blow to one of our greatest defenses against climate change: the forest's centuries-old trees that store huge amounts of carbon. On numerous occasions, piles of old growth trees were left to rot either because they couldn't find a buyer or the company couldn't get them out. In ALL cases the logs were sold at BELOW COST to Asian markets, mostly China. A complete scam and WASTE OF TAXPAYER MONEY! Paying companies to destroy the habitat and then letting the logs rot! Are you kidding?

And adding insult to injury, at the last minute, Trump snuck in a poison pill that would open the door to bulldozers and chainsaws on 5.3 million more acres of roadless lands on the neighboring Chugach National Forest - a spectacular landscape of rugged mountains, snow-covered peaks, lakes, rivers and streams.

I am against destroying the Tongass and Chugach with these new changes.

Sincerely,

Pat Quinn

[Position]

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/25/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Patrick

Last name: Quinn

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Patrick Quinn and I live in Salt Lake City, Utah.

I am writing to express strong opposition to efforts to roll back the Roadless Area Conservation Rule (Roadless Rule) in Alaska or elsewhere. The Roadless Rule was implemented with unprecedented public support to protect some of our nations most pristine public lands, including large parts of the Tongass National Forest. You must choose the No Action alternative. Any other choice would ignore overwhelming public support and harm Alaskans, including Alaska Natives, and taxpayers across the nation.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Patrick Quinn

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

First name: Rev

Last name: Quinn

Organization:

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Regards, Rev Quinn

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/18/2019 2:27:25 PM

First name: Sherry

Last name: Quinn

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,

Sherry Quinn

Colorado Springs, CO 80920

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

First name: Tyler

Last name: Quinn

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Tyler Quinn and I live in Baltimore, Maryland.

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

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

First name: Tristan

Last name: Quinn-Thibodeau

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Tristan Quinn-thibodeau and I live in Baltimore, MD. 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 from Juneau, and the forests of Southeast Alaska are precious to my family and friends. In addition, scientists point out that we need to protect our forests to have a chance at stopping climate change.

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 status as the largest intact temperate rainforest in the world, its huge swaths of intact ecosystems and all the biodiversity 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), 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, 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.

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

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Last name: Quinones

Organization:

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

First name: Carla

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Last name: QUINT

Organization:

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Regards, Jonathan Quint

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

First name: Joseph

Last name: Quintana

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 12:00:00 AM

First name: Julio

Last name: Quintana

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Julio Quintana and I live in Des Plaines, Illinois.

Our National Forests should be protected at all cost as part of the heritage of future generations and because they are key to the balance of our planet today to curb Greenhouse gas emissions. Dont let profit and corporate greed hijack our natural treasures.

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Organization:

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Regards, Raquel Quintana

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/18/2019 6:35:54 PM

First name: Raquel

Last name: Quintana

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,

Raquel Quintana

Tamarac, FL 33319

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

First name: Gerry

Last name: Quintero

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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First name: Seth

Last name: Quinto

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First name: Joseph

Last name: Quirk

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

First name: DeeVon

Last name: Quirolo

Organization:

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Comments:

My name is DeeVon Quirolo and I live in Brooksville, Florida.

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

First name: Claudia

Last name: Quittner

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Claudia Quittner and I live in Dallas, Texas.

We don't have the right to destroy forests and natural places, we should preserve our wild places and forests.

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

First name: Michael

Last name: Quontamatteo

Organization:

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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.

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

First name: Ann

Last name: Quota

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Ann Quota

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

First name: Fatimah

Last name: QuraAli

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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