Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/11/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Betsy
Last name: P.
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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First name: Bob
Last name: P.
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First name: C
Last name: p
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Last name: P
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Last name: p
Organization:
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Last name: p
Organization:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Noelle
Last name: P
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Roadless Rule Public Commentary

Hello to whom it may concern,

I would like to express my vote for Alternative 1, to keep ALL of Alaska under the 2001 Roadless rule.

Thanks for your time!

Noelle P.

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Noemi
Last name: P
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.

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, Will P

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: [Illegible]
Last name: P.Kennel
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC6479

Dear Secretary Perdue,

I am writing to support the *No-Action Alternative*[text bolded for emphasis] 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 temperature 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): 11/30/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: jo
Last name: pa
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is jo pa and I live in The Bronx, New York.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, jo pa

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/5/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Mike
Last name: Paananen
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): 10/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Anon
Last name: paavilaineneeva
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
No changes to the Roadless Rule in Alaska!

Mr. Schmid,

Secretary Perdue:

With this message I want to let you know that I'm strongly opposing any modification to the Roadless Rule in Alaska! These changes will undermine safeguards, and facilitate increased old-growth logging in the Tongass and the Chugach National Forests. Logging prohibitions contained within the Roadless Rule are a key component of the long-awaited transition away from old-growth clearcutting on the Tongass. The Roadless Rule protects over 2.5 million acres of productive old-growth (which constitutes half of the old-growth forests remaining on the Tongass) and prevents the fragmentation of large unbroken landscape. Rolling back the Roadless Rule in Alaska would ignore overwhelming public support, put wildlife and critical habitat at risk, and threaten access to safe drinking water. The rule change would be a step away from sustainable development and would run counter to the interests of all Americans, as well as Alaskans, and is not in the best interest of taxpayers.

Scientists overwhelmingly agree that clear cutting of old growth trees for timber puts whole systems at risk and destroys wildlife habitats, yet the Forest Service's amendment to the Tongass plan allows clearcutting to continue for well over another ten years!

This rule change will promote further, as well as rapid, destruction. Both the Tongass and the Chugach play a vital role in capturing excess carbon from the atmosphere and mitigating some of the impact of global warming, as well as providing ecosystems services that reach beyond Alaska. In Alaska, which experienced unprecedented heat waves this summer, the Tongass serves as a buffer against climate change. Much like the Amazon rainforest, the Tongass' stands of ancient trees are champions at absorbing greenhouse gas emissions, storing approximately 8 percent of the total carbon in all national forests of the lower 48 states.

The Tongass National Forest is home to more than 9 million acres of roadless area. The Roadless Rule protects ecosystems, which, in turn, helps make the Tongass the country's single most important national forest for carbon sequestration and climate change

mitigation.

Again, I strongly urge you against granting any exemptions or exceptions to the Roadless Rule in Alaska, as is offered in alternative 1, and advise the Forest Service to refrain from pursuing an Alaska version of the Roadless Rule. Rather, continue to uphold the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule, maintaining protections against logging and roadbuilding in Tongass roadless areas.

The agency's mission is "Caring for the Land and Serving the People." The Forest Service should strive to protect the Tongass National Forest and ensure our public lands serve the people and wildlife of today and future generations.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: wendy
Last name: pabian
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is wendy pabian and I live in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Please prioritize health and quality of life over greed!! Louisiana already has Cancer Alley from all the refineries. We need to reduce pollution in 0ur state!

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, wendy pabian

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Marianne
Last name: Pabis
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, Marianne Pabis

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/21/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: juan
Last name: pablo
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Do not allow them to cut down the trees that is home to probably millions of animals/insects. The more we kill the environment the more chances of it coming back later and biting us in the butt.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Ismael
Last name: Pabon
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Ismael Pabon and I live in West New York, New Jersey.

Please do not cut down these beautiful, century old trees. Preserve our forests.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Ismael Pabon

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/5/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Mark
Last name: Pabst
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Darren
Last name: Pace
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Darren Pace and I live in Charlottesville, VA.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Darren Pace

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/20/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Paolo
Last name: Pace
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
We're fast approaching a time when we won't be able to use the words 'untouched wilderness' anymore and if you can't understand why that is something to be avoided at all costs, you shouldn't be a part of the decision-making process that might make this horrible future come true.

Not everything is a resource to be mined, cut down, or siphoned off. Not everything has a price tag, no matter what you may think. Sometimes, it's correct to see a forest and not see an opportunity to log it until it no longer resembles something majestic.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Scott
Last name: Pace
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Scott Pace and I live in Lyons, Colorado.

Logging does not help our economy and loses money for our government.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Scott Pace

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Carol
Last name: Pacelli
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Carol Pacelli and I live in Phoenix, Arizona.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Carol Pacelli

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Robert
Last name: Pacheco
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Robert Pacheco and I live in Durango, Colorado.

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Regards, Robert Pachos

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Patrick
Last name: Pacifico
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Patrick Pacifico

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/7/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Greg
Last name: Pack
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Wendy
Last name: Packan
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, Wendy Packan

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/23/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: John
Last name: Packard
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is John Packard and I live in Rowe, Massachusetts.

Those rare old-growth trees are needed, they are a critical source of carbon storage and should not be destroyed. Clean water protection is also vital.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, John Packard

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/7/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Nancy
Last name: Packard
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Comments to oppose modification to the Roadless Rule

Dear U.S. Forest Service,

I am 75 years old and I do not want the resources of my country used up for fleeting pleasures. We must save the remaining buffer zones of our earth. Right now there are huge consequences to Climate Change in Nebraska: recent floods have rendered farmland useless. In addition to the loss of income, we have the costs of remediation including road and bridge infrastructure. We cannot afford to be so callous about our earth.

We are the grown-ups in the room. Let's conserve our resources.

Sincerely,

Nancy Packard

Lincoln, NE 68502

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Regina
Last name: Packard
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Regina Packard and I live in Catskill, New York.

we need to remove these poisons from our environment--they are no good for children or adults

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Regina Packard

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: robert
Last name: packard
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule

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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 almost 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,

robert packard

Centerville, MA 02632

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/26/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Della
Last name: Packer
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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First name: Joan
Last name: Packer
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Organization:
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Last name: Packheiser
Organization:
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Last name: Packman
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Last name: Paclawskyj
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Last name: padalino
Organization:
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First name: Knud
Last name: Padborg
Organization:
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Last name: Paddock
Organization:
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Last name: Padelford
Organization:
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Comments:
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Last name: Paden
Organization:
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Comments:
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Last name: Padgett
Organization:
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Comments:
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Organization:
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Comments:
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Organization:
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First name: Casey
Last name: Padron
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
NO ACTION on AK Roadless Rule, please!

Our planet cannot afford to lose these important Carbon stores. The US needs to take responsibility for climate damage and leadership for positive environmental protection; this would be a step in the wrong direction. In addition, this destruction would impact salmon and tourism industries that Alaska relies on.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: P.S.
Last name: Padula
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is P.S. Padula and I live in Dunsmuir, California.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Robert
Last name: Paeillas
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC1006

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: MELISSA
Last name: PAEPKE
Organization:
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Comments:
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First name: Mary
Last name: Pagan
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Mary Pagan and I live in Providence, Rhode Island.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Mary Pagan

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/18/2019 3:31:14 PM
First name: Mary
Last name: Pagan
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,
Mary Jane Pagan
Providence, RI 02906

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Christine
Last name: Pagano
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Christine Pagano and I live in Oakland, California.

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Regards, Christine Pagano

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First name: maria
Last name: pagano
Organization:
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Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/26/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Amber
Last name: Page
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC86

I use the environment to nurture and care for my family and community!

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Brian
Last name: Page
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC3424

U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

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Sincerely,

Brian Page

Columbus, MO 65203

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Last name: Page
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Regards, Gail Page

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Janet
Last name: Page
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Janet Page and I live in Granite Bay, California.

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Organization:
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Comments:
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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Lawrence Page

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/28/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Lindsey
Last name: Page
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Lindsey Page and I live in Vista, 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.

Public land is so important! It helps protect plants, animals, and the planet, and gives people the space they need to reconnect with nature and feel free.

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 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, 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.

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): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Michele
Last name: Page
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Michele Page and I live in Denver, Colorado.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Michele Page

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Nancy
Last name: Page
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Nancy Page and I live in San Luis Obispo, California.

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Regards, Nancy Page

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First name: Peggy
Last name: Page
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, Peggy Page

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/24/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Ronson
Last name: Page
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
No. Just no.

No more avarice before nature.

No more lining pockets before preservation.

These are not infinite resources.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Sarah
Last name: Page
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Sarah Page and I live in Elgin, Texas.

Is it possible that you are not listening? This is a very bad idea that you have made into a final management plan.

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Regards, Sarah Page

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Stephanie
Last name: Page
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Stephanie Page and I live in Vienna, Virginia.

At what point will you put the citizens of our planet over corporate interests? Climate change is an issue that takes priority for people, voters, in both parties. I hope that you hear us!

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Last name: Pagel
Organization:
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Last name: Pagenkopf
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Regards, James Pagenkopf

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Christian
Last name: Pages
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC853

Dear Secretary Perdue,

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): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Rynne
Last name: Pages
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, Rynne Pages

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First name: Victor
Last name: Paglia
Organization:
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Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Jean
Last name: Pagni
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Jean Pagni

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Last name: Pagowski
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Brandon
Last name: Pahang
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC5717

Dear U.S. Forest Service,

CC: Alaska Congressional Delegation and Federal Administration

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Sincerely,

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

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/14/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Mondy
Last name: Pahlka
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Mondy Pahlka and I live in Houston, Texas.
Please protect our forests in Alaska. it is critical for the future of our Planet!!!
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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Mondy Pahlka

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: James
Last name: pahre
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is James pahre and I live in Bozeman, Montana.

I am frustrated that you are putting destructive activity over public interest.

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Regards, James pahre

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First name: Amy
Last name: Paige
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC5626

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We do not need anymore roads in the Tongass. No cutting of old growth. We need all the frees to absorb CO2.

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First name: Ben
Last name: Paige
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): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Melissa
Last name: Paige
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Melissa Paige and I live in New York, New York.

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.

In Southeast Alaska, tourism accounts for 28% of employment and generate an annual $1 billion in economic benefit, making it far more of an economic driver than the timber industry, which is less than 1% of the regional economy.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Melissa Paige

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/23/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Bob
Last name: Paine
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
I object to the Alaskan government making their own roadless rule. The federal rule should cover ALL National parks. We have fewer and fewer wild places left for the OWNERS (We the People) to enjoy. It is federal land and is under federal jurisdiction and should not be usurped by a state law.

[Position]

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Delia
Last name: Paine
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Protect our forests from destruction. Climate change is scientifically proven. Trump is not qualified to make decisions about how our forests are managed.

[Position]

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Riley
Last name: Paine
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
I believe very strongly that we must protect these last remaining Alaskan wildernesses. There are so few examples left of truly unmarked lands, and to destroy them is a terrible crime. Edward Abbey once said that "Wilderness is a necessity of the human spirit", and I can't agree more.

[Position]

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Susan
Last name: Paine
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, Susan Paine

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 1/1/0001 12:00:00 AM
First name: Amanda
Last name: Painter
Organization:
Title:
Comments:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Carol
Last name: Painter
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Carol Painter and I live in Ithaca, New York.

Please, please save Bears Ears.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Carol Painter

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First name: Joanne
Last name: Painter
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Joanne Painter and I live in Casco, Maine.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Joanne Painter

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Michael
Last name: Painter
Organization: Californians for Western Wilderness
Title: Coordinator
Comments:
December 17, 2019

USDA Forest Service

Attn: Alaska Roadless Rule

P.O. Box 21628

Juneau, Alaska 99802

via: USFS Webform

Comments by Californians for Western Wilderness on

Alaska Roadless Rulemaking #54511

Ladies & Gentlemen:

I am writing on behalf of the more than 950 members and supporters of Californians for Western Wilderness (CalUWild), a citizens organization dedicated to encouraging and facilitating participation in legislative and administrative actions affecting wilderness and other public lands in the West. Our members use and enjoy the public lands in California and all over the West.

We appreciate this opportunity to comment on the petition by the State of Alaska to exempt the Tongass National Forest from the 2001 Roadless Rule.

We strongly urge you to adopt Alternative 1, the No Action Alternative. This would leave the Tongass National Forest completely under the present Roadless Rule. The present rule has worked well since being adopted in 2001, and there is no reason to change the situation.

The Tongass NF is one of the few substantially intact temperate-zone rainforests in the world. It should be protected for that reason alone-as an example and a laboratory. The proposal would fragment parts of the Tongass NF that are largely intact ecosystems. The forest provides important habitat for sensitive species such as salmon and grizzly bears. It is a known fact that roads cause significant fragmentation of habitat. They also cause sedimentation in streams and rivers, due to erosion.

Almost 10 million acres of Intact Forest Landscape are within the Tongass NF's boundaries. It is a very large percentage of the total in the entire United States. The proposed action would open large areas to roads and logging, destroying the uniqueness of the Intact Forest Landscapes.

The salmon industry is economically important to southeast Alaska. The proposed action threatens the sustainability of the industry by allowing roads and their side-effects of erosion and pollution from vehicles using them, both engine liquids and exhaust, causing nitrogen deposition.

Tourism is also and important and growing contributor to the economy of southeast Alaska. Tourist will not visit if significant areas of the forest are logged over.

It is known that the Tongass stores more carbon than any other national forest in the nation. Logging it will reduce that capacity at a time when it's more important than ever that carbon sinks be preserved and actually increased.

Only Alt. 1, the No Action Alternative, satisfies these concerns, and again, we urge you to adopt it.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Please inform us of your decision in this matter and please also inform us of further opportunities to be involved in your public decision-making processes.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Painter

Coordinator

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Gregory
Last name: Pais
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Gregory Pais and I live in Nederland, Colorado.

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Last name: Pais
Organization:
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Comments:
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Regards, Julia Pais

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First name: Lorna
Last name: Paisley
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/20/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Zara
Last name: Pakroo
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Stop deforestation!!!

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Diane
Last name: Palacio
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Diane Palacio and I live in San Francisco, California.

Alaska is the United States last pristine area. We want stronger protections for this state not weaker ones!

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Diane Palacio

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 10:27:35 AM
First name: Barbara
Last name: Palacios
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Barbara Palacios and I live in Sitka, AK. I have been in SE Alaska for 6 years. I depend on the forest for food, in which I forage, fun in which I hike, camp and play, and for nurturing my soul. 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, foraging for wild foods, the peace and solitude I find in nature, recreating, 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 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 healthy fish habitat, deer habitat and subsistence hunting, foraging and gathering wild foods, recreating and enjoying nature, carbon sequestration and local climate change mitigation, viewing wildlife, keeping public lands wild for future generations. 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, 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 Etolin Islands, Prince of Wales Island, Revillagigedo Island (near Ketchikan), all of the inventoried roadless areas on the Tongass Yakutat forelands. 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 N. 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.

No thank you

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): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
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Last name: Palacky
Organization:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: John
Last name: Palafoutas
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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First name: Cathy
Last name: Palamara
Organization:
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Last name: Palau
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First name: Linda
Last name: Paleias
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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First name: Pamela
Last name: palencia
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Pamela palencia and I live in Kihei, Hawaii.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Pamela palencia

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/29/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Susan
Last name: Palermo
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Sheila
Last name: Palevsky
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Sheila Palevsky and I live in New York, New York.

As a health professional, I know too well the problems that pollution have on our health. We must protect this generation and the future by protecting our environment.

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First name: Leon
Last name: Paley
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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First name: Robert
Last name: Paley
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Nothing in United Nations climate authority report makes this permissible. Even the leading scientists Who authored the report are refuting the claim that the guidelines will be followed.

Please explain to me, with evidence, how the guidelines will be followed since this is the argument being used to make this determination.

If my question is not answered I will be forced to file lawsuit for injunction as a US citizen and lawful stakeholder of US Open Space.

Beyond this, how can you even consider removing 1,000 year old trees. Trees are our last great hope against the climate crisis. This would be a failure as stewards of US open space and of the planet.

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First name: Scott
Last name: Paling
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Organization:
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Comments:
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First name: Gabriella
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Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Donna
Last name: Pall
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Last name: Palla
Organization:
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Comments:
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First name: Michelle
Last name: Palladine
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Michelle Palladine and I live in Palm Springs, California.

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Regards, Michelle Palladine

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Last name: Pallanes
Organization:
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First name: lou
Last name: paller
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Regards, lou paller

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Qyn
Last name: Pallozzi
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC5033

I, Qyn Pallozzi, am strongly in favour of alternative one's plan relating to the Tonfass National Forest.

[Signature]

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Lowell
Last name: Palm
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Lowell Palm and I live in Washington Court House, Ohio.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Lowell Palm

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/5/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Robert
Last name: Palma
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Jean
Last name: Palmateer
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Jean Palmateer and I live in Norwood, Massachusetts.

We need to act now to protect air and water for future generations. We need legislators help to maintain the Roadless Rule in Alaska.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Jean Palmateer

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Alice
Last name: Palmer
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Alice Palmer and I live in Bensalem, Pennsylvania.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Alice Palmer

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First name: Allie
Last name: Palmer
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, Allie Palmer

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/17/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: allie
Last name: palmer
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is allie palmer and I live in San Clemente, California.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, allie palmer

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Ann
Last name: Palmer
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Ann Palmer and I live in Lopez Island, Washington.

We've made progress for cleaner air. Let's not go backwards.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Ann Palmer

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/14/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Astra
Last name: Palmer
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Astra Palmer and I live in Puyallup, WA. 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.

It is every humans duty to protect the earth and help restore it so life can continue. Alaska is where a lot of my childhood trauma occurred, and someday I would like to go back and replace bad family memories with its beautiful landscape filled with biodiversity.

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 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, 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 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): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Brandon
Last name: Palmer
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Cheryl
Last name: Palmer
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Cheryl Palmer and I live in Thurmont, Maryland.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/15/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Daniel
Last name: Palmer
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Do not touch any forests for any reason period! No roads no anything. With Brazil burning their forests the future is getting more Grimm. I vote for option 1. Stop Trump. Stop Republicans idiocy.

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Dave
Last name: Palmer
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Support Alternative # 1 and oppose Alternative #6

As a long time resident in the Tongass National Forest, having seen the massive negative impacts and minimal economic gains for the USA, the USFS, the State of Alaska, or it's residents, I plea for the No Action alternative.

Today I received a poll from Rep. Don Young's office[hellip]of the options for Congressional priorities listed, resource development scored last. This a poll disributed to people who have been in contact with the Republican representative's office.

Further timber harvesting and exporting our forest products to overseas interests is short sighted and mocks the duty to protect this forest.

Sincerely,

David Palmer

Anacortes, WA 98221

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Deborah
Last name: Palmer
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, George Palmer

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Janine
Last name: Palmer
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Janine Palmer and I live in Old Lyme, Connecticut.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Janine Palmer

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/14/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Jennifer
Last name: Palmer
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Jennifer Palmer and I live in Lexington, Georgia.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Jennifer Palmer

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 1/1/0001 12:00:00 AM
First name: Jhiana
Last name: Palmer
Organization:
Title:
Comments:

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First name: Jody
Last name: palmer
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): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: kate
Last name: palmer
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
comments on the Alaska Roadless Rule

To: the USDA Forest Service

From: Katharine Palmer, Haines, AK 99827

Re: proposed Alaska Roadless Rule

The following are my comments on the DEIS:

1) I support Alternative 1, the No Action alternative.

2) I have kayaked (and fished for food) with my husband for up to two months during 20 summers throughout Southeast Alaska. I have spent time on Baranof, Chichagof, Kuiu, Kruzof, Yakobi, Prince of Wales, Mitkof, Kosciusko, Warren, Dall, Noyes, Heceta, Zarembo, Coronation, Baker, Lulu, Suemez, and other smaller islands. As much as possible, we have avoided logged and "developed" locations because they are degraded landscapes which no longer are home to the wild species and habitats that we seek to explore.

3) Since the big mills went out of business 20+ years ago and there was less pressure to log every watershed, there has been a growing understanding and appreciation of the many values of non-roaded, intact forests. New businesses including tour boating, sport fishing, kayaking, sustainable uses of forest plants and foods to make products, etc have become established and are supporting numerous local economies. Visitors come to Southeast Alaska to see an intact Tongass; tours don't go to clearcut areas.

4) Roadless watersheds protect the vibrant life within them. Once roaded and logged, erosion occurs, temperatures rise, hydrology changes, and CO2 can no longer be sequestered by the now cut old growth. The ecosystem is destroyed and all of the species dependent on it disappear. The watershed can no longer provide cool stream water for fish habitat and spawning and all of the businesses that depend on that resource vanish. In the case of Kake on Kupreanof Island, clearcutting destroyed their drinking water supply.

5) A USFS who visited Haines to explain the Roadless alternatives made the statement that regardless of the alternative chosen, there can only be 46 million board feet/year cut on the Tongass. He stated that the effects of cutting those 46 mbf/year will be the same for each alternative. That is patently false.

Roading roadless areas alone has significant negative impacts such as those mentioned above, i.e., raising temperatures of streams and land surfaces, causing erosion, and destroying the integrity of the ecosystem. The building of a road has impacts far beyond the width and length of the roadbed. The effects of logging a roadless watershed are not equivalent to logging an already

roaded watershed; they are much more severe.

6) Currently roadless areas contain most of the only remaining old growth in the Tongass. Old growth is an irreplaceable resource which sequesters more CO2 than smaller trees and provides essential habitat to numerous species. Once cut, old growth will not return for hundreds of year if ever, given the global rise in temperatures. In turn, all of the social, cultural, and economic benefits that derive from intact Tongass ecosystems and enjoyed by the residents of Southeast will be gone.

7) Given the accelerated rise in temperatures over the last few years in our northern latitudes here in Southeast Alaska and the whole state, and the prediction of more to come, we will see more and more of their effects.

This year, water was so low in streams and rivers that fish were not always able to spawn in their traditional locations. Fish species in the marine and fresh waters of Alaska are being affected; warming waters are causing southern species to migrate here and northern species are being affected negatively by the warming and by the competition. Fishery industries are being impacted in many new and unforeseen ways. Any industry such as road building and logging old growth in pristine watersheds will only add to the long-term negative impacts of global warming, with at best very brief short-term benefit to anyone in Southeast Alaska.

8) Comments I've made in 7 and 8 above remind me to say that it is criminal and economically insane to allow any timber from the Tongass to be shipped overseas in the round or even as cants. Doing so provides essentially zero benefit to any resident of Southeast; only some large logging company benefits by "stealing" logs from the American people. All logs from the Tongass should be milled in the U.S. not in China or Asia etc.

Logging in the Tongass has always been subsidized heavily by the American taxpayer, though the government has always chosen to deny that fact and obfuscate with bogus accounting of costs and benefits.

9) Our USFS representative said that although 46 mbf/yr are allowed to be cut on the Tongass, only around 30 mbf/yr have been cut since the last Tongass Forest Plan was written in 2016. Given the VERY SERIOUS consequences of adding more CO2 to the atmosphere and the rapidly increasing temperatures we are experiencing in the northern latitudes, the USFS should be mandated to include that in their calculations of impacts on the Tongass. They should be required to lower the allowable cut NOW, immediately, to adjust for and anticipate effects of climate change, and the Roadless Rule should stand as is in the Tongass as the courts mandated.

Thanks you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Katharine Palmer

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Lorene
Last name: Palmer
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Thank you for the opportunity to comment. I'm a 40+ year resident of Alaska, most of which was lived in Southeast Alaska in the communities of Juneau, Haines, Craig and Petersburg. These public comments are difficult to participate in if you don't have an in-depth knowledge of the complexities of forestry management, however, I do love, as most Alaskans do, the land, animals, water and scenery that surround us. I also appreciate that communities need an economy to have a future. The Tongass is a multi-use forest and should be managed to provide for reasonable, rational uses that give communities an opportunity to develop their economic future. Based on your attached EA Overview chart, I support Alternative 6 to give the greatest flexibility in land use without losing existing permitting processes.

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United States Department of Agriculture

Environmental Analysis Overview

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First name: Mary
Last name: Palmer
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Mary Palmer

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Last name: Palmer
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Regards, Matthew Palmer

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First name: Merrill
Last name: Palmer
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
ROADLESS RULE

I OPPOSE THE ROADLESS RULE FOR ALL FOREST SERVICE LAND.

I have always opposed the roadless rule put in by President Clinton for forest service land especially in Alaska.

Our hemlock forests are rotting away and need to be replaced with spruce forests by logging the hemlock forest and replanting sika spruce trees.

Roads are needed to accomplish this needed change.

The no road rule makes good forest multiple use management impossible and we need to get rid of this outrageous rule now!

Merrill Palmer

Haines, AK 99827

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/19/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Patrice
Last name: Palmer
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Patrice Palmer and I live in Las Vegas, NV. 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 visited SE Alaska twice. I fell in love with Tongass and even wish I lived there. The area is pristine, beautiful, and is a healthy environment. No tourist wants to go to "The Great Land" to see ugly clear cut forests, polluted rivers, and dead fish. Please keep the Roadless Rule and Alaska Beautiful.

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 low-impact recreation (camping, hiking, hunting, foraging, etc), medium-impact recreation (FS cabins, trails, mooring buoys, 3-sided shelters), passive/active watershed restoration (stream and habitat) to improve/maintain roadless characteristics (culvert removal/replacement, improve fish passage, wildlife thinning, etc), hydroelectric development, inter-tie/transmission line construction. 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, develop more recreational opportunities, like trails and cabins, support small-scale, sustainable logging. 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): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
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Last name: Palmer
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, Paul Palmer

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: RANDY
Last name: PALMER
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

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Sincerely,

RANDY PALMER

Farmington, UT 84025

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Farmington, UT 84025

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Robert
Last name: Palmer
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Robert Palmer and I live in El Cerrito, California.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Rodney
Last name: Palmer
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Rodney Palmer and I live in Sacramento, California.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Sheila
Last name: Palmer
Organization:
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Regards, Sheila Palmer

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Susan
Last name: Palmer
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Susan Palmer and I live in Boonville, Missouri.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Susan Palmer

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/27/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Susan
Last name: Palmer
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
I oppose road building in any forest which is currently protected. New roads lead to degradatation of the environment I every way. I am currently working in kdovo, and see every day what a lack of environmental regulation and protection mean to forests, wildlife, water quality and quality of human life. No amount of money can buy back a virgin forest. A single road in a remote area leads to illegal logging, poaching and crime. Forests are being destroyed worldwide. Let the US show some leadership and protect Alaska's - and all US-forests. I especially urge protection of old growth forests. But really, we should be preserving more areas, not fewer.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Thomas
Last name: Palmer
Organization:
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Comments:
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Regards, Trish Palmer

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/14/2019 6:46:55 AM
First name: Virginia
Last name: Palmer
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Virginia Palmer and I live in Juneau, AK. I have been in Alaska since 1966 and have loved the forests. The peace they bring to the earth is very important. 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, the peace and solitude I find in nature, recreating, 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 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 healthy fish habitat, recreating and enjoying nature, carbon sequestration and local climate change mitigation, viewing wildlife, keeping public lands wild for future generations. 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.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Chod
Last name: Palmert
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/28/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Annette
Last name: Palmgren
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Tongass National Forest AK

I want it on record that I oppose logging in the Tongass National Forest & that I support Alternative One.

Thank you.

Annette Palmgren

Sent from my iPad

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Last name: Palmquist
Organization:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/11/2019 11:55:09 AM
First name: Walter
Last name: Palof
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Walter Palof and I live in Sitka, Alaska. I have been in Alaska for 11 years now. 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, the peace and solitude I find in nature, 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 .

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 7:35:42 PM
First name: Janelle
Last name: Palomino
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Janelle Palomino and I live in Juneau, AK. I have called Southeast Alaska my home for 32 years. This is where my family and I fish and hunt to provide food for ourselves, family, and friends year round. Outside is where we spend a majority of our time, if we are not hunting or fishing we are hiking, climbing, kayaking, camping, or taking a stroll just to breath in our fresh Alaskan air . 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, foraging for wild foods, the peace and solitude I find in nature, recreating, 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 .

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/18/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: zsuzsa
Last name: palotas
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is zsuzsa palotas and I live in Warrington, Pennsylvania.

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First name: Tora
Last name: Palua
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Tora Palua and I live in Anchor Point, Alaska.

Please, why destroy something that you even see in your backyard? It's not in your way. Have you even BEEN there to see the beauty? Or are you SO blind to it that you only see the money. Remember, please don't forget, you die, you take NOTHING with you. Leave something for the ones that come after you. Don't take what you don't NEED

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Regards, Tora Palua

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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, Ilene Paluck

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Dave
Last name: Palughi
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Dave Palughi, residing Astoria N.Y. 11106 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, Dave Palughi

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Jacqueline
Last name: Palumbo
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Jacqueline Palumbo and I live in Oyster Bay, New York.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Jacqueline Palumbo

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/5/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Anon
Last name:
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Please maintain protections for the Tongass and Chugach National Forests

Dear Secretary Perdue,

I am writing in support of the No-Action Alternative for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the proposed Alaska Roadless Rule, Alternative #1.

I urge you to keep the current Roadless Rule protections in place and intact for the Tongass National Forest. We in the US must do all we can to keep and protect old-growth temperate rainforests such as those in the Tongass. its value in providing clean water for fish and wildlife habitat must be acknowledged and protected as a vital resource essential to the economic and ecological health of Southeast Alaska. To do this, you must keep the federal Roadless Rule intact and current protections in place for national forests in Alaska.

I adamately object to your plans to reduce and remove protections from our national forest's roadless areas. The Roadless Rule is one of the smartest and most popular land management policies the Federal Government has ever adopted. Sometimes things must be left alone to maximize their benefits: preservation of some of America's best fish and wildlife habitat, for example. not to mention saving millions of taxpayer dollars that might otherwise be spent to subsidize money-losing timber sales. These precious, pristine forests cannot be sacrificed for short-term and highly questionable financial gain for private business interests.

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.

Sincerely,

Signed,

Pam

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Anon
Last name: Pam
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Alaska Roadless Rulemaking 54511

Dear Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue,

I am writing today about the proposed changes to Alaska Roadless Rulemaking 54511 specifically in regards to opening the Tongass National Forest to logging, mining, and gas/oil exploration. My husband and I recently visited Alaska this past summer and were able to visit this amazing national forest. I am appalled that anyone would consider despoiling this area for profit especially my own country. As a concerned tax paying citizen of the United States of America, I do not agree with the proposal to open this national forest to logging, mining, or gas/oil exploration.

I will also appeal to you, Dr. Perdue, as a fellow veterinarian. Allowing this to happen will destroy the world's largest temperate rainforest and endanger many species of animals and plants. As veterinarians, we took an oath to protect all animals of the world. If you allow this happen to the Tongass National Forest, you will be breaking your veterinary oath. Please do not do this. Instead save this forest for all the generations that will come after us so that they will have the chance to visit this amazing part of the United States.

Respectfully,

Dr. Pamela S. Frank

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Anon
Last name: Pam
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Dear Alaska Roadless Rule Planning Committee,

I live and work on the lands and waters of the Tongass National Forest. From hunting and fishing, to hiking and camping, to our tourism and commercial fishing-based economies, Southeast Alaskans rely on the intact habitat that the roadless areas of the Tongass National Forest contain. *That is why I am writing to support the No-Action Alternative for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the proposed Alaska Roadless Rule.* [text bolded for emphasis]

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 strongly oppose any efforts to weaken protections for Roadless areas in the Tongass National Forest and the Chugach National Forest.

The Forest Service needs to continue phasing out old-growth clearcutting. Please prioritize conservation of the T77 and TNC conservation priority areas in any new Alaska Roadless Rule. The Forest Service should focus on restoring degraded watershed and fish streams and carbon sequestration.

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Erlinda
Last name: Pambid
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Erlinda Pambid and I live in San Jose, California.

My name is Erlinda C PambidPrioritize the health of the American people and the environment instead of the big polluters

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Erlinda Pambid

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/11/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Anon
Last name: pamelah
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Support the Roadless Rule and protect the Tongass

Please support the Roadless Rule in the Tongass, and help to preserve our natural resources.

Thank you, Pamela A. Hays, Ph.D.

Licensed Psychologist

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/11/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Dawson
Last name: Pan
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Dawson Pan and I live in Ontario, California.

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Regards, Dawson Pan

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Grace
Last name: Pan
Organization:
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Comments:
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Regards, Grace Pan

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First name: Michael
Last name: Pan
Organization:
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Comments:
My name is Michael Pan and I live in Alexandria, Virginia.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Michael Pan

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Kimberly
Last name: Panarelli
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Kimberly Panarelli and I live in Naples, Florida.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Kimberly Panarelli

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/7/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: MICHAEL
Last name: PANASCI
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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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.
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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): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Christopher
Last name: Panayi
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Christopher Panayi and I live in New York, New York.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Christopher Panayi

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/18/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Meghan
Last name: Panda
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Do NOT cut down the Largest forest in the US!!!! You're destroying everything!!!

The Amazon is already burning because of us, pollution is everywhere, our oceans are tainted with all the crap we put into it, and you wanna continue on this path and burn the largest forest we have?? Soon our world will be fucked, and there will be NO turning back, and no fixing it, because you people are going TOO FAR!! Please stop destroying our planet!!! Plant two seeds in place of one tree that gets cut down, And stop cutting so much!! Make hemp paper instead, grow hemp! It will cut down on tree logging! You destroying homes for animals, which are killing off species one after another, and changing the earth's climate change a LOT! And why the Arctic is melting, and the animals like polar bears will starve and die off because of you. Please stop this! It's not right!! Stop killing our planet! I've heard talk of moving to Mars someday, are you just gonna destroy that too?? Why not fix the planet we got first!! Instead of gas fuel, use hemp fuel. In 1941 Henry Ford made the very first hemp car fueled by hemp, so it's possible!!! Make more things from hemp, it uses less of YOUR money, OUR MONEY I should say, and you can produce a lot more than trees ever could! Please take my email into consideration. All these emails you get on this topic SHOULD BE HEARD! Please pass all this along, please don't be selfish, the world is counting on us to be cured!

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Kim
Last name: Pandina
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, Kim Pandina

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First name: Dipesh
Last name: Pandya
Organization:
Title:
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First name: Joe
Last name: Panepresso
Organization:
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Regards, Joe Panepresso

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Naomi
Last name: Pang
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Naomi Pang and I live in Mililani, Hawaii 96789.

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Malama the land, air, and water for the people and wildlifeto survive and for future generations to come. It won't happen if the Forest Service doesn't put service to thepeople of the United States first before corporate greed.Remember the common folk pays the taxes and live nearthe forest. You are putting their health in jeopardy byallowing industry to destroy the area. Please kokua! Youall have to live with the decisions you make for all of us.By comparing all the impacts on various forests throughoutthe world that industry destroyed, I am sure you have enough data to NOT ROLL BACK THE ROADLESS RULE.

Regards, Naomi Pang

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First name: Yi
Last name: Pang
Organization:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Della
Last name: Pangborn
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Della Pangborn and I live in Mccleary, Washington.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM
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Last name: Paniagua
Organization:
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Regards, Rosiris Paniagua

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Rosiris
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Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, Rosiris Paniagua

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Matthew
Last name: Panico
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
The preservation of our climate isn't a local issue, and there's no reason to cede oversight of the global environment to local authorities when we're already preserving the resources. The Tongass National Forest is important to maintaining global carbon levels, and granting this exemption would contribute to global climate change.

[Position]

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Casey
Last name: Panique
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
As an avid outdoorsman I appreciate nature in her natural form.Coming from a family of loggers I can appreciate work...but at a 30 million dollar a year loss money coming from the tax payers let's leave the 9.2 million acres alone.

[Protect]

[Position]

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Derek
Last name: Pankratz
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: Alfred
Last name: Pannone
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Alfred Pannone and I live in Cranston, Rhode Island.

Why do we keep destroying our wilderness. Stop the greed!

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Alfred Pannone

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/20/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Joanne
Last name: Pannone
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Please leave this land roadless and proect it from destruction.

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Penny
Last name: Panos
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Penny Panos and I live in Burbank, California.

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Regards, Penny Panos

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/29/2019 6:41:04 PM
First name: Alexa
Last name: Panrudkevich
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Alexa Panrudkevich and I live in St. Louis, Alaska. I spent a summer in SE Alaska. The Tongass was the first intact and real piece of wilderness I saw. The sad thing is I hadn't realized I did not know what untouched wilderness looked like until coming to Alaska. 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, subsistence harvesting, hunting, foraging for wild foods, the peace and solitude I find in nature, recreating, 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 recreating and enjoying nature, viewing wildlife, keeping public lands wild for future generations, fiscal responsibility and saving taxpayer dollars healthy fish habitat, foraging and gathering wild foods, carbon sequestration and local climate change mitigation. 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 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 It discounts the voices of many Southeast Alaskans that spoke out in support of a no action alternative. 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.

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Laura
Last name: Pantazis
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Laura Pantazis and I live in Queens, New York.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Laura Pantazis

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Susan
Last name: Pantell
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Susan Pantell and I live in Austin, Texas.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Susan Pantell

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First name: Rich
Last name: Panter
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Rich Panter and I live in Columbia, South Carolina.
Think of our FUTURE GENERATIONS!
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Regards, Rich Panter

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Beth
Last name: Pantuliano
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Tongass National Forest

Please don't approve the policy change to allow development in Tongass National Forest, we live in a time where all our large in tact wooded tracts are too valuable to throw away. Please protect this beautiful and unique temperate rainforest.

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Tim
Last name: Pantzlaff
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC5438

U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

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,

Tim Pantzlaff

Oconto, WI 54153

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Marius & Sylvia
Last name: Panzarella
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
We are writing to say what an awful idea to open up the Tongass for logging, mining or roads. What a waste for something that draws so much more in tourism and is a sustainable resource that keeps our wildlife, fish, streams, etc. pristine. The world is spiraling downward due to climate change and we are losing so many species and wilderness areas for short term money for greed. Please do not let this pass.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: JOSEPH
Last name: PANZICA
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is JOSEPH PANZICA and I live in Maple Shade Township, New Jersey.
[Your personal comment will be added here.]
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Regards, JOSEPH PANZICA

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Rosemarie
Last name: Paolinelli
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Rosemarie Paolinelli and I live in Newark, Delaware.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Rosemarie Paolinelli

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Jessica
Last name: Paolini
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Jessica Paolini and I live in Santa Clarita, California.

Be better.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Jessica Paolini

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Sara
Last name: Paoluzzi
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Sara Paoluzzi and I live in Sacile, [@advState].

It's time to stand up for monuments and environment, we cannot permit to destroy a world heritage site, we have to stop to destroy this earth for the interests of a few unscrupulous people

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Regards, Sara Paoluzzi

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/26/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Ruby
Last name: Pap
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC111

Aloha! I am visiting SE. Alaska & I love the Tongass the way it is. So beautiful & w/o roads will continue to be[hellip] Please pick the 'no action' alternative on the AK roadless rule. Keep the Tongass Roadless!

-Ruby Pap

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Gail
Last name: Papa
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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First name: Theresa
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Regards, Theresa Papale

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: John
Last name: papandrea
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is John papandrea and I live in New York, New York.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, John papandrea

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Maria
Last name: Papazian
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Maria Papazian

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First name: Ana
Last name: Pape
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, Ana Pape

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Last name: Pape
Organization:
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Regards, Glenn Pape

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/25/2019 6:00:03 AM
First name: Kenny
Last name: Pape
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 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. The Tongass is one of world's largest old growth rain forests with its diversity largely intact.

Unfortunately, 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 are a public subsidy for private commerce costing tens of millions of taxpayer dollars every year and preclude the naturally sustainable wealth of salmon, wildlife watching, and tourism opportunities.

It is time to stop subsidizing 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,
Kenny Pape
Bull Shoals, AR 72619

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Robyn
Last name: Pape
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
I am absolutely opposed to opening up "America's Amazon" to logging. Not only would this be devastating to our environment, but it would open the groundwork for logging in other national forests that are currently protected.

This would also directly impact our climate, and our health. The Tongass stores more carbon removed from the atmosphere than any other national forest in the country in its old-growth Sitka spruce, hemlock and cedar trees. It helps protect Alaska, which is warming more than twice as fast from climate change as our planet overall. The forest holds about 650 million tons of carbon or about half of U.S. carbon dioxide emissions in 2017.It could also impact our Salmon populations.

We must protect our critical environments, not destroy them for short term gains and profits.

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Ellen
Last name: Papernick
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Ellen Papernick and I live in Niles, Illinois.

My name is Ellen and I live in Chicago.PLEASE SAVE & PRESERVE Tongass National Forest now &forever??

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In Southeast Alaska, tourism accounts for 28% of employment and generate an annual $1 billion in economic benefit, making it far more of an economic driver than the timber industry, which is less than 1% of the regional economy.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Ellen Papernick

[Position]

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/6/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Chloe
Last name: Papier
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
I am vehemently opposed to option six and strongly/urgently in favor of No Action. I attended the meeting in Juneau and was dumbfounded by your environmental review. It was SEVERELY lacking. At one point in the meeting one of you stated that you "felt" that there would be no impact to streams and watersheds! Are you kidding me??? Is there any science involved here or was the entire environmental review just based on how you felt and how you think you should feel so that option six is the one that is chosen. This is absolutely insane. Maybe you looked at only the streams and watersheds that have the designations as already protected - but you must know that salmon don't only spawn in these watersheds?!?!?! You need to go back and accurately represent the effects that this will have, you are doing South East Alaska and the United States an INCREDIBLE dis-service by not accurately representing the damage that could be done to this place. You say that there will be no ostensible change because the limit in allowable board feet cut a year will not change - but you know that this change will chance the actual amount of board feet cut. Adding roads in areas where there are none will significantly alter these forests. You all should be ashamed of yourselves. I am incredibly disappointed.

[Position]

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: C
Last name: Papin
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is C Papin and I live in Houston, Texas.
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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, C Papin

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/11/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Coral
Last name: Papoi
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Coral Papoi and I live in Sitka, Alaska. Born and raised in remote Southeast Alaska, living in Neets Bay for the first few years of my life, Ive been spoiled. Grown up on fresh caught salmon and deer, beach asparagus and harvesting berries every summer, Southeast Alaska provides not only sustainable nourishment for the communities, but work as well. I am a 19 year old female who is on my second year of college, and because of the fishing industry I am able to pay for my bachelors degree in aviation science, and get my pilots license simultaneously without taking out loans. Being able to make enough money to pay for very expensive schooling at the age of 19 is a very rare opportunity not found in my places; unless youre born into money. In Alaska none of that matters if youre willing to work hard enough. Because of the fishing industry and natural ecosystem finely balanced on a set system of regulations, temperamental enough to be messed up by the slightest change, repealing the roadless rule would be a grave mistake for the economy and well being of the surrounding communities relying on natural resources to survive. 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, subsistence harvesting, hunting, foraging for wild foods, the peace and solitude I find in nature, recreating, practicing my culture, 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 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 economic livelihood, healthy fish habitat, deer habitat and subsistence hunting, foraging and gathering wild foods, practicing my culture, recreating and enjoying nature, carbon sequestration and local climate change mitigation, viewing wildlife, keeping public lands wild for future generations, fiscal responsibility and saving taxpayer dollars . 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, Kuiu Island, Wrangell and Etolin Islands, Prince of Wales 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 medium-impact recreation development such as Forest Service cabins, trails, mooring buoys, and 3-sided shelters passive or active watershed restoration of salmon streams and wildlife habitat connections from communities low-impact recreation such as camping hiking hunting and fishing hydroelectric development. 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 Alaska is beautiful and rich with resources for one main reason, we take care of it. Pillaging and raking the resources in the forest that has been so long conserved would be detrimental to the lands we have long worked so hard to protect and care for. We do not want Alaska to become over developed and ruined like so many other places in the country. Please dont 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 devote resources to support our fishing and visitor industries 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.

[Position]

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Susan
Last name: Pappalardo
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
I am for Alternative 1 - Take no action. We should not be logging any more old-growth. There is precious little of it left. Save what we can. It is more valuable in its natural state, undisturbed. Leave it be.

[Position]

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Alexandra
Last name: Pappano
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Alexandra Pappano and I live in Mattawamkeag, Maine.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Alexandra Pappano

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/23/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Alexandra
Last name: Pappano
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
The Tongas National Forest must be kept intact and protected. Its loss will cause incalcuable harm as it would be the loss of an entire ecosystem. It sequesters carbon and helps fight climate chaos and it is home to an astonishing array of wildlife. Please keep this beautiful and precious forest protected!

[Position]

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Noelle
Last name: Pappano
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC5015

I, Noelle Pappano, am strongly in favor of alternative one's plan relating to the Tongass National Forest.

[Signature]

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/23/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Rachael
Last name: Pappano
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Please do not exempt the Tongass National Forest from the roadless rule.

[Position]

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Rachael
Last name: Pappano
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Rachael Pappano and I live in Mattawamkeag, Maine.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Rachael Pappano

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Carole
Last name: Pappas
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Carole Pappas and I live in Grand Blanc, Michigan.

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First name: marie
Last name: pappas
Organization:
Title:
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Regards, marie pappas

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Robin
Last name: Pappas
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Robin Pappas and I live in [@advCity], Pennsylvania.

Let's be nice to Mother Nature, or else.

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Last name: Pappas
Organization:
Title:
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First name: Sandra
Last name: Papush
Organization:
Title:
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Regards, Sandra Papush

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Nick
Last name: Papworth
Organization:
Title:
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Regards, Nick Papworth

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: rose
Last name: paquet
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
In Support of alternative 1

To whom it may concern,

Hello, I am a concerned citizen-concerned about the Tongass Forest and it's biodiversity being threatened, concerned about the future of our planet where old growth trees and forests are desperately needed.

The Tongass National Forest is the largest intact temperate rainforest in the world. It's also the only national forest in the US that continues to allow clearcutting of old-growth forests, which sequester carbon, provide habitat for fish and wildlife, and support local economies.

The Roadless Rule protects over 9 million acres of the Tongass from clearcutting. I am in support of this rule remaining intact.

I am writing to you in support of Alternative 1, that no action may be taken and that all of Alaska-including the Tongass-remain under the 2001 Roadless Rule.

Thank you in advance for making the wisest decision that supports the present and future generations of humans and non-human species. May we all be allowed to thrive!

Sincerely,

Rose Paquet

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/7/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Michael
Last name: Paquette
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: Teri
Last name: Paquette
Organization:
Title:
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Regards, Teri Paquette

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Brenda
Last name: Parada
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, Brenda Parada

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Last name: Paradise
Organization:
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Regards, Jim Paradise

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: John
Last name: Paraniuk
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is John Paraniuk and I live in Raywick, Kentucky.

Dear Deforestation Service,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.
In Southeast Alaska, tourism accounts for 28% of employment and generate an annual $1 billion in economic benefit, making it far more of an economic driver than the timber industry, which is less than 1% of the regional economy.
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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, John Paraniuk

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/5/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Mitchell
Last name: Parchem
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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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: Sandra
Last name: Parciak
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Sandra Parciak and I live in Keansburg, New Jersey.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Sandra Parciak

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Barbara
Last name: Pardee
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
The Tongas Roadless Rule should be repealed in total. It has destroyed our timber industry and denies access to the land by Southeast Alaska Natives and non-Natives. It makes it more difficult for people to hunt, fish, and gather firewood. It has totally destroyed the commercial timber industry in Southeast Alaska. It is nothing more than environmental politics from the Left. End this now!

Barbara Pardee

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Joe
Last name: Pardee
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, Joe Pardee

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/22/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Michael
Last name: Pardee
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
I am strongly opposed to any legislation that would weaken protections to roadless areas of the Tsongas National Forest. It is crucial to preserve these important natural areas intact for future generations and to allow them to play a crucial role in biodiversity and carbon capture.

[Position]

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/16/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: neal
Last name: pardee
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is neal pardee and I live in Los Angeles, California.

once you break them, they will never recover. dont do this.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, neal pardee

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/14/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Neal
Last name: Pardee
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Neal Pardee and I live in Los Angeles, California.

Oh come on now, don't be a part of this walking disaster

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Neal Pardee

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/9/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Terrance
Last name: Pardee
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
I am a fifty year resident of Haines and South East Alaska. I have hunted, fished, trapped and made my living for fifty years on Alaska's State, and Federal lands and water ways. I have ALWAYS resented the restrictions to public lands access due to the roadless rules. I want all such laws repealed! It STRANGLES any opportunity for Alaskans and the next generation of Alaskans to live, work and prosper in Natural resource development industries to include but NOT be limited to logging and mining. The same" do nothings" in the environmental COMMUNIST organizations have had far too much to say about Alaskans future. REPEAL THE ROADLESS RULES!!!

[Position]

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Marco
Last name: Pardi
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Marco Pardi and I live in Lawrenceville, Georgia.

Unlike the current administration, I care about the health and the future for my daughter and my grandchildren.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Marco Pardi

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Shannon
Last name: Pardini
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, Shannon Pardini

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Allison
Last name: Pardis
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
To whom it may concern:

I am writing to express my opposition to any change in action on the Tongass roadless rule. The preservation, protection and responsible use of our public lands, headwaters and forests remains the mission and responsibility of the Forest Service. The roadless rule has protected this intact forest and waters from irresponsible and detrimental uses, while providing a productive and rich land of many uses, a change in the roadless ruling would undermine the Forest Service's mission and result in a failure on the forest Service's part to responsibly manage Tongass forest land and waters. The biodiversity and resources this forest provides at present are not worth risking by exempting the Tongass from the roadless rule, reversing the roadless rule risks costing this forest, surrounding lands, peoples and economies a livlyhood and environment they cherish and prosper from. Please take no action and do not exempt the Tongass Forest from the roadless rule.

Respectfully,

Allison Pardis

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Daniela
Last name: Pardo
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Daniela Pardo and I live in Palmdale, California.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Daniela Pardo

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First name: Richard
Last name: Pardo
Organization:
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Regards, Richard Pardo

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First name: Victoria
Last name: Pardo
Organization:
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Regards, Victoria Pardo

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Kenneth
Last name: Pardue
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Kenneth Pardue and I live in Santa Rosa, 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.

I care about the forest because capitalism is destroying our planet as we speak and has been for centuries. To continue the destruction is to deny what reality says we should do. We are close to our own extinction in the form of climate change and killing trees to build roads only accelerates it. We cannot develop the technology for sustained space survival in time, we are barely able to sustain a few people on a close space station that gets regular supplies from earth.

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 huge swaths of intact ecosystems and all the biodiversity it contains, its wild salmon populations and the world-class fishing opportunities, 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 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, 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 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): 11/5/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Ryan
Last name: Pardue
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Gabriela
Last name: Pareja
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Gabriela Pareja and I live in Stamford, Connecticut.

Stop the nonsense. Keep the Roadless Rule intact!!

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Gabriela Pareja

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/24/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Gabriela
Last name: Pareja
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
I am vehemently opposed to the proposed exemption of the Tongass National Forest from the Roadless Rule. There is not one good reason why this exemption would be necessary. Logging is not an economic benefit. In fact, the destruction of the forest would have a negative impact on tourism which is vital to Alaska's economy. It is a rainforest. If you haven't been paying attention, we are in need of our rainforests to assist us in fighting climate change. Please leave the forest, and the native people and wildlife who rely on it, alone and in peace. Thank you.

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Regards, Gabriela Pareja

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: jai
Last name: parekh
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is jai parekh and I live in New York, New York.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, jai parekh

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Marvin
Last name: Parent
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
$30,000,000 loss per year for the Tongass National Forest? & people want to open up even more acreage, which will increase losses for the USFS, does not seem like smart policy to me, hell, even my 16 & 12 yo children would be able to determine that isnt smart policy. I am against opening up the Tongass National Forest for that reason & for the sheer stubbornness of sound conservation policy that has been the hallmark of those that came before us, such as Muir, Roosevelt, Adams, Thoreau, Pope & Young, etc. Moose, blacktail deer, brown/black bear, all five species of salmon, & much more all thrive in this ecosystem, & many people in the surrounding areas depend on this wildlife to sustain a culture of subsistence, that could have HUGE detrimental impacts on the above populations of wildlife that locals, national & international hunters & fishermen spend BILLIONS of dollars on, in this CROWN JEWEL of ALASKA! Please! Keep the Tongass untouched! Were borrowing this asset from future generations & this, untouched, will reap untold dividends for EONS!

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Donna
Last name: Parente
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Donna Parente and I live in Milford, Massachusetts.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Donna Parente

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Elizabeth
Last name: Parenteau
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Our old growth forests are life sustaining treasures that we can't afford to lose. Please protect them at all costs. Life on planet earth depends on the decisions we make today and time is running out.

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: John
Last name: parfitt
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is John parfitt and I live in Burrillville, Rhode Island.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
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Last name: Parillo
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Tammera
Last name: Parillo
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Tammera Parillo and I live in Flint, Michigan.

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Organization:
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Regards, David Paris

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Gerhild
Last name: Paris
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Gerhild Paris and I live in Falmouth, Maine.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Michael
Last name: Paris
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC3020

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]

I value preservation of old growth for my personal outdoor activities. I also believe that's why tourists come to Alaska. Not worth the money to sacrifice this precious land!

Sincerely,

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

Yes No

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/16/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Diana
Last name: Parish
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Diana Parish and I live in Magnolia, Texas.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Diana Parish

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First name: Stephen
Last name: Parish
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Stephen Parish

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Erin
Last name: Parish-Meyer
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Erin Parish-Meyer and I live in Bloomington, Illinois.

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Regards, Erin Parish-Meyer

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/11/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Andrew
Last name: Parisian
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.

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Last name: Park
Organization:
Title:
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Regards, Carolyn Park

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/14/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Jeannie
Last name: Park
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, Jeannie Park

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First name: Kathleen
Last name: Park
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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First name: Linda
Last name: Park
Organization:
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Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/23/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Matty
Last name: Park
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Alaska Roadless Rulemaking #54511

Roadless Rulemaking,

RE: Alaska Roadless DEIS Comment

Dear Secretary Perdue:

I support keeping the current Roadless Rule protections in place and intact for the Tongass National Forest. There are many reasons to protect this forest, and I'm sure you have received many letters about its role in mitigating climate and its importance to wildlife and the native people who live there, but really the bottom line is that it is not in the interest of the human race to exploit and destroy every natural resource we have so a few people can get rich. You don't have to do this. Think of your children and grand children.

I also strongly object to your plans to reduce and remove protections from our national forest's roadless areas. The Roadless Rule is one of the smartest and most popular land management policies the Federal Government has ever adopted. It is good for the taxpayers and for the environment.

Please don't irretrievably destroy one of our last remaining forests for a few bucks. We've done too much of that in the past but we know better now.

Matty Park

Ventura, California 93001

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Noel
Last name: Park
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, Noel Park

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First name: Phyllis
Last name: Park
Organization:
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My name is Phyllis Park and I live in Chillicothe, Ohio.

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Regards, Phyllis Park

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/19/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Ryan
Last name: Park
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Dear Sir or Ma'am, The Tongass National Forest is the largest intact old-growth temperate rainforest left in the world. To follow on Trump's push to open up over half the area to logging will be detrimental to the forest's ecology and economy. Not only will it affect the annual salmon run that gave the place its famous name of "Salmon Forest" but it's economically illogical as over $600 million was lost in logging operation in a recent report. Making this new move the definition of unsustainable. Please do reconsider this move and uphold the roadless rule for generations to come. Thank you.

[Position]

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/14/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Steph
Last name: Park
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Dear U.S. Forest Service,

I am writing to oppose your proposed rule to exempt the Tongass National Forest from the Roadless Rule and to change the boundaries of the Chugach National Forest. Problematically, your proposal does exactly what it criticizes of others by pushing a pre-determined, pre-judged, "preferred outcome[] . . . rooted in value judgments and normative preferences" without reasoned explanation or evidence as support. Alternative 6's full exemption of the Tongass from the Roadless Rule is tantamount to a policy reversal for which a "reasoned analysis" to justify its reversal must be given. See, e.g., Federal Communications Commission v. Fox Television Stations, Inc. (2009) ("Fox") and Motor Vehicle Manufacturer's Ass'n of the U.S. Inc. v. State Farm Mutual Auto Insurance Co. (1983) ("State Farm") Supreme Court decisions. Yet no reasoned analysis is provided in this policy reversal; the proposed rule/release is devoid of a "more substantial justification" mandated by Fox. On its face, the proposed rule fails to meet the tests under Fox and State Farm. Additionally, this proposed rule fails to meet its burden under Organized Village of Kake v. USDA. It does everything it should not: citing to past litigation concerning the Tongass and the Roadless Rule to explain its policy reversal and failing to explain why its new policy stance is better than the previous policy. Simply put, this proposal is arbitrary and capricious and violates the basic provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), including Section 706.

I am outraged that you are proposing to roll back the landmark Roadless Rule to allow companies to punch roads into pristine roadless areas of the Tongass National Forest. Cutting down ancient, 800-year-old trees and destroying natural habitats for profit is a national disgrace.

The Tongass is Americas largest national forest and the heart of the largest intact temperate rainforest left in the world. It is home to iconic wildlife including brown bears, black bears, bald eagles, timber wolves, and all five species of Pacific salmon.

The Tongass is also the countrys most important national forest for carbon sequestration and climate change mitigation. With parts of Alaska warming at roughly twice the rate of the planets average speed, maintaining this critical ecosystem advances climate change solutions for both our national and international climate efforts.

It is your responsibility to do everything you can to ensure this pristine national treasure is safeguarded for generations to come. Once it is gone, it is gone forever.

Have you been to the Tongass? Have you been to the Chugach? I encourage you to go there. (Also, please familiarize yourself with the APA.)

I urge you to reverse course and protect the Tongass National Forest from destructive roadbuilding and logging. Thank you.

[Position]

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/18/2019 6:28:30 PM
First name: Tammy
Last name: Park
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Comments to oppose modification to the Roadless Rule

Dear U.S. Forest Service,

Building roads fragment one of the last wild places left in this world and disturbs wildlife habitats. I do not in any way support removing protections from Tongass. I'm paying close attention to your actions. Do not disappoint the American people by selling out to a few.

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,
Tammy Park
Tucson, AZ 85711

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/19/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: William
Last name: Parke
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Dorothy
Last name: Parkel
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Dorothy Parkel and I live in Atlanta, Georgia.

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Regards, Dorothy Parkel

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Alexander Parker

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Amanda
Last name: Parker
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Logging this National Forest, an extraction industry, provides very few benefits for the local economy, but does destroy the local and far ecosystem, reduces carbon sequestration, and depletes the resiliency of the system. Hence, I am writing to support the No-Action Alternative for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the proposed Alaska Roadless Rule, Alternative #1.

Extraction roads in most National forests create a local environmental problem with water and soil, as has been shown to be a problem over and over. In this very important rain forest, adding extraction roads will do damage to the system that will take decades, if not centuries for the system to repair. Unless there is a plan in place to remove these extraction roads and restore the ecosystem, we must reject this proposed logging.

I support keeping the current Roadless Rule protections in place and intact for the Tongass National Forest. Trumps plan is yet another attack from the Trump administration on Indigenous rights. Alaskan Native communities -- including the Tlingit, Haida, and Tsimshian peoples -- have depended on the Tongass Rainforest for millennia. It is the backbone to their culture, traditions, and communities -- we simply cannot let it disappear.

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.

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.

Keep our National treasures as treasures, not as corporate profit engines. In this case, those town things are not compatible.

Regards, Amanda Parker

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Ann
Last name: Parker
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
I strongly oppose logging in the Tongass National Forest. This is an important wildlife habitat and removes tons of carbon from the atmosphere each year. Forests such as these are the "lungs" of this planet and are essential to life on Earth. I know the Trump administration does not believe in science, so this plea will fall on deaf ears but it defies common sense to ruin our Earth's fragile balance in the name of greed. Again, I strongly oppose such an action and I hope this idea will be blocked in the Federal Courts.Thank you

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Barry
Last name: Parker
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Barry Parker and I live in Vancouver, Washington.

Quit destroying our planed for profit!

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Barry Parker

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/11/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Brandon
Last name: Parker
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): 10/19/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Carol
Last name: Parker
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
I am totally opposed to opening up theTongass National Forest to further logging operations. I urge you to maintain the Roadless Rule for this entire area.

The nonpartisan group, Taxpayers for Common Sense, calculated the USFS's losses through road-building and timber sales and found that the average net loss was about $30 million annually over the past 20 years.

Salmon, black and brown bears, eagles, ravens, wolves, ducks, and blacktail deer need those old-growth forests for survival. Alaska' indigenous tribes and locals rely on all these critters for subsistence hunting and fishing, as well as the dollars they bring in from traveling outdoorsmen and women.

The Tongass rivers and creeks support more salmon than all other national forests combined, and the fishing and tourism account for more than 25 percent of local jobs in the region. The Tongass produces 28 percent of Alaskas commercial salmon catch and Tongass salmon fishing generates $1 billion annually, according to Trout Unlimited.

Beyond the comments stated above, it is of upmost importance that the United States starts to act on deterring climate change (words that are never uttered in this administration). We need to preserve every intact forest standing to produce oxygen and remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. In addition, the release of gases caused by the interruption of the forest soils should be taken into consideration.

This proposed rule change is a complete about-face from the direction we should be headed and reflects the fact that special interests and not common sense are guiding this decision.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Craig
Last name: Parker
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Craig Parker and I live in Fort Worth, Texas.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Dagmar
Last name: Parker
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Dagmar Parker and I live in Dover, New Jersey.

It's time to stop putting money 1st. The environment needs to be put first, or the human race will have an extinction event sooner then it should.

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Regards, Dagmar Parker

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First name: David
Last name: Parker
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is David Parker and I live in Sherwood, Arkansas.

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First name: Deborah
Last name: Parker
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Deborah Parker and I live in Bellingham, Washington.

The policies of this Department of the Interior do not reflect the value the American people place on our precious and treasured public lands and monuments. This Administration's policies are short-sighted and based on the interests of private profiteers and the most dangerous industries that have brought us to the brink of destruction through Climate change. We say a LOUD 'NO' to any reduction or degradation of Bears Ears' territory or protections, and demand Interior fully protect this treasure and others on behalf of those now living, our children and grandchildren, and all future generations. Anything less is unacceptable.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Dixie
Last name: Parker
Organization:
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Comments:
My name is Dixie Parker and I live in Pecos, New Mexico.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Edith
Last name: Parker
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Edith Parker and I live in Springfield, Missouri.

Please, let's keep our wild places wild so the next generations will have beautiful places to visit. Don't destroy our natural wonders, I beg of you.

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Regards, Edith Parker

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First name: Elaine
Last name: Parker
Organization:
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Comments:
My name is Elaine Parker and I live in Berkeley, California.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Elaine Parker

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Emily
Last name: Parker
Organization:
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Comments:
My name is Emily Parker and I live in Bentleyville, Ohio.

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Regards, Emily Parker

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Last name: Parker
Organization:
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Regards, Essic Parker

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Evelyn
Last name: Parker
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Evelyn Parker and I live in Rhome, Texas.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Evelyn Parker

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Gordon
Last name: Parker
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Gordon Parker and I live in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The right to "Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness" includes a non-lethal atmosphere and physical environment for all human and other species. Do Your Job.

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Regards, Gordon Parker

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/13/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Heidi
Last name: Parker
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Heidi Parker and I live in Seattle. Washington.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Heidi Parker

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/11/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Janice
Last name: Parker
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Janice Parker and I live in Toccoa, Georgia.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Janice Parker

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Regards, Jerry Parker

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Jesseray
Last name: Parker
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC6324

Dear Secretary Perdue,

I am writing to support the *No-Action Alternative*[text bolded for emphasis] 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 temperature 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. -Please, please! This place is important to all Americans.

Sincerely,

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Jim
Last name: Parker
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, Jim Parker

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Jin
Last name: Parker
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Jin Parker and I live in Hendersonville, North Carolina.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Jin Parker

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Karen
Last name: Parker
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Karen Parker and I live in Hickory Withe, Tennessee.

To the US Forest Service - You absolutely, for the sake of us all and our planet, must NOT roll back the Roadless Rule!!! We desperately need this vital forest in the race to save our world and all we hold dear from certain slow but inevitable destruction. Please, stand up to the Trump administration and side with our planet.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Karen Parker

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/10/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Karen
Last name: Parker
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Dear Forest Service - In consideration of the Alaska Roadless Rule #54511, I am distressed and disappointed at the relentless efforts of the Trump administration to exempt the Tongass from this vital protection. Our natural resources are finite, and deserve our unwavering devotion to their protection - those few that remain after many years of desecration for the profits of a few, to the detriment of many. Stop the shortsighted plan to destroy our largest remaining national forest - save the Tongass from destruction for the enrichment of big timber!

Hopefully, Karen Parker

[Position]

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Kay
Last name: Parker
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC5591

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]

Please, no roads in the Tongass Nat. Forest.

[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): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Keith
Last name: Parker
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Keith Parker and I live in Missoula, Montana.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Keith Parker

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Kevin
Last name: Parker
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
I am writing to support the No-Action Alternative for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the proposed Alaska Roadless Rule, Alternative #1. We need to keep the bits of wilderness that still remain as such.

Regards, Kevin Parker

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/12/2019 9:05:24 AM
First name: Lauren
Last name: Parker
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Lauren Parker and I live in Atlanta, GA. 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 worked two summers as a ranger in national Forest and it was the most beautiful places I've ever seen. A rainforest sequesters so much carbon, with the artic melting how can we even think of letting this wilderness go?

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). 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 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.

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Lauren
Last name: Parker
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Keep the Roadless Rule in Place for the Tongass National Forest

Dear Interdisciplinary Team Leader, Alaska Roadless Rule Ken Tu,

I am an outdoor recreation enthusiast writing to express my interest in continuing to protect the Tongass National Forest and its backcountry and roadless areas from unnecessary logging and development.

The Tongass has tremendous value for outdoor recreation in the region, and also provides clean water, clean air, and wildlife habitat, all of which are foundational to the economic and ecological health of Southeast Alaska. Road building, logging, and development should continue to be prohibited in the Tongass's roadless areas through upholding the Roadless Rule.

Alaska truly is "the last frontier" of America. That is why myself and countless others travel there to see it's unmatched wilderness and beauty. I have fond memories of seeing miles and miles of untouched forest, of catching a glimpse of a mother moose and her two calves walking among the aspen trees, and of feeling the quiet solitude that comes from being in the middle of nowhere. There are very few places left like the Tongass National Forest and we need to continue to preserve them. They are invaluable and irreplaceable. If Tongass is opened to logging and other activities, we will loose much more than just trees. Getting rid of the Roadless Rule for Tongass will end up hurting southeast Alaska economically. And there will be more negative impacts than can ever be listed or foreseen.

Sincerely,

Lauren Parker

Houston, TX 77042

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Linda
Last name: Parker
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Linda Parker and I live in Coraopolis, Pennsylvania.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Linda Parker

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/13/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Lori
Last name: Parker
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Lori Parker and I live in Reading, Massachusetts.

Hey there Forest Service: please stop putting corporate profits above the public interest! Please protect our national forests, our air, and our water for future generations!

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Lori Parker

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First name: Lori
Last name: Parker
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, Lori Parker

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Lori
Last name: Parker
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Thank you.

Regards, Lori Parker

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Maureen
Last name: Parker
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, Maureen Parker

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Melissa
Last name: Parker
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Melissa Parker and I live in Portland, Oregon.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Melissa Parker

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/12/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Nick
Last name: Parker
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
YES The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) SHOULD exempt the Tongass National Forest from the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule, which prohibits tree harvest and road construction/reconstruction within inventoried roadless areas with certain limited exceptions. In addition, the proposed rule would provide an administrative procedure for correcting and modifying inventoried roadless area boundaries on the Chugach National Forest

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First name: Nicole
Last name: Parker
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Regards, Nicole Parker

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/17/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: peggy
Last name: parker
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is peggy parker and I live in Livingston, Texas.

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Regards, peggy parker

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Regards, Penny Parker

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Last name: Parker
Organization:
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Regards, Ruth Parker

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Sarah
Last name: parker
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Sarah parker and I live in Sandia Park, New Mexico.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Sarah parker

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Sharon
Last name: Parker
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Sharon Parker and I live in Santa Cruz, California.

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Regards, Sharon Parker

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Last name: Parker
Organization:
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First name: Sue
Last name: Parker
Organization:
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Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Vaughn
Last name: Parker
Organization:
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Regards, Vaughn Parker

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/21/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Vicki
Last name: Parker
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
I am opposed to logging, mining or any other removal of natural resources in this area. We need to plant and tend to forest areas to aid with the climate crisis. Protected forest also aid with clean air which is an ever growing health concern.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Necia
Last name: Parker-Gibson
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Please do not allow or permit logging in the Tongrass. We haven't got much old growth forest left, we need the trees! the difference in old growth and new growth forest is substantial.

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Ann
Last name: Parker-Way
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Ann Parker-way and I live in Seattle, WA. 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.

Logging old-growth trees in the Tongass will harm the ecosystem and communities these ecosystems sustain.The Roadless Rule protects fish and wildlife, drinking water, and recreation. We need wilderness, not logging.

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 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), hydroelectric development. 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.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Don
Last name: Parkes
Organization:
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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule

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Sincerely,

Don Parkes

Longmont, CO 80503

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: April
Last name: Parkins
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, Cheryl Parkins

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First name: Janet
Last name: Parkins
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Janet Parkins and I live in Oakland, California.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/18/2019 6:17:47 PM
First name: Janet
Last name: Parkins
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,
Janet Parkins
Oakland, CA 94611

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/4/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Janet
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First name: Kristin
Last name: Parkins
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Last name: Parkins
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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.

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Last name: Parkinson
Organization:
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Regards, John Parkinson

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Mary
Last name: Parkinson
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, Mary Parkinson

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First name: William
Last name: Parkinson
Organization:
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Regards, Kimberly Parkman

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Eian
Last name: Parks
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC4929

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): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Jeff
Last name: Parks
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC3456

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Sincerely,

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Rocklin, CA 95677

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Sincerely,
Jeff Parks
Rocklin, CA 95677

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/28/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Noreen
Last name: Parks
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Noreen Parks and I live in Port Townsend, Washington.

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Regards, Noreen Parks

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/14/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Stephen
Last name: Parks
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Stephen Parks and I live in Bailey, Colorado.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Travis
Last name: Parks
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
I'm opposed to any expansion of or subsidy to logging in the tongass.

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Regards, Lisa Parlin

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Antoine
Last name: Parmentier
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Krin
Last name: Parmley
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC1124

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/26/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Starr
Last name: Parmley
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC21

Do not exempt the Tongass from the national roadless rule.

-Starr Parmley

Juneau, AK

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Francis
Last name: Parnell
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Last name: Parnell
Organization:
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Comments:
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First name: Denise
Last name: Parr
Organization:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Alice
Last name: Parra
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Alice Parra and I live in Palmyra, Virginia.

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First name: Jill
Last name: Parrett
Organization:
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Comments:
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First name: JOSE
Last name: PARRILLA
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
The old-growth forest of the Tongass National Forest is a tremendous carbon sink. The massive trees pull carbon dioxide out of the atmosphere and store it in their wood, which is almost half carbon. In clear cuts of old-growth, about 70% of the trees are rejected and left on the forest floor where they decompose and release carbon dioxide back into the atmosphere. By protecting swaths of intact old-growth forests, the Roadless Rule supports a nature-based solution to climate change.

Please respect the integrity and majesty of this beautiful land.

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Regards, P Parrillo

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Renata
Last name: Parrino
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Renata Parrino and I live in Warfordsburg, Pennsylvania.

One of the things that makes America great is our incredible national parks. Once you destroy a wilderness, you cannot put it back. Our grandchildren deserve to enjoy the same wilderness beauty, and the benefits of clean air and water, that we do. Replanting trees does not replicate nature, the intricate and highly productive web of biomass under the soil can never be replaced once disrupted.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Renata Parrino

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First name: Maureen
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Organization:
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Regards, Maureen Parriott

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Maureen
Last name: Parriott
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Maureen Parriott and I live in Oroville, Washington.

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First name: Brandy
Last name: Parris
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Brandy Parris and I live in Seattle, Washington.

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First name: Jocelyn
Last name: Parris
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Jocelyn Parris and I live in Breckenridge, Colorado.

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Regards, Jocelyn Parris

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/4/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Britain
Last name: Parrish
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Britain Parrish and I live in Billings, MT. 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.

Climate change is an undeniable fact. Beyond devastation to the land, it is affecting human health. Every year I watch as the pollution, the smoke devastate those with vulnerable lungs as I care for them. It is vital to our survival as a species to protect these large forests that give us oxygen to breath. As you know the Tongass is one of the most important carbon sinks. Destroying it cutting off our own air.

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 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 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.

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Last name: Parrish
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): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: George
Last name: Parrish
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, George Parrish

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Julia
Last name: Parrish
Organization: Virginia tech fly fishing club
Title: Active member
Comments:
I do not agree with this practice because we have all seen what deforestation does to the environment. With the Tongass being protected land I think this should also include protection from harmful activities such as deforestation, pollution, and possible extinction of native species.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Nancy
Last name: Parrish
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Nancy Parrish and I live in La Harpe, Kansas.

Please do not remove the protections from the protected forests. There are so few of the old growth centuries old forests left. We need to cherish and protect them. Once they are gone part of our humanity has disappeared and been replaced by greed and personal gain. The products made from these trees can be made from other sources. Open new industries by recycling our throw aways. The serenity and peace we get from just standing in an old growth forest grounds us in our position in the universe.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Nancy Parrish

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Sandy
Last name: Parrish
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Please keep the Roadless Rule fully intact in the Tongass National Forrest. Do not allow roads to be built in this beautiful, pristine forest. Thank you.

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Tyler
Last name: Parrish
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
To say that allowing logging and more road access to the Tongass national park would destroy it is an understatement. The proof is shown that these kind of operations leave a lasting negative impact on the wildlife that inhabits these areas. In a place that is as wild as it was 200 years ago it's our job to preserve this land. The minute we start giving into this idea that these operations are acceptable, it will be the end of nature. I'm just a guy from Texas but here we believe in conservation and preserving our natural habitats. And that goes for everywhere in the world, not just the land in Texas. Nature is the only thing saving us, and attempting to destroy it will result in implications that will affect generations beyond ours. Please consider this before casting your votes. Thank you

[Position]

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
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Last name: Parry
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/9/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Gina
Last name: Parry
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Roadless Rule

To whom it may concern:

I have read that the State of Alaska has asked that the Tongass be exempted from the Roadless Rule. I believe that this would be a monumental mistake, and would open the door to plunder of this valuable forest. Not only is it unspoiled salmon habitat (we in Washington State are particularly aware of the long-term cost of squandering our salmon runs) but this forest is a carbon sink which will help to shelter the planet from the dangers of climate change. Other forests around the world are disappearing (I am alarmed about what has happened to the Amazon) and we must fend that off in our country. Please leave the Roadless Rule in place.

Gina Parry

Snohomish, WA 98290

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/5/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Katie
Last name: Parry
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Michael
Last name: Parry
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Michael Parry and I live in Crownsville, Maryland.

Wow! The Short-sighted Greed and Self Absorbed ignorance is Beyond Comprehension!!! The oxygen we breath is One Half of what it was 200 years ago, you Must Really Be Stupid, a Special kind of stupid!!!

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Regards, Michael Parry

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First name: Michael
Last name: Parry
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Linda
Last name: Parsel
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Alaska is one of the largest natural landscapes left in America. Leave it alone .

No drilling, NO LOGGING

[Position]

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: sue
Last name: parsell
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, sue parsell

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Dorothy
Last name: Parshall
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Dorothy Parshall and I live in Langley, Washington.

For the children!

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Regards, Dorothy Parshall

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Sharon
Last name: Parshall
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Sharon Parshall and I live in Fall City, Washington.
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Regards, Sharon Parshall

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First name: Adina
Last name: Parsley
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Adina Parsley
Stanwood, WA 98292

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First name: Devan
Last name: Parsly
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Devan Parsly and I live in Sitka, Alaska. I have lived in Sitka for about 15 years in total off and on. Between being raised here and Michigan, California and Colorado nowhere else compares. Every time I have come back I have rediscovered more and more about this forest. At this point in my life I rely on this amazing forest for grounding, foraging, exploring and discovering all that life has to offer. 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, foraging for wild foods, the peace and solitude I find in nature, recreating, 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 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 economic livelihood, 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. 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, 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 Etolin 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 It discounts and discredits those who spoke out in support of the no action alternative. 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 improve and streamline existing permitting processes for important community projects rather than rehashing old conflicts invest in creating and maintaining recreation infrastructure.

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: Devan
Last name: Parsly
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC1074

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Lisa
Last name: Parson
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Lisa Parson and I live in Pine Hall, North Carolina.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Lisa Parson

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Alyssa
Last name: Parsons
Organization:
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Regards, Alyssa Parsons

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First name: Amy
Last name: Parsons
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Amy Parsons and I live in Redwood City, CA.
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/10/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Collin
Last name: Parsons
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): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Denise
Last name: Parsons
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Denise Parsons and I live in Daly City, California.

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Regards, Denise Parsons

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First name: Don
Last name: Parsons
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Don Parsons and I live in Las Vegas, New Mexico.

Leave this forest alone. Let this area exist without humans who only see money when they look at nature.

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First name: Eric
Last name: Parsons
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
For the Public Record.

Dear Policy Maker,

This letter serves as my comment against the proposal to remove roadless rule protections through the Tongass National Forest.

I am a 20 year Alaskan and have traveled by foot and boat along the Gulf Coast of Alaska and many areas that are part of the Tongass National Forest. I am a firm believer that logging in Alaska's temperate rain forest is an ill conceived non-sustainable industry. Old growth forests of Cedar and Spruce are national treasures that are ecological sanctuaries to many animals. Logging these forests is non-sustainable as it destroys the ecosystem of old growth and would take 150 years or more to grow back and establish itself.

In traveling the coast around of Cape Yakataga I have seen the destruction that logging has done leaving hillsides barren with derelict work camps, fuel drums and waste in it's path. Southeast Alaska is just not the right area for sustainable logging practices as it is simply NOT sustainable.

I am not anti-logging, but proposed logging on these lands is wrong. A few timber industry jobs are not worth saving for destroyed ecosystems, increased sediment load into Salmon streams and a negative impact on Tourism. Tourism and fishing are the future of the economy which provides sustainable jobs and $ to nearby communities.

I urge you to select the NO ACTION alternative and keep the Tongass wild and beautiful for future generations to enjoy, then take a walk through an old growth forest in southeast Alaska and see the magic yourself.

Thank you,

Eric Parsons

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Last name: Parsons
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First name: Judy
Last name: Parsons
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Judy Parsons and I live in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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First name: Marg.
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Comments:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Michael
Last name: Parsons
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Michael Parsons and I live in Aguilar, Colorado.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Michael Parsons

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Mitchell
Last name: Parsons
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Comment on Alaska Roadless Rule

Hello.

I am writing in opposition to the decision to remove roadless area protections from Tongass National Forest (alternative six) for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the proposed Alaska Roadless Rule. While I understand that this decision opens only a fraction of the forest to timber harvest, the argument for the majority of the forest, that removing additional protections is acceptable because the forest is already protected elsewhere, is lackluster reasoning. This alternative simply removes one layer of protection while so clearly illustrating that current protections are not permanent. If the desired outcome is to bring 185,000 acres of previously designated roadless areas "into the set of lands that may be considered for timber harvest," that develop and select an alternative that accomplishes that without putting the rest of this unique forest in line for future peril. The only reason to remove roadless protections from the entire forest to gain such a relatively small area of harvestable timber is so that the remaining forest is slightly less protected if future lawmakers wish to open up more of it.

Further, Tongass National Forest is one of the few remnants of temperate rain forest in the United States, and deserves the protection due to it's importance for flora, fauna, and carbon sequestration. The majority of temperate rain forest in the continental US has been heavily impacted by timber harvest. Threatening the remaining portions of this habitat would negatively affect conservation and climate change goals that our country should be pursuing. Growing up in Washington, I've spent time in temperate rain forest and admired it's incredible and unique beauty. I've also seen that even when areas are conserved, the most productive, lowland forests are given up for timber harvest, while the foothills and mountains sides are designated as National Parks and Wilderness Areas. Yes, we have Olympic National Park and Mt. Rainier National Park, but the historically most productive, continuous, and valuable portions of this habitat have been harvested multiple times over. When discussing the possibility of removing protections from forested lands, any lands, describing it purely by acreage is a disservice to everyone, as the relatively value of the land can not be quantified simply by it's surface area.

For these reasons, I do not support the selected alternative six, and believe a more appropriate solution is alternative 3 or the no-action alternative. Opening up small portions of the forest that are close to previously harvested sections, and promoting the development and incorporation of local communities into these decisions is extremely important. Alternative 3 would allow for harvest in areas that would most benefit local communities, accomplishing the desired outcome of rural development, while still leaving in place protections for one of the most valuable and unique ecosystems on our planet.

Sincerely,

Mitchell Parsons

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: NANCY
Last name: PARSONS
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is NANCY PARSONS and I live in Pacific Grove, California.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/18/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Nancy
Last name: Parsons
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC258

October 29, 2019

Re: Keep Alaska Roadless Rule in tact for the Tongass National Forest

To Whom it may concern,

I have had the pleasure of visiting Juneau, Alaska several times on vacation. One of the first things I marveled at was the awesome Tongass National Forest. The trees grow right down to the water line. We had the wonderful adventure of taking a boat to visit Tracy Arm. There was beautiful forest all the way with several bear sightings at the waters edge.

I can't believe the Forest Service and Trump administration are trying to reverse the Roadless Rule for this beautiful forest. Just when we are all so concerned about climate change and the value of trees for storing carbon, Alaska wants to decimate the largest old growth forest in the United States. How can we criticize the burning of the Amazon and yet do almost the exact same thing to our forest. We are just using clear cutting and not fire!

So, you want to kill the salmon fishery, tourism, an ecologically rich landscape, and wildlife habitat for damaging and economically wasteful road building. Where is the logic in that. I can assure you that I will never visit Alaska again if I can see clear cuts from the water or the air knowing that you had a chance to save the Tongass for your tourists, fisherman and future generations.

I do not want to see my tax dollars spent on subsidizing timber sales for domestic and probably mostly foreign timber sales!! You have an obligation of protecting the Tongass for all the citizens of the United States as well as future generations. PLEASE DO NOT OVERTURN THE ROADLESS RULE.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Nancy Parsons

Pacific Grove, Ca. 93950

CC: Senator Lisa Murkowski

Juneau Mayor Beth Weldon

Senator Diane Feinstein

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Noralyn
Last name: Parsons
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Noralyn Parsons and I live in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Please preserve our Forest in Alaska! Our world is losing too many valuable species of animals. We need to preserve what little pristine wilderness the earth has left.

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Last name: Parsons
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, S Parsons

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/7/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Thomas
Last name: Parsons
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: NANCY
Last name: PARTIN
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is NANCY PARTIN and I live in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Please save "America's Climate Forest," as there is a reason it is called by that name.

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First name: Reese
Last name: Partridge
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Regards, Reese Partridge

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Rama
Last name: Paruchuri
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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First name: Christine
Last name: Parus
Organization:
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First name: Robin
Last name: Pascal
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, Robin Pascal

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First name: Alice
Last name: Pascale
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Alice Pascale and I live in Miami Beach, Florida.

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Last name: Paschal
Organization:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/11/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Elvira
Last name: Paschke
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Elvira Paschke and I live in Anchorage, Alaska.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/20/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Mark
Last name: Paschke
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
There are few good reasons to allow for this activity in the Tongass NF. The economic value of salmon, recreation and carbon sequestration provided by unlogged, roadless forest surpasses the long-term value of constructing roads and extracting timber and mineral resources. The Forest Service has a responsibility to mange in a sustainable fashion for multiple uses. Road construction for resource extraction are only being driven by political pressure that would make money for a few people at the expense of the public good. This forest belongs to the people of the United States of America, not to a few special interests.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/12/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Romeo
Last name: Pascone
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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First name: Caesar
Last name: Pascual
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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First name: Martha
Last name: Pascual
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Martha Pascual and I live in New York, New York.

Mindless greed grows in empty, seedless souls and hearts. Take your greed and clear-cut your own land, including the areas around your overbuilt warehouses you live in. I am sure you would receive a lot of money for your un precious timber.

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First name: Giana
Last name: Pasek
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Last name: Pashko
Organization:
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Comments:
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Regards, Michelle Pashko

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First name: Denise
Last name: Pashnick
Organization:
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First name: Richard
Last name: Pasichnyk
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Richard Pasichnyk and I live in Eugene, Oregon.

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First name: Ted
Last name: Pasieniuk
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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First name: gordon
Last name: pask
Organization:
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Comments:
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Regards, gordon pask

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: gordon
Last name: pask
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC3265

U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule

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Sincerely,

gordon pask

Mason, OH 45040

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Randall
Last name: Paske
Organization:
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Comments:
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Regards, Randall Paske

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/12/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Nic
Last name: Paskett
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): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Walter
Last name: Paskey
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC4029

U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

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First name: Nancy
Last name: Paskowitz
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, Elaine Pasqua

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM
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Last name: PASQUA
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: Pasqualetti
Organization:
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Comments:
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Last name: Pasqualin
Organization:
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Last name: Pasqualini
Organization:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: suzanne
Last name: pasquini
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is suzanne pasquini and I live in Fairfield, Virginia.

We need to learn from the past, e.g. what is taking place in the Amazone, please consider this when making a decision that will impact the next generations!Thank you.

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Regards, suzanne pasquini

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Rocco
Last name: Passafaro
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Rocco Passafaro and I live in Palm Springs, California.

The Tongass National Forest is too important to our nation. Removing the protections would be a mistake for the environment, and the well being of wildlife.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Rocco Passafaro

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Karla
Last name: Passalacqua
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Karla Passalacqua and I live in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Please, can we keep show a little restraint and preserve something that is truly unique and beautiful? There are more important things in this world than money!

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Regards, Karla Passalacqua

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Last name: Passman
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, Lisa Passmore-Quade

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/11/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Dr.
Last name: Passty
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Dr. Passty and I live in San Antonio, Texas.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Dr. Passty

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/13/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Kale
Last name: Pastel
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC408

Dear Roadless Rule Planning Team,

I live in Southeast Alaska, where my lifestyle, the ecology of the forest, and the economy of our communities are all intricately intertwined. I live in this region for the bountiful salmon runs, the beautiful scenery, the clean air and water, and the endless opportunities to recreate in our expansive outdoors. I am one of the 94% of Southeast Alaskans that eats salmon every year. 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]

Alaska resident, fisherman, subsistance harvester, enjoyer of the forest and beach and ocean.

ALTERNATIVE: [text bolded for emphasis] The alternative I support is: NO ACTION

Because: Limit large scale clearcutting esp. of old growth trees. Keep the Tongass wild!!! Save the heritage to pass on to generations of unspoiled forest.

AREAS: [text bolded for emphasis] The areas I want to see protected from road building and old growth timber harvest are:

Admiralty/Baranof/Kruzof/Chichagoff Islands and surrounding outer coast and chatham coasts.

USE: [text bolded for emphasis] Old-growth logging and road building would negatively impact the productivity of the ecosystem that I depend on for the following activities:

Commercial, sport, subsistence fishing, hunting, trapping, crabbing, shrimping, firewood harvesting. Plant, berry, fungi food and medicinal harvesting. The ability to share those things and pass them on to family.

SUGGESTION: [text bolded for emphasis] The monofocus on increasing timber production in the Tongass is outdated and out of pace with the current economy and lifestyle in Southeast Alaska. Industrial scale harvesting of old-growth forest does not enhance salmon production, visitor industry values, deer habitat, or my recreation experience. I would like the Forest Service to focus on activities that enhance and support our lifestyle of living off the land and the sustainable sectors of our economy. These activities are:

Kayaking, canoeing, skiffing, rock and shell collecting, enjoying wildlife, and fish and birds and forest. Feeding the soul with Gods handiwork.

The DEIS does not sufficiently analyze the impacts of possible roadbuilding and timber harvest on subsistence use areas. I want the 'community priority' roadless area to contain protections for the areas I use for subsistence hunting, fishing, and gathering. I advocate for no timber harvest and no roadbuilding *in the following community use areas that I use for subsistence:* [text bolded for emphasis]

Admiralty/Baranof/Chichigof/Kruzof Isands and chatham coast

Additional comments for the Forest Service:

Leave the Tongass roadless and preserve the unique ecosystem with it's remaining old growth forests inteact for following generations. Harvest smaller trees or helicopter log big trees selectively

Sincerely,

Kale Pastel

I want to receive a copy of the Draft Environmental Statement

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Kale
Last name: Pastel
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC766

Dear Alaska Roadless Rule Planning Committee,

I live and work on the lands and waters of the Tongass National Forest. From hunting and fishing, to hiking and camping, to our tourism and commercial fishing-based economies, Alaskans rely on the intact habitat that the roadless areas of the Tongass National Forest and the Chugach NF contain. That is why I am writing to support the No-Action Alternative for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the proposed Alaska Roadless Rule.

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 strongly oppose any efforts to weaken protections for Roadless areas in the Tongass National Forest and the Chugach National Forest.

The Forest Service needs to continue phasing out old-growth clearcutting. Please prioritize conservation of the T77 and TNC conservation priority areas in any new Alaska Roadless Rule. The Forest Service should focus on restoring degraded watershed and fish streams and carbon sequestration.

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Michael
Last name: Pasteris
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Michael Pasteris and I live in Champaign, Illinois.

Please protect our wild places. A century ago our leader the value in saving these places. Let protect that great legacy

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Regards, Michael Pasteris

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/20/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Veronica
Last name: Pasternack
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
2001 Roadless Rule

Policy Makers,

Keep the 2001 Roadless Rule intact. Alternative 1 is the only environmentally responsible choice. Please don't let future generations pay the consequences due to your error in judgment if you pick any other option.

Thank you,

Veronica Pasternack

Sent from my iPhone

[Position]

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Last name: Pasternak
Organization:
Title:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/16/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Megan
Last name: Pasternak
Organization: Ocean Wave Quilters
Title:
Comments:
As residents living in the middle of and totally appreciating and revering the Tongass National Forest along with depending on it for subsistence harvests; as commercial fishermen whose livelihoods depend on clean waters and healthy forests; as one who works for a small-boat cruise ship company which brings people to the area who are in total awe of the Tongass and all it has to offer: my husband and I are submitting comments and urge you to keep Tongass under the Roadless Rule by adopting Alternative 1.

Opening the Tongass up for more roads to accommodate logging is simply not reasonable for many reasons that have been presented to you by others submitting comments.

The Tongass is an old growth treasure, the largest last remaining temperate rain forest in the United States. Please listen to those who live here, those who visit and your own USFS Ranger districts and and protect the Tongass from devastation by adopting Alternative 1.

Thank you for taking our comments.

[Position]

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/21/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Charles
Last name: Pastors
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Greetings:

At a time of increasing emergency in the looming face of a global climate crisis, species elimination, and degradation of the quality of human life for [perhaps] hundreds of years--the latter greatly increasing the likelihood of population disruption and wars over scarce food and water resources--this is one of the most harmful decisions that could be made by the U.S. Forest Service.

As a Ph.D. in Political Science and an attorney, with over forty-five years in higher education, I can find no plausible justification of such action, other than to advance the short-term financial interests of corporations waiting to profit from such a policy change.

No thoughtful person of conscience could justify support for this proposed decision.

[Position]

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/21/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Debbie
Last name: Pastors
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
The Tongass is the world's largest remaining intact temperate rainforest. It is of value to the global environment. This forest must remain a resource for future generations, and must not be violated for economic interests. Economic development must not come at the expense of irreplaceable resources. Long term sustainability must come before short term economic interest.

There is widespread national support for keeping the Roadless Rule in place in the Tongass. The Tongass should NOT be exempted from the Roadless Rule.

Thank you.

[Position]

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Adam
Last name: Pastula
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Adam Pastula and I live in Boulder, Colorado.

We can do better than what we have been doing. We NEED to.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Adam Pastula

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/26/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Beverly
Last name: Patch
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC266

To: USDA Forest Service,

I support the Roadless Rule. No Action = Best Action.

Beverly Patch

Tenakee Sp. AK.

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/16/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Nancy
Last name: Patch
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Protect the Tongass

It is proven science that old growth forest sequester and store vastly mor carbon than managed forests. As a professional Forester myself I fully understand that exemplary managed forests contribute greatly to natural climate solutions which can account for 37% of the goal to limit temp increases to 1.5 Celsius. The priorities however are this.

1) keep all the existing old forest left in the world to forever wild, self willed forests

2) reforest land wherever possible

3) manage forests with multiple age classes, diverse species and structure including some very old, very big trees and build soil

The Tongass is special, keep it that way.

Thank you!

Nancy Patch

Forest Stewards Guild

Policy Council

Board member Two Countries, One Forest

Sent from my iPhone

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/11/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Rashid
Last name: Patch
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Rashid Patch and I live in Oakland, California.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Rashid Patch

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/14/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Chris
Last name: Pate
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Chris Pate and I live in Austin, Texas.

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Regards, Chris Pate

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Evans
Last name: Pate
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Evans Pate and I live in Detroit, Michigan.

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First name: George
Last name: Pate
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is George Pate and I live in Jacksonville, Texas.

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Regards, George Pate

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Jessica
Last name: Pate
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Jessica Pate and I live in Akron, Ohio.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Jessica Pate

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Jessica
Last name: Pate
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
I strongly oppose this proposed ruling. The decision to exempt Tongass National Forest from the Roadless Rule is a step in the wrong direction. We will not be able re-grow our old-growth forest. Doing this would be thinking in the short term, instead of preserving our natural ecosystems for the future as well as to mitigate climate change. As a biologist who understands the dire effects of myopic decisions, please take time to consider the consequences of this proposal and act prudently.

[Position]

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/18/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: nathan
Last name: pate
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
As humans overwhelm the planet, and wildlife is coerced into smaller and smaller enclaves, it is critical that we preserve some large spaces for the natural world. Our descendants will curse us if we 'develop' every watershed on the planet. In my opinion, it is immoral for people to scavenge the entire planet for our selfish purposes.

Ergo, i adamantly oppose destructing roads into the now-roadless areas, and oppose timbering in these now-pristine places. Sanity requires that we leave as much land 'to itself' as possible. Saving the Tongass is possible, if greed is abjured.

[Position]

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: doyle
Last name: patee
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is doyle patee and I live in Wichita, Kansas.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, doyle patee

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First name: Ana
Last name: Patel
Organization:
Title:
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Regards, Ana Patel

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Chirag
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Thank you for considering my comments.
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/25/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Neel
Last name: Patel
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Hello.

I am a physician in Oregon and I strongly urge you to oppose opening of millions of acres in Alaska's Tongass National Forest for mining and logging projects. The current proposal favors the most aggressive approach (Alternative 6). I urge you to go with Alternative 1- keeping the roadless rule intact and continuing our commitment to conservation. The forests is an important carbon sink for the world and is full of invaluable old growth forest. To put some of those 800+ year old trees in perspective, condiser this: there are trees that were alive during Genghis Kahn's time and during the Black Death in Europe. Some of the trees were already 300 years old by the time the Taj Majal was completed.

Those trees deserve to stay standing and the forest deserves to remain intact.

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. This climate crisis will affect everyone and compound all of our current problems, including human health and disease, which affects all my patients.

These lands must be protected and I urge the agency to take action to block this destructive proposal.

Thank you.

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Last name: Patel
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Richard
Last name: Patenaude
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My name is Richard Patenaude and I live in Hayward, California.

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Regards, Richard Patenaude

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Alan
Last name: Patera
Organization:
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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. Trumps plan is yet another attack from the Trump administration on Indigenous rights. Alaskan Native communities -- including the Tlingit, Haida, and Tsimshian peoples -- have depended on the Tongass Rainforest for millennia. It is the backbone to their culture, traditions, and communities -- we simply cannot let it disappear.

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.

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, Alan Patera

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Rhonda
Last name: Patern
Organization:
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My name is Rhonda Patern and I live in Brooklyn, New York.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Duncan
Last name: Paterson
Organization:
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My name is Duncan Paterson and I live in San Francisco, California.

I strongly object to the possible rolling back of these wild space and wildlife protections especially when they would surely exacerbate the climate crisis that is all too evident at this time. I do not believe that this has broad public support nor is it in the public interest, locally or nationally. Short term and narrow commercial interests supported by well funded lobbyists should not be placed above the public interest.

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The following text was copy/pasted from an attached letter. The system cannot display the formatting, graphics, or tables from the attached original.
Nat PatersonCaroline FabriciusAttn: Tongass National Forest648 Mission St.Federal BuildingKetchikan, AK 99901-6591Re: Proposed Exemption of the Tongass National Forest from the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation RuleTo whom it may concern,This comment respectfully argues against the adoption of Alternative 6 as the preferred alternative in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). As a team of students enrolled at the University of Colorado at Boulder in the Masters of the Environment Program, we have a professional interest in the future of America's public lands. More importantly, perhaps, we have both visited the Tongass National Forest and have a vested interest in the future of this unique place.Nat Paterson is a graduate student in the Masters of the Environment Program at the University of Colorado in Boulder, Colorado. He has visited the Tongass National Forest on two separate occasions, originally in 2000 and again in 2013. On these trips, he spent his time fishing, kayaking and hiking the vast landscape and waters of the Tongass National Forest. Originally from suburban New Jersey this was his first immersion into an unspoiled environment which instilled a passion for the conservation of wild places.Caroline Fabricius is a graduate student in the Masters of the Environment Program at the University of Colorado in Boulder, Colorado. She visited the Tongass National Forest in August of 2018, specifically the areas of Chichagof Island and Revillagigedo Island. During this visit, she spent her time hiking and viewing wildlife. Despite having traveled to many places across North and Central America, of all these places, the Tongass National Forest is the most "wild."Throughout this comment we will be critically evaluating the proposed alternative (alternative 6). We specifically request that the Forest Service:Inquire the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) about any species existing within the Tongass that may be listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA); Refrain from any action until this, and any other requirements associated with this, are completed;Refrain from adopting Alternative 6 as the Tongass is only viable if it is to remaincompletely intact;Adopt the 'No Action' alternative to ensure the connectivity of the landscape and long-term protections;Reduce burden on American taxpayers by not engaging in below cost timber sales andincreased road construction;Ensure protections for Salmon species and their habitatRemoval of the Tongass NF Roadless Rule would negatively impact habitat of the Queen Charlotte Goshawk and would be inconsistent with the decision to deny the ESA listing petitionThe Tongass National Forest supports a plethora of bird species, one of which is the Queen Charlotte Goshawk. This hawk thrives in old growth forest where it can find preferred nesting sites and hunt successfully. Under the proposed alternative there would be a dramatic increase in vehicle traffic and noise. It has been well documented that these disturbances have an adverse impact on the quality of the habitat and breeding potential.In 1994, a petition was brought to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to list this species as endangered. This bird was determined to not need federal protection, but the USFWS did express concern for the future viability of the population in the Tongass National Forest under the management plan at the time. Part of the reason this decision was made was because the USFWS knew a new management plan (2001 Roadless Rule) was soon to be enacted. In 2012, the Queen Charlotte Goshawk was listed as threatened in British Columbia, Canada, but remained unlisted in the United States as the Tongass Roadless Rule provided enough protection for the bird to not warrant listing. Because the main reason for not listing the species initially was the Tongass Forest Plan, we request that the USFWS review the non-listing decision with regards to the impacts of the proposed alternative.The adoption of Alternative 6 will reduce protections for the Marbled Murrelet and the Fish and Wildlife Service will need to revisit its decision to deny ESA listingThe Marbled Murrelet is an avian inhabitant of the Tongass that is listed as a threatened species under the ESA in the northwest portion of the contiguous United States. The main reasons for ESA listing was habitat loss due to increased old growth logging and population decline due to entrapment in fishing gear and oil pollution. This distinct population segment (DPS) in the Tongass, however, is not listed as the current Roadless Rule provides adequate protections. The Marbled Murrelet is an interesting bird that depends on old growth forest for nesting and breeding, but also feeds in the near shore environment. Increased logging of old growth forests as included

in Alternative 6 will have negative impacts on the nesting and breeding habitat of the bird. Furthermore, increased vessel traffic and potential for oil spills will negatively affect the birds feeding habitat. Similar to the Queen Charlotte Goshawk, if the agency is to move forward with the proposed alternative, we ask that the FWS revisit the decision to not list the DPS of thebird. Also, we request that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) address this issue as part of the agency's DEIS review.The Forest Service has not reasonably considered potential negative effects to the Eskimo CurlewThe Eskimo Curlew is a shore bird that historically ranges in the Tongass National Forest. It is a migratory bird that spends the winter in South America and ventures north to Alaska and Canada to breed. The Eskimo Curlew is listed as Endangered under the ESA and according to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), the Tongass NF is considered outside of the species range (p.3-73). According to the USFWS, however, this species is known to occupy areas within the Tongass NF. Under 1536(c)(1) of the Endangered Species Act, the United States Forest Service (USFS) must ask the USFWS and National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) if there are any endangered or threatened species in the area of concern. Given the discrepancy between the two parties, it appears this inquiry was not completed.The ESA states, under Section 7(a)(2) that agencies must ensure that their actions are not, "likely to jeopardize the continued existence of any endangered species or threatened species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of habitat of such species[hellip]" (16 U.S.C. Statute 1536(a) (2)). Furthermore, we ask that the public comment period remain open until the three-step process described in the ESA is met. This process is outlined below.An agency proposing an action must inquire of the FWS whether any threatened or endangered species "may be present" in the area of the proposed actionIf the answer is yes, the agency must prepare a "biological assessment" to determine whethersuch species "is likely to be affected" by the action.If this assessment determines that the threatened or endangered species is "likely to be affected," the agency must formally consult with the FWS, which will result in a "biological opinion" from the FWS. If this determines that the action would jeopardize the species or destroy or adversely modify critical habitat, then the action may not proceed unless the FWS can suggest an alternative that avoids such jeopardization, destruction, or adverse modification.This process includes the completion of a biological assessment (biological evaluation) by the Forest Service and, if adverse impacts to the species are found a biological opinion will be issued by the FWS and NMFS.The ESA also states that the agency has an affirmative duty to conserve. Specifically the ESA states, "Agencies have an affirmative duty not only to protect the listed species, but to help these species to recover to a point where they no longer require listing under the ESA." It is clear that an increase in logging activity and road construction could have adverse impacts on the endangered Eskimo Curlew and this would be a violation of the ESA.The Forest Service must complete a new Biological Assessment for the Short Tailed AlbatrossThe Short-Tailed Albatross is a migratory shore bird that uses the waters of the Tongass National Forest and is federally listed as endangered under the ESA. In the DEIS, the Forest Service states that, "it (the bird) could be exposed to water quality effects associated with land management activities on the Tongass." We realize the agency has stated the effects would be similar to the current plan for the Tongass, but cites the BA from 2016 amendment to the Tongass Roadless Rule. This assessment, while only a few years old, is inadequate and we request that a new BA be completed before moving forward with any of the alternatives. With the increase in road building and logging operations within the forest and in the nearshore environment comes further disturbance. As cited on page 3-106 of the DEIS, increased vessel traffic and increased potential for oil spills are likely. Because of this, we ask that the agency complete a new BA for this endangered species.The Salmon of the Tongass are a vital resource to the region and decreased protections will directly violate the agency's commitment to protecting cultural values and ecological resources as presented in Key issues 2 and 3 of the DEISThe Tongass National Forest is a haven for many species of fish, including various species of Salmon. These fish are anadromous, so the vitality of the sea and the waterways in the forest is of the utmost importance to them. We strongly recommend that the waterways, especially those within the "Tongass 77 (T77)" be spared from any harm that may come through road construction and timber harvest. The area of the Tongass 77 are of the utmost ecological value to the region and have been recommended by a number of conservation groups, including The Nature Conservancy and Trout Unlimited, to remain ecologically intact. Furthermore, these watersheds encompassing the T77 were given protections in the amended 2016 Forest Plan for the Tongass NF.With the current review of the 2001 Roadless Rule, the Forest Service needs to explain why it is now planning to remove protections for the T77 watersheds. We argue that removing these protections is arbitrary and capricious under the Administrative Procedure Act. In Motor Vehicles Association v. State Farm Insurance the Supreme Court held that an agency must show a "rational connection between the facts found and the choice made." In addition, the agency has not set forth clearly the grounds on which it has acted. We believe that the Forest Service has failed to do so in this case. In addition, in all but the proposed alternative, the agency includes varying protections for the T77 Watersheds. This exclusion demonstrates a failure on the part of the agency to entirely "consider an important aspect of the problem." Given this failure, adoption of the proposed alternative would be arbitrary and capricious.The Salmon of the Tongass NF are incredibly important to the culture of the region. Wild salmon has

been a mainstay in the diet of the native people of the region for centuries and are a part oftheir way of life. Approximately 90% of households in Southeast Alaska use Salmon at an average rate that is five times higher than residents in the lower forty eight states.Wild Alaskan Salmon is one of the greatest drivers of the economy of the region as well. The waterways of the Tongass NF account for 80% of the commercially harvested salmon in the region and 28% of the annual catch throughout the entire state. The value of these fish amounts to about $60 million per year. In total, the salmon fishery accounts for about 10% of jobs in Southeast Alaska and the combined economic impact of wild salmon from is about $1 billion annually. We argue that timber harvest and road construction will not be the economic driver that the salmon fishery currently is and has been for decades. Indeed, the timber industry only accounts for about 1% of employment in Southeast Alaska and is highly subsidized by the American taxpayer.Erosion in a forest ecosystem can have some beneficial impacts to aquatic habitat, but too much erosion can decrease the viability of these streams. Accelerated erosion from timber harvest and road construction will lead to an increase in sediment deposition in streams that salmon use to spawn. This activity can lead to salmon eggs and juvenile fish being smothered by sediment. The DEIS states that impacts to fish and fish habitat would be similar under all alternatives. We must challenge this statement given that the agency acknowledges that roads pose the greatest risk to fish, as stated in the DEIS. Alternatives 3,4,5 and 6 (proposed alternative) allow for more road construction and thus the potential for habitat impact. Furthermore under these alternatives, the agency states that the location of future timber harvest and associated road building is unknown. It would be arbitrary and capricious for the Forest Service to approve harvest in areas that are unknown as the environmental impacts are impossible to quantify.The salmon can be considered the biological lifeblood of the Tongass National Forest. Salmon die after they spawn and nitrogen from decaying salmon has been found more than 500 yards from the streams they inhabit. Furthermore, much of the regions wildlife depends on these fish, from bears to eagles.These public lands are some of the greatest accumulation of undistributed wealth in the world and should be protected as such. The waters of the Tongass National Forest are highly productive fisheries and are invaluable to sportsmen and women in the region and from out of state. We recommend that the Forest Service should take into account the long term viability of the wildlife and wild spaces of the region. One cannot put a price on the value of intact land especially in a time of unfettered development.The Proposed Alternative violates the affirmative duty of the Forest Service to conserve the Humpback WhaleThe Humpback whale is an inhabitant of the coastal waterways of the Tongass NF and has been listed as endangered under the ESA since 1965. This whale is of particular concern because unlike other whales in the region, it uses shallow waters close to shore and could be impacted byincreased boat traffic and habitat pollution from timber harvest. It has been shown that humpback whales are very likely to alter their behavior in response to approaching vessels. In fact, one study has shown that 80% of Humpback whales significantly changed behavior patterns when in the vicinity of a ship. Furthermore, it has been shown that these encounters may have population level effects due to increased energy expenditure and reduced lactation of females. As stated for other species, the agency not only has a duty to protect a listed species, but also to aid in its recovery so that ESA listing is no longer necessary. Indeed, increased logging and vessel traffic will violate the agency's affirmative duty to conserve.Given historic economic losses, further timber harvesting in the Tongass is not viable and removing important roadless area protections for the sake of logging would be arbitrary and capriciousOver the past twenty years, the Forest Service has lost about $30 million dollars annually from logging in the Tongass NF. In total, this amounts to roughly $600 million. These below cost sales do not help the nation as a whole and provide little benefit to communities in the region. Timber harvest is not the booming industry it has been in the past. Accounting for only 1% of employment in the region, this industry is much smaller than salmon harvest, which accounts for 8% of jobs in the region and tourism, which supports 17%, respectively.An added expense to road construction will be maintenance of the roads and, consequently, bridges or culverts where the road crosses a stream. Of the 3,687 stream crossings in the Tongass NF, about 33% did not meet Alaska's fish passage standards. Between 1998 and 2017, the Forest Service removed or provided maintenance on about 604 stream crossings that did not meet fish passage standards. In total, the cost associated with this, passed on to American taxpayers, was over $18 million.The proposed alternative will lead to increased roadbuilding that penetrate deeper into the forest. This will undoubtedly increase the expense to the Forest Service to achieve increased timber harvest, which will be passed down to the taxpayer. In fact, from 1999 to 2018 fully 40% of the total expense of the agency in the Tongass was attributed to road construction. These significant financial costs coupled with ecological costs make it impossible for the USFS to explain a rational connection between the facts found and the proposed alternative. Furthermore, we believe the agency's rationale for adopting Alternative 6 "is so implausible that it could not be ascribed to a difference in view or the product of agency expertise" and is, therefore, arbitrary and capricious under Motor Vehicle Manufacturers Ass'n v. State Farm Insurance Co.The Forest Service has not reasonably considered the negative effects of the inevitable habitat fragmentation and loss of land connectivityDestruction and degradation of natural ecosystems is one of the primary drivers for global biodiversity loss. Fragmentation, the division of habitat into smaller and more isolated fragments

separated by a matrix of human-transformed land cover, results in long-term degrading effect onbiodiversity and ecosystem function. Many of the effects of fragmentation transpire over the long term, including the extinction of species and the introduction of new invasive species, but ultimately can be difficult to predict. Fragmentation experiments[mdash]some of the largest and longest-running experiments in ecology[mdash]provide clear evidence of strong and typically degrading impacts of habitat fragmentation on biodiversity and ecological processes. This empirical data showing environmental degradation, in combination with the uncertainty in predicting the long-term effects of fragmentation in a particular ecosystem, should encourage us to err on the side of caution when making policy decisions that concern some of our last remaining wilderness. The Tongass National Forest is the largest intact temperate rainforest in the world, and fortunately has been largely protected under the 2001 Roadless rule. Removing this protection for no good reason will destroy the extensive land connectivity that is already in place.Increased timber harvest and entry into key watersheds puts the ecological resources of the region at riskAll alternatives presented in the draft environmental impact statement ("DEIS") will result in an increase in fragmentation and loss of land connectivity in the Tongass National Forest, with the exception of Alternative 1 - No Action. Exempting the Tongass NF from the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule would open up the forest to road construction, and thereby logging and timber harvest. Alternatives 2, 3, 4, and 5 would all modify the roadless rule language and affect roadless designations to varying degrees, but Alternative 6 would entirely remove all roadless designations. The DEIS acknowledges that Alternative 6 would result in the development of roads that penetrate deeper into currently roadless areas than the other alternatives and would result in the largest degree of fragmentation. Despite this and the inevitable increase in timber harvest on both Tongass NF lands managed by the USFS and those lands managed by other agencies, the DEIS claims that the impacts would not be greater than what is projected in the current forest plan (p. 3-105). It seems fairly straightforward that increased road construction and timber harvest would increase impact on the environment accordingly. By moving forward with Alternative 6, the USFS fails to 'articulate a rational connection between the facts found and the choice made,' and as such would be acting in a manner that is arbitrary and capricious.Alternatives 4, 5, and 6 would result in the most fragmentation due to entry into more remote watersheds and roadless areas. Studies have consistently shown that deforestation and timber harvest in watersheds leads to erosion and sedimentation over long periods of time. Further, the best quality of water comes from forested watersheds. For these reasons, along with those discussed earlier regarding salmon populations, protecting the waterways of the Tongass NF from further fragmentation and development is essential to preserve the ecological resources of the region.Loss of land connectivity poses a great risk to the wildlife and biodiversity in the regionConnectivity between areas of similar habitats and between high and low elevation habitats is important to maintaining well-distributed, viable wildlife populations. Many of the species of concern have been detailed in our analysis above. Both natural and human-caused fragmentation (timber harvest, road building, powerline and facility development) reduces larger contiguous blocks of habitat into smaller patches, which may cause some species populations to become isolated, and therefore may pose a greater risk of local extirpation.Endemic species occur in isolated populations and can have limited mobility or specific habitat requirements. The Queen Charlotte goshawk (see above) would be most affected by 4, 5, and 6 in terms of fragmentation. Roadless areas are of great value to many species, but particularly thewide-ranging species that require large, undisturbed areas of land. These species are mainlypredators, and include the Alexander archipelago wolf, brown bear, and American marten. These species are of particular concern because their numbers are relatively low, they are under harvest pressure, they are sensitive to disturbance, and they range widely. Although each of the alternatives would be similar in terms of overall harvest levels, Alternatives 4, 5, and 6 would result in the largest adverse effects on these species due to greater road lengths, penetration into remote roadless areas, and extensive habitat fragmentation.As a result of fragmentation, there is an increase in the amount of forest edge habitat and a decrease in the amount of interior old-growth forest habitat, with which many wildlife species are associated. This makes way for an increase in invasive species (see following section for detailed analysis).The Forest Service is misguided in claiming that the region's geography makes it immune to the effects of further fragmentationThe DEIS claims that the Tongass NF is inherently fragmented due to its island geography, patchy distribution of old growth forest, and mosaic of landscape conditions (p.3-56). The scientific community generally defines fragmentation as a process during which a large expanse of habitat is transformed into a number of patches of a smaller total area, isolated from each other by a matrix of habitats unlike the original. While fragmentation can be a result of natural causes, this generally only includes changes that can be seen on a human time scale, such as lava flows and wildfires. The geography of an area would generally not be considered a natural cause of habitat fragmentation, as the development of islands, as in this case, takes place over a much longer time scale in which species have time to evolve. Most commonly, the term 'fragmentation' refers to anthropogenic fragmentation of pristine habitats, largely as a result of land-use change. The misguided claim that the Tongass NF is inherently fragmented due to its island geography is not a sufficient basis to entirely dismiss the negative impacts that increased fragmentation would have on the

ecosystem.Protecting the Tongass from fragmentation was a primary purpose of the original adoption of the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation RuleWhen the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule was originally adopted, the primary reason listed for prohibiting road construction, reconstruction, and timber harvest in inventoried roadless areas was the "likelihood of altering and fragmenting landscapes, resulting in immediate, long-term loss of roadless area values and characteristics." Further, the environmental impact statement prepared in accordance with the development of the 2001 Rule, acknowledged "the heightened sensitivity of the Tongass to further fragmentation." The DEIS does not seem to acknowledge these two points, which were central to the development of the rule in the first place. What changes have there been to the Tongass NF, such that the ecosystem no longer has a heightened sensitivity to further fragmentation? By not taking into consideration the heightened sensitivity of the ecosystem to further fragmentation, the USFS "entirely failed to consider an important aspect of the problem" and as such is acting in a manner that is arbitrary and capricious.After implementation of the Tongass Roadless Area Conservation Rule in 2001, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) adopted a temporary exemption for the Tongass NF in 2003. The Record of Decision (ROD) in 2001 stated, "the long-term ecological benefits to the nation of conserving these inventoried roadless areas outweigh the potential economic loss to [southeast Alaska] communities" related to the 2001 Roadless Rule. The ROD in 2003, however, stated that the agency had serious concerns about how the TRR would adversely impact the economic viability of the region.The USFS has significantly changed its position on the effects and significance of fragmentation on the Tongass NF, from emphasizing the sensitivity of the Tongass NF to fragmentation in the 2001 rule and EIS to essentially dismissing entirely the impact of fragmentation on the ecosystem in the 2019 DEIS. This change in position by the USFS needs to be explained in order to show a "rational connection between the facts found and the choice made." In 2011, the Alaska District Court overturned the 2003 exemption of the Tongass NF from the 2001 Roadless Rule, primarily on the basis that the USFS failed to provide a reasoned explanation for the change in position and the reversal of the original decision. The court held that the decision to exempt the Tongass NF from the Roadless rule was arbitrary, capricious, and not in accordance with the law under the APA. Without a reasoned explanation and analysis, the same holds true in this effort to reverse the original rule. When an agency's "new policy rests upon factual findings that contradict those which underlay its prior policy ... a reasoned explanation is needed for disregarding facts and circumstances that underlay or were engendered by the prior policy." Further, "an agency changing its course by rescinding a rule is obligated to supply a reasoned analysis for the change beyond that which may be required when an agency does not act in the first instance." The USFS is obligated to provide a reasoned explanation and analysis of this change in position, beyond what is usually required, as the proposed rule serves the purpose of rescinding an existing rule rather than implementing a new one. The USFS has not sufficiently provided an explanation within the DEIS, as illustrated below.Alternate 6 of the DEIS admits that it will lead to more fragmentation compared to the conditions under the existing Forest Plan: "Under this alternative, roads and timber harvest are likely topenetrate much farther into currently roadless areas than under Alternatives 1, 2, or 3, resulting in a greater degree of fragmentation" (p.3-66). Nonetheless, the DEIS claims that "the effects due to fragmentation and on the Old-growth Habitat Conservation Strategy are expected to be relatively low and slightly greater than projected under Alternative 1 (existing Forest Plan)." How did the USFS come to this conclusion? How are 'relatively low' and 'slightly greater' defined? These are vague terms that do not provide significant insight into the environmental impacts of Alternative 6, but they seem to fly in the face of what would appear to be significant adverse impacts form fragmentation, erosion, habitat loss that will inevitably result from the road penetration authorized under all of the action alternatives. Even if the difference between Alternatives 1 and 6 is only 'slightly greater,' even slight differences can be of great significance in an ecosystem as sensitive and important as the Tongass NF - the largest temperate rainforest in the world. Was the heightened value of this type of ecosystem, in terms of biodiversity and ecosystem services, taken into account when determining that the difference between Alternative 6 and Alternative 1 is only 'slightly greater'?The Forest Service has failed to show any new evidence or good reasons to exempt the Tongass NF from the current Roadless Rule in 2019. 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None of the alternatives presented in the DEIS authorize any site-specific projects or other ground-disturbing activities. The DEIS further claims that each of the alternatives are not expected to differ significantly in regard to their contributions to the introduction and spread of invasive species within the Tongass NF. However, if all of the alternatives other than Alternative 1 (No Action) lead to increased fragmentation, and fragmentation leads to more forest edge habitat and therefore more invasive species, then it would seem that each of the alternatives will affect thestatus of invasive species. As Alternative 6 results in the most fragmentation and the greatest increase in forest edge habitat, it should be considered 'likely to promote the spread of invasive species' under Executive Order 13112.The uSFS should evaluate the potential harm that the increase of invasive species in the Tongass NF would cause, in order to be able to properly weigh the harm against the cost of mitigating that harm, as directed by the Executive Order. At a minimum, the USFS should ensure that all feasible and prudent measures to minimize the risk of harm will be taken in conjunction with the adoption of Alternative 6. The DEIS is silent on what these measures would be. What are the feasible and prudent measures the USFS will take in order to minimize the risk of increase and introduction of invasive species in the Tongass NF? When invasive species inevitably increase, what will the USFS do to respond to this increase and maintain the integrity of the ecosystem? In order to minimize risk of introduction of invasive species, as well as reduce the administrative burden of compliance with Executive Order 13112, we recommend that the USFS refrain from adopting Alternative 6 and instead consider Alternative 1 - No Action.ConclusionThe management of our federal public lands is a constant balance between development and conservation. Many lands are suited for natural resource extraction and others are worth more for their intrinsic value. As the population of the world grows, places that are naturally intact are becoming more and more scarce. The Tongass National Forest is our largest National Forest and provides for various species within the forest, communities in close proximity to the forest and to countless visitors. The Forest Service should heed the words of its founder, Theodore Roosevelt, who stated that we need to conserve our wild spaces for our current generation and for those still "within the womb of time."Thank you,Nat PatersonCaroline Fabricius[Position]

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Re: Proposed Exemption of the Tongass National Forest from the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule

To whom it may concern,

This comment respectfully argues against the adoption of Alternative 6 as the preferred

alternative in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). As a team of students enrolled at the University of Colorado at Boulder in the Masters of the Environment Program, we have a professional interest in the future of America's public lands. More importantly, perhaps, we have both visited the Tongass National Forest and have a vested interest in the future of this unique place.

Nat Paterson is a graduate student in the Masters of the Environment Program at the University of Colorado in Boulder, Colorado. He has visited the Tongass National Forest on two separate occasions, originally in 2000 and again in 2013. On these trips, he spent his time fishing, kayaking and hiking the vast landscape and waters of the Tongass National Forest. Originally from suburban New Jersey this was his first immersion into an unspoiled environment which instilled a passion for the conservation of wild places.

Caroline Fabricius is a graduate student in the Masters of the Environment Program at the University of Colorado in Boulder, Colorado. She visited the Tongass National Forest in August of 2018, specifically the areas of Chichagof Island and Revillagigedo Island. During this visit, she spent her time hiking and viewing wildlife. Despite having traveled to many places across North and Central America, of all these places, the Tongass National Forest is the most "wild."

Throughout this comment we will be critically evaluating the proposed alternative (alternative 6). We specifically request that the Forest Service:

Inquire the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) about any species existing within the Tongass that may be listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA);

Refrain from any action until this, and any other requirements associated with this, are completed;

Refrain from adopting Alternative 6 as the Tongass is only viable if it is to remain completely intact;

Adopt the 'No Action' alternative to ensure the connectivity of the landscape and long-term

protections;

Reduce burden on American taxpayers by not engaging in below cost timber sales and

increased road construction;

Ensure protections for Salmon species and their habitat

Removal of the Tongass NF Roadless Rule would negatively impact habitat of the Queen Charlotte Goshawk and would be inconsistent with the decision to deny the ESA listing petition

The Tongass National Forest supports a plethora of bird species, one of which is the Queen Charlotte Goshawk. This hawk thrives in old growth forest where it can find preferred nesting sites and hunt successfully. Under the proposed alternative there would be a dramatic increase in vehicle traffic and noise. It has been well documented that these disturbances have an adverse impact on the quality of the habitat and breeding potential.

In 1994, a petition was brought to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to list this species as endangered. This bird was determined to not need federal protection, but the USFWS did express concern for the future viability of the population in the Tongass National Forest under the management plan at the time. Part of the reason this decision was made was because the USFWS knew a new management plan (2001 Roadless Rule) was soon to be enacted. In 2012, the Queen Charlotte Goshawk was listed as threatened in British Columbia, Canada, but remained unlisted in the United States as the Tongass Roadless Rule provided enough protection for the bird to not warrant listing. Because the main reason for not listing the species initially was the Tongass Forest Plan, we request that the USFWS review the non-listing decision with regards to the impacts of the proposed alternative.

The adoption of Alternative 6 will reduce protections for the Marbled Murrelet and the Fish and Wildlife Service will need to revisit its decision to deny ESA listing

The Marbled Murrelet is an avian inhabitant of the Tongass that is listed as a threatened species under the ESA in the northwest portion of the contiguous United States. The main reasons for ESA listing was habitat loss due to increased old growth logging and population decline due to entrapment in fishing gear and oil pollution. This distinct population segment (DPS) in the Tongass, however, is not listed as the current Roadless Rule provides adequate protections. The Marbled Murrelet is an interesting bird that depends on old growth forest for nesting and breeding, but also feeds in the near shore environment. Increased logging of old growth forests as included in Alternative 6 will have negative impacts on the nesting and breeding habitat of the bird. Furthermore, increased vessel traffic and potential for oil spills will negatively affect the birds feeding habitat. Similar to the Queen Charlotte Goshawk, if the agency is to move forward with the proposed alternative, we ask that the FWS revisit the decision to not list the DPS of the

bird. Also, we request that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) address this issue as part of the agency's DEIS review.

The Forest Service has not reasonably considered potential negative effects to the Eskimo Curlew

The Eskimo Curlew is a shore bird that historically ranges in the Tongass National Forest. It is a migratory bird that spends the winter in South America and ventures north to Alaska and Canada to breed. The Eskimo Curlew is listed as Endangered under the ESA and according to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), the Tongass NF is considered outside of the species range (p.3-73). According to the USFWS, however, this species is known to occupy areas within the Tongass NF. Under 1536(c)(1) of the Endangered Species Act, the United States Forest Service (USFS) must ask the USFWS and National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) if there are any endangered or threatened species in the area of concern. Given the discrepancy between the two parties, it appears this inquiry was not completed.

The ESA states, under Section 7(a)(2) that agencies must ensure that their actions are not, "likely to jeopardize the continued existence of any endangered species or threatened species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of habitat of such species..." (16 U.S.C. Statute 1536(a) (2)). Furthermore, we ask that the

public comment period remain open until the three-step process described in the ESA is met. This process is outlined below.

An agency proposing an action must inquire of the FWS whether any threatened or endangered species "may be present" in the area of the proposed action

If the answer is yes, the agency must prepare a "biological assessment" to determine whether such species "is likely to be affected" by the action.

If this assessment determines that the threatened or endangered species is "likely to be affected," the agency must formally consult with the FWS, which will result in a "biological opinion" from the FWS. If this determines that the action would jeopardize the species or destroy or adversely modify critical habitat, then the action may not proceed unless the FWS can suggest an alternative that avoids such jeopardization, destruction, or adverse modification.

This process includes the completion of a biological assessment (biological evaluation) by the Forest Service and, if adverse impacts to the species are found a biological opinion will be issued by the FWS and NMFS.

The ESA also states that the agency has an affirmative duty to conserve. Specifically the ESA states, "Agencies have an affirmative duty not only to protect the listed species, but to help these species to recover to a point where they no longer require listing under the ESA." It is clear that an increase in logging activity and road construction could have adverse impacts on the endangered Eskimo Curlew and this would be a violation of the ESA.

The Forest Service must complete a new Biological Assessment for the Short Tailed Albatross

The Short-Tailed Albatross is a migratory shore bird that uses the waters of the Tongass National Forest and is federally listed as endangered under the ESA. In the DEIS, the Forest Service states that, "it (the bird) could be exposed to water quality effects associated with land management activities on the Tongass." We realize the agency has stated the effects would be similar to the current plan for the Tongass, but cites the BA from 2016 amendment to the Tongass Roadless Rule. This assessment, while only a few years old, is inadequate and we request that a new BA be completed before moving forward with any of the alternatives. With the increase in road building and logging operations within the forest and in the nearshore environment comes further disturbance. As cited on page 3-106 of the DEIS, increased vessel traffic and increased potential for oil spills are likely. Because of this, we ask that the agency complete a new BA for this endangered species.

The Salmon of the Tongass are a vital resource to the region and decreased protections will directly violate the agency's commitment to protecting cultural values and ecological resources as presented in Key issues 2 and 3 of the DEIS

The Tongass National Forest is a haven for many species of fish, including various species of Salmon. These fish are anadromous, so the vitality of the sea and the waterways in the forest is of the utmost importance to them. We strongly recommend that the waterways, especially those within the "Tongass 77 (T77)" be spared from any harm that may come through road construction and timber harvest. The area of the Tongass 77 are of the utmost ecological value to the region and have been recommended by a number of conservation groups, including The Nature Conservancy and Trout Unlimited, to remain ecologically intact. Furthermore, these watersheds encompassing the T77 were given protections in the amended 2016 Forest Plan for the Tongass NF.

With the current review of the 2001 Roadless Rule, the Forest Service needs to explain why it is now planning to remove protections for the T77 watersheds. We argue that removing these protections is arbitrary and capricious under the Administrative Procedure Act. In Motor Vehicles Association v. State Farm Insurance the Supreme Court held that an agency must show a "rational connection between the facts found and the choice made." In addition, the agency has not set forth clearly the grounds on which it has acted. We believe that the Forest Service has failed to do so in this case. In addition, in all but the proposed alternative, the agency includes varying protections for the T77 Watersheds. This exclusion demonstrates a failure on the part of the

agency to entirely "consider an important aspect of the problem." Given this failure, adoption of the proposed alternative would be arbitrary and capricious.

The Salmon of the Tongass NF are incredibly important to the culture of the region. Wild salmon has been a mainstay in the diet of the native people of the region for centuries and are a part of

their way of life. Approximately 90% of households in Southeast Alaska use Salmon at an average rate that is five times higher than residents in the lower forty eight states.

Wild Alaskan Salmon is one of the greatest drivers of the economy of the region as well. The waterways of the Tongass NF account for 80% of the commercially harvested salmon in the region and 28% of the annual catch throughout the entire state. The value of these fish amounts to about $60 million per year. In total, the salmon fishery accounts for about 10% of jobs in Southeast Alaska and the combined economic impact of wild salmon from is about $1 billion annually. We argue that timber harvest and road construction will not be the economic driver that the salmon fishery currently is and has been for decades. Indeed, the timber industry only accounts for about 1% of employment in Southeast Alaska and is highly subsidized by the American taxpayer.

Erosion in a forest ecosystem can have some beneficial impacts to aquatic habitat, but too much erosion can decrease the viability of these streams. Accelerated erosion from timber harvest and road construction will lead to an increase in sediment deposition in streams that salmon use to spawn. This activity can lead to salmon eggs and juvenile fish being smothered by sediment. The DEIS states that impacts to fish and fish habitat would be similar under all alternatives. We must challenge this statement given that the agency acknowledges that roads pose the greatest risk to fish, as stated in the DEIS. Alternatives 3,4,5 and 6 (proposed alternative) allow for more road construction and thus the potential for habitat impact. Furthermore under these alternatives, the agency states that the location of future timber harvest and associated road building is unknown. It would be arbitrary and capricious for the Forest Service to approve harvest in areas that are unknown as the environmental impacts are impossible to quantify.

The salmon can be considered the biological lifeblood of the Tongass National Forest. Salmon die after they spawn and nitrogen from decaying salmon has been found more than 500 yards from the streams they inhabit. Furthermore, much of the regions wildlife depends on these fish, from bears to eagles.

These public lands are some of the greatest accumulation of undistributed wealth in the world and should be protected as such. The waters of the Tongass National Forest are highly productive fisheries and are invaluable to sportsmen and women in the region and from out of state. We recommend that the Forest Service should take into account the long term viability of the wildlife and wild spaces of the region. One cannot put a price on the value of intact land especially in a time of unfettered development.

The Proposed Alternative violates the affirmative duty of the Forest Service to conserve the Humpback Whale

The Humpback whale is an inhabitant of the coastal waterways of the Tongass NF and has been listed as endangered under the ESA since 1965. This whale is of particular concern because unlike other whales in the region, it uses shallow waters close to shore and could be impacted by

increased boat traffic and habitat pollution from timber harvest. It has been shown that humpback whales are very likely to alter their behavior in response to approaching vessels. In fact, one study has shown that 80% of Humpback whales significantly changed behavior patterns when in the vicinity of a ship. Furthermore, it has been shown that these encounters may have population level effects due to increased energy expenditure and reduced lactation of females. As stated for other species, the agency not only has a duty to protect a listed species, but also to aid in its recovery so that ESA listing is no longer necessary. Indeed, increased logging and vessel traffic will violate the agency's affirmative duty to conserve.

Given historic economic losses, further timber harvesting in the Tongass is not viable and removing important roadless area protections for the sake of logging would be arbitrary and capricious

Over the past twenty years, the Forest Service has lost about $30 million dollars annually from logging in the Tongass NF. In total, this amounts to roughly $600 million. These below cost sales do not help the nation as a whole and provide little benefit to communities in the region. Timber harvest is not the booming industry it has been in the past. Accounting for only 1% of employment in the region, this industry is much smaller than salmon harvest, which accounts for 8% of jobs in the region and tourism, which supports 17%, respectively.

An added expense to road construction will be maintenance of the roads and, consequently, bridges or culverts where the road crosses a stream. Of the 3,687 stream crossings in the Tongass NF, about 33% did not meet Alaska's fish passage standards. Between 1998 and 2017, the Forest Service removed or provided maintenance on about 604 stream crossings that did not meet fish passage standards. In total, the cost associated with this, passed on to American taxpayers, was over $18 million.

The proposed alternative will lead to increased roadbuilding that penetrate deeper into the forest. This will undoubtedly increase the expense to the Forest Service to achieve increased timber harvest, which will be passed down to the taxpayer. In fact, from 1999 to 2018 fully 40% of the total expense of the agency in the Tongass was attributed to road construction. These significant financial costs coupled with ecological costs make it impossible for the USFS to explain a rational connection between the facts found and the proposed alternative. Furthermore, we believe the agency's rationale for adopting Alternative 6 "is so implausible that it could not be ascribed to a difference in view or the product of agency expertise" and is, therefore, arbitrary and capricious under Motor Vehicle Manufacturers Ass'n v. State Farm Insurance Co.

The Forest Service has not reasonably considered the negative effects of the inevitable habitat fragmentation and loss of land connectivity

Destruction and degradation of natural ecosystems is one of the primary drivers for global biodiversity loss. Fragmentation, the division of habitat into smaller and more isolated fragments separated by a matrix of human-transformed land cover, results in long-term degrading effect on

biodiversity and ecosystem function. Many of the effects of fragmentation transpire over the long term, including the extinction of species and the introduction of new invasive species, but ultimately can be difficult to predict. Fragmentation experiments[mdash]some of the largest and longest-running experiments in ecology[mdash]provide clear evidence of strong and typically degrading impacts of habitat fragmentation on biodiversity and ecological processes. This empirical data showing environmental degradation, in combination with the uncertainty in predicting the long-term effects of fragmentation in a particular ecosystem, should encourage us to err on the side of caution when making policy decisions that concern some of our last remaining wilderness. The Tongass National Forest is the largest intact temperate rainforest in the world, and fortunately has been largely protected under the 2001 Roadless rule. Removing this protection for no good reason will destroy the extensive land connectivity that is already in place.

Increased timber harvest and entry into key watersheds puts the ecological resources of the region at risk

All alternatives presented in the draft environmental impact statement ("DEIS") will result in an increase in fragmentation and loss of land connectivity in the Tongass National Forest, with the exception of Alternative 1 - No Action. Exempting the Tongass NF from the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule would open up the forest to road construction, and thereby logging and timber harvest. Alternatives 2, 3, 4, and 5 would all modify the roadless rule language and affect roadless designations to varying degrees, but Alternative 6 would entirely remove all roadless designations. The DEIS acknowledges that Alternative 6 would result in the development of roads that penetrate deeper into currently roadless areas than the other alternatives and would result in the largest degree of fragmentation. Despite this and the inevitable increase in timber harvest on both Tongass NF lands managed by the USFS and those lands managed by other agencies, the DEIS claims that the impacts would not be greater than what is projected in the current forest plan (p. 3-105). It seems fairly straightforward that increased road construction and timber harvest would increase impact on the environment accordingly. By moving forward with Alternative 6, the USFS fails to 'articulate a rational connection between the facts found and the choice made,' and as such would be acting in a manner that is arbitrary and capricious.

Alternatives 4, 5, and 6 would result in the most fragmentation due to entry into more remote watersheds and roadless areas. Studies have consistently shown that deforestation and timber harvest in watersheds leads to

erosion and sedimentation over long periods of time. Further, the best quality of water comes from forested watersheds. For these reasons, along with those discussed earlier regarding salmon populations, protecting the waterways of the Tongass NF from further fragmentation and development is essential to preserve the ecological resources of the region.

Loss of land connectivity poses a great risk to the wildlife and biodiversity in the region

Connectivity between areas of similar habitats and between high and low elevation habitats is important to maintaining well-distributed, viable wildlife populations. Many of the species of concern have been detailed in our analysis above. Both natural and human-caused fragmentation (timber harvest, road building, powerline and facility development) reduces larger contiguous blocks of habitat into smaller patches, which may cause some species populations to become isolated, and therefore may pose a greater risk of local extirpation.

Endemic species occur in isolated populations and can have limited mobility or specific habitat requirements. The Queen Charlotte goshawk (see above) would be most affected by 4, 5, and 6 in terms of fragmentation. Roadless areas are of great value to many species, but particularly the wide-ranging species that require large, undisturbed areas of land. These species are mainly predators, and include the Alexander archipelago wolf, brown bear, and American marten. These species are of particular concern because their numbers are relatively low, they are under harvest pressure, they are sensitive to disturbance, and they range widely. Although each of the alternatives would be similar in terms of overall harvest levels, Alternatives 4, 5, and 6 would result in the largest adverse effects on these species due to greater road lengths, penetration into remote roadless areas, and extensive habitat fragmentation.

As a result of fragmentation, there is an increase in the amount of forest edge habitat and a decrease in the amount of interior old-growth forest habitat, with which many wildlife species are associated. This makes way for an increase in invasive species (see following section for detailed analysis).

The Forest Service is misguided in claiming that the region's geography makes it immune to the effects of further fragmentation

The DEIS claims that the Tongass NF is inherently fragmented due to its island geography, patchy distribution of old growth forest, and mosaic of landscape conditions (p.3-56). The scientific community generally defines fragmentation as a process during which a large expanse of habitat is transformed into a number of patches of a smaller total area, isolated from each other by a matrix of habitats unlike the original. While fragmentation can be a result of natural causes, this generally only includes changes that can be seen on a human time scale, such as lava flows and wildfires. The geography of an area would generally not be considered a natural cause of habitat fragmentation, as the development of islands, as in this case, takes place over a much longer time scale in which species have time to evolve. Most commonly, the term 'fragmentation' refers to anthropogenic fragmentation of pristine habitats, largely as a result of land-use change. The misguided claim that the Tongass NF is inherently fragmented due to its island geography is not a sufficient basis to entirely dismiss the negative impacts that increased fragmentation would have on the ecosystem.

Protecting the Tongass from fragmentation was a primary purpose of the original adoption of the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule

When the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule was originally adopted, the primary reason listed for prohibiting road construction, reconstruction, and timber harvest in inventoried roadless areas was the "likelihood of altering and fragmenting landscapes, resulting in immediate, long-term loss of roadless area values and characteristics." Further, the environmental impact statement prepared in accordance with the development of the 2001 Rule, acknowledged "the heightened sensitivity of the Tongass to further fragmentation." The DEIS does not seem to acknowledge these two points, which were central to the development of the rule in the first place. What changes have there been to the Tongass NF, such that the ecosystem no longer has a heightened sensitivity to further fragmentation? By not taking into consideration the heightened sensitivity of the ecosystem to further fragmentation, the USFS "entirely failed to consider an important aspect of the problem" and as such is acting in a manner that is arbitrary and capricious.

After implementation of the Tongass Roadless Area Conservation Rule in 2001, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) adopted a temporary exemption for the Tongass NF in 2003. The Record of Decision (ROD) in 2001 stated, "the long-term ecological benefits to the nation of conserving these inventoried roadless areas outweigh the potential economic loss to [southeast Alaska] communities" related to the 2001 Roadless Rule. The ROD in 2003, however, stated that the agency had serious concerns about how the TRR would adversely impact the economic viability of the region.

The USFS has significantly changed its position on the effects and significance of fragmentation on the Tongass NF, from emphasizing the sensitivity of the Tongass NF to fragmentation in the 2001 rule and EIS to essentially dismissing entirely the impact of fragmentation on the ecosystem in the 2019 DEIS. This change in position by the USFS needs to be explained in order to show a "rational connection between the facts found and the choice made." In 2011, the Alaska District Court overturned the 2003 exemption of the Tongass NF from the 2001 Roadless Rule, primarily on the basis that the USFS failed to provide a reasoned explanation for the change in position and the reversal of the original decision. The court held that the decision to exempt the Tongass NF from the Roadless rule was arbitrary, capricious, and not in accordance with the law under the APA. Without a reasoned explanation and analysis, the same holds true in this effort to reverse the original rule. When an agency's "new policy rests upon factual findings that contradict those which underlay its prior policy ... a reasoned explanation is needed for disregarding facts and circumstances that underlay or were engendered by the prior policy." Further, "an agency changing its course by rescinding a rule is obligated to supply a reasoned analysis for the change beyond that which may be required when an agency does not act in the first instance." The USFS is obligated to provide a reasoned explanation and analysis of this change in position, beyond what is usually required, as the proposed rule serves the purpose of rescinding an existing rule rather than implementing a new one. The USFS has not sufficiently provided an explanation within the DEIS, as illustrated below.

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As a result of disrupting land connectivity, fragmentation leads to an increase in the amount of forest edge habitat and a decrease in the amount of interior old-growth forest habitat. Many species favor the conditions of interior old-growth forest habitat, and these species tend to be more sensitive or at risk. Fragmentation leads to a decline in the number of these species. On the other hand, the forest edge habitat is generally favored by invasive species, and fragmentation results in a growth in the number of these species along the forest edge. The change in the types of habitat, in combination with the current and predicted milder winter temperatures and longer growing season in Southeast Alaska, are the optimal conditions for the spread and establishment

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This comment respectfully argues against the adoption of Alternative 6 as the preferred alternative in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). As a team of students enrolled at the University of Colorado at Boulder in the Masters of the Environment Program, we have a professional interest in the future of America's public lands. More importantly, perhaps, we have both visited the Tongass National Forest and have a vested interest in the future of this unique place.

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Throughout this comment we will be critically evaluating the proposed alternative (alternative 6). We specifically request that the Forest Service:

Inquire the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) about any species existing within the Tongass that may be listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA);
Refrain from any action until this, and any other requirements associated with this, are completed;
Refrain from adopting Alternative 6 as the Tongass is only viable if it is to remain completely intact;

Adopt the 'No Action' alternative to ensure the connectivity of the landscape and long-term protections;
Reduce burden on American taxpayers by not engaging in below cost timber sales and increased road construction;
Ensure protections for Salmon species and their habitat

Removal of the Tongass NF Roadless Rule would negatively impact habitat of the Queen Charlotte Goshawk and would be inconsistent with the decision to deny the ESA listing petition

The Tongass National Forest supports a plethora of bird species, one of which is the Queen Charlotte Goshawk. This hawk thrives in old growth forest where it can find preferred nesting sites and hunt successfully. Under the proposed alternative there would be a dramatic increase in vehicle traffic and noise. It has been well documented that these disturbances have an adverse impact on the quality of the habitat and breeding potential.

In 1994, a petition was brought to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to list this species as endangered. This bird was determined to not need federal protection, but the USFWS did express concern for the future viability of the population in the Tongass National Forest under the management plan at the time. Part of the reason this decision was made was because the USFWS knew a new management plan (2001 Roadless Rule) was soon to be enacted. In 2012, the Queen Charlotte Goshawk was listed as threatened in British Columbia, Canada, but remained unlisted in the United States as the Tongass Roadless Rule provided enough protection for the bird to not warrant listing. Because the main reason for not listing the species initially was the Tongass Forest Plan, we request that the USFWS review the non-listing decision with regards to the impacts of the proposed alternative.

The adoption of Alternative 6 will reduce protections for the Marbled Murrelet and the Fish and Wildlife Service will need to revisit its decision to deny ESA listing

The Marbled Murrelet is an avian inhabitant of the Tongass that is listed as a threatened species under the ESA in the northwest portion of the contiguous United States. The main reasons for ESA listing was habitat loss due to increased old growth logging and population decline due to entrapment in fishing gear and oil pollution. This distinct population segment (DPS) in the Tongass, however, is not listed as the current Roadless Rule provides adequate protections. The Marbled Murrelet is an interesting bird that depends on old growth forest for nesting and breeding, but also feeds in the near shore environment. Increased logging of old growth forests as included in Alternative 6 will have negative impacts on the nesting and breeding habitat of the bird. Furthermore, increased vessel traffic and potential for oil spills will negatively affect the birds feeding habitat. Similar to the Queen Charlotte Goshawk, if the agency is to move forward with the proposed alternative, we ask that the FWS revisit the decision to not list the DPS of the

bird. Also, we request that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) address this issue as part of the agency's DEIS review.

The Forest Service has not reasonably considered potential negative effects to the Eskimo Curlew

The Eskimo Curlew is a shore bird that historically ranges in the Tongass National Forest. It is a migratory bird that spends the winter in South America and ventures north to Alaska and Canada to breed. The Eskimo Curlew is listed as Endangered under the ESA and according to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), the Tongass NF is considered outside of the species range (p.3-73). According to the USFWS, however, this species is known to occupy areas within the Tongass NF. Under 1536(c)(1) of the Endangered Species Act, the United States Forest Service (USFS) must ask the USFWS and National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) if there are any endangered or threatened species in the area of concern. Given the discrepancy between the two parties, it appears this inquiry was not completed.

The ESA states, under Section 7(a)(2) that agencies must ensure that their actions are not, "likely to jeopardize the continued existence of any endangered species or threatened species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of habitat of such species…" (16 U.S.C. Statute 1536(a)(2)). Furthermore, we ask that the public comment period remain open until the three-step process described in the ESA is met. This process is outlined below.

An agency proposing an action must inquire of the FWS whether any threatened or endangered species "may be present" in the area of the proposed action
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The Forest Service must complete a new Biological Assessment for the Short Tailed Albatross

The Short-Tailed Albatross is a migratory shore bird that uses the waters of the Tongass National Forest and is federally listed as endangered under the ESA. In the DEIS, the Forest Service states that, "it (the bird) could be exposed to water quality effects associated with land management activities on the Tongass." We realize the agency has stated the effects would be similar to the current plan for the Tongass, but cites the BA from 2016 amendment to the Tongass Roadless Rule. This assessment, while only a few years old, is inadequate and we request that a new BA be completed before moving forward with any of the alternatives. With the increase in road building and logging operations within the forest and in the nearshore environment comes further disturbance. As cited on page 3-106 of the DEIS, increased vessel traffic and increased potential for oil spills are likely. Because of this, we ask that the agency complete a new BA for this endangered species.

The Salmon of the Tongass are a vital resource to the region and decreased protections will directly violate the agency's commitment to protecting cultural values and ecological resources as presented in Key issues 2 and 3 of the DEIS

The Tongass National Forest is a haven for many species of fish, including various species of Salmon. These fish are anadromous, so the vitality of the sea and the waterways in the forest is of the utmost importance to them. We strongly recommend that the waterways, especially those within the "Tongass 77 (T77)" be spared from any harm that may come through road construction and timber harvest. The area of the Tongass 77 are of the utmost ecological value to the region and have been recommended by a number of conservation groups, including The Nature Conservancy and Trout Unlimited, to remain ecologically intact. Furthermore, these watersheds encompassing the T77 were given protections in the amended 2016 Forest Plan for the Tongass NF.

With the current review of the 2001 Roadless Rule, the Forest Service needs to explain why it is now planning to remove protections for the T77 watersheds. We argue that removing these protections is arbitrary and capricious under the Administrative Procedure Act. In Motor Vehicles Association v. State Farm Insurance the Supreme Court held that an agency must show a "rational connection between the facts found and the choice made." In addition, the agency has not set forth clearly the grounds on which it has acted. We believe that the Forest Service has failed to do so in this case. In addition, in all but the proposed alternative, the agency includes varying protections for the T77 Watersheds. This exclusion demonstrates a failure on the part of the agency to entirely "consider an important aspect of the problem." Given this failure, adoption of the proposed alternative would be arbitrary and capricious.

The Salmon of the Tongass NF are incredibly important to the culture of the region. Wild salmon has been a mainstay in the diet of the native people of the region for centuries and are a part of

their way of life. Approximately 90% of households in Southeast Alaska use Salmon at an average rate that is five times higher than residents in the lower forty eight states.

Wild Alaskan Salmon is one of the greatest drivers of the economy of the region as well. The waterways of the Tongass NF account for 80% of the commercially harvested salmon in the region and 28% of the annual catch throughout the entire state. The value of these fish amounts to about $60 million per year. In total, the salmon fishery accounts for about 10% of jobs in Southeast Alaska and the combined economic impact of wild salmon from is about $1 billion annually. We argue that timber harvest and road construction will not be the economic driver that the salmon fishery currently is and has been for decades. Indeed, the timber industry only accounts for about 1% of employment in Southeast Alaska and is highly subsidized by the American taxpayer.

Erosion in a forest ecosystem can have some beneficial impacts to aquatic habitat, but too much erosion can decrease the viability of these streams. Accelerated erosion from timber harvest and road construction will lead to an increase in sediment deposition in streams that salmon use to spawn. This activity can lead to salmon eggs and juvenile fish being smothered by sediment. The DEIS states that impacts to fish and fish habitat would be similar under all alternatives. We must challenge this statement given that the agency acknowledges that roads pose the greatest risk to fish, as stated in the DEIS. Alternatives 3,4,5 and 6 (proposed alternative) allow for more road construction and thus the potential for habitat impact. Furthermore under these alternatives, the agency states that the location of future timber harvest and associated road building is unknown. It would be arbitrary and capricious for the Forest Service to approve harvest in areas that are unknown as the environmental impacts are impossible to quantify.

The salmon can be considered the biological lifeblood of the Tongass National Forest. Salmon die after they spawn and nitrogen from decaying salmon has been found more than 500 yards from the streams they inhabit. Furthermore, much of the regions wildlife depends on these fish, from bears to eagles.

These public lands are some of the greatest accumulation of undistributed wealth in the world and should be protected as such. The waters of the Tongass National Forest are highly productive fisheries and are invaluable to sportsmen and women in the region and from out of state. We recommend that the Forest Service should take into account the long term viability of the wildlife and wild spaces of the region. One cannot put a price on the value of intact land especially in a time of unfettered development.

The Proposed Alternative violates the affirmative duty of the Forest Service to conserve the Humpback Whale

The Humpback whale is an inhabitant of the coastal waterways of the Tongass NF and has been listed as endangered under the ESA since 1965. This whale is of particular concern because unlike other whales in the region, it uses shallow waters close to shore and could be impacted by

increased boat traffic and habitat pollution from timber harvest. It has been shown that humpback whales are very likely to alter their behavior in response to approaching vessels. In fact, one study has shown that 80% of Humpback whales significantly changed behavior patterns when in the vicinity of a ship. Furthermore, it has been shown that these encounters may have population level effects due to increased energy expenditure and reduced lactation of females. As stated for other species, the agency not only has a duty to protect a listed species, but also to aid in its recovery so that ESA listing is no longer necessary. Indeed, increased logging and vessel traffic will violate the agency's affirmative duty to conserve.

Given historic economic losses, further timber harvesting in the Tongass is not viable and removing important roadless area protections for the sake of logging would be arbitrary and capricious

Over the past twenty years, the Forest Service has lost about $30 million dollars annually from logging in the Tongass NF. In total, this amounts to roughly $600 million. These below cost sales do not help the nation as a whole and provide little benefit to communities in the region. Timber harvest is not the booming industry it has been in the past. Accounting for only 1% of employment in the region, this industry is much smaller than salmon harvest, which accounts for 8% of jobs in the region and tourism, which supports 17%, respectively.

An added expense to road construction will be maintenance of the roads and, consequently, bridges or culverts where the road crosses a stream. Of the 3,687 stream crossings in the Tongass NF, about 33% did not meet Alaska's fish passage standards. Between 1998 and 2017, the Forest Service removed or provided maintenance on about 604 stream crossings that did not meet fish passage standards. In total, the cost associated with this, passed on to American taxpayers, was over $18 million.

The proposed alternative will lead to increased roadbuilding that penetrate deeper into the forest. This will undoubtedly increase the expense to the Forest Service to achieve increased timber harvest, which will be passed down to the taxpayer. In fact, from 1999 to 2018 fully 40% of the total expense of the agency in the Tongass was attributed to road construction. These significant financial costs coupled with ecological costs make it impossible for the USFS to explain a rational connection between the facts found and the proposed alternative. Furthermore, we believe the agency's rationale for adopting Alternative 6 "is so implausible that it could not be ascribed to a difference in view or the product of agency expertise" and is, therefore, arbitrary and capricious under Motor Vehicle Manufacturers Ass'n v. State Farm Insurance Co.

The Forest Service has not reasonably considered the negative effects of the inevitable habitat fragmentation and loss of land connectivity

Destruction and degradation of natural ecosystems is one of the primary drivers for global biodiversity loss. Fragmentation, the division of habitat into smaller and more isolated fragments separated by a matrix of human-transformed land cover, results in long-term degrading effect on

biodiversity and ecosystem function. Many of the effects of fragmentation transpire over the long term, including the extinction of species and the introduction of new invasive species, but ultimately can be difficult to predict. Fragmentation experiments—some of the largest and longest-running experiments in ecology—provide clear evidence of strong and typically degrading impacts of habitat fragmentation on biodiversity and ecological processes. This empirical data showing environmental degradation, in combination with the uncertainty in predicting the long-term effects of fragmentation in a particular ecosystem, should encourage us to err on the side of caution when making policy decisions that concern some of our last remaining wilderness. The Tongass National Forest is the largest intact temperate rainforest in the world, and fortunately has been largely protected under the 2001 Roadless rule. Removing this protection for no good reason will destroy the extensive land connectivity that is already in place.

Increased timber harvest and entry into key watersheds puts the ecological resources of the region at risk

All alternatives presented in the draft environmental impact statement ("DEIS") will result in an increase in fragmentation and loss of land connectivity in the Tongass National Forest, with the exception of Alternative 1 – No Action. Exempting the Tongass NF from the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule would open up the forest to road construction, and thereby logging and timber harvest. Alternatives 2, 3, 4, and 5 would all modify the roadless rule language and affect roadless designations to varying degrees, but Alternative 6 would entirely remove all roadless designations. The DEIS acknowledges that Alternative 6 would result in the development of roads that penetrate deeper into currently roadless areas than the other alternatives and would result in the largest degree of fragmentation. Despite this and the inevitable increase in timber harvest on both Tongass NF lands managed by the USFS and those lands managed by other agencies, the DEIS claims that the impacts would not be greater than what is projected in the current forest plan (p. 3-105). It seems fairly straightforward that increased road construction and timber harvest would increase impact on the environment accordingly. By moving forward with Alternative 6, the USFS fails to 'articulate a rational connection between the facts found and the choice made,' and as such would be acting in a manner that is arbitrary and capricious.

Alternatives 4, 5, and 6 would result in the most fragmentation due to entry into more remote watersheds and roadless areas. Studies have consistently shown that deforestation and timber harvest in watersheds leads to erosion and sedimentation over long periods of time. Further, the best quality of water comes from forested watersheds. For these reasons, along with those discussed earlier regarding salmon populations, protecting the waterways of the Tongass NF from further fragmentation and development is essential to preserve the ecological resources of the region.

Loss of land connectivity poses a great risk to the wildlife and biodiversity in the region

Connectivity between areas of similar habitats and between high and low elevation habitats is important to maintaining well-distributed, viable wildlife populations. Many of the species of concern have been detailed in our analysis above. Both natural and human-caused fragmentation (timber harvest, road building, powerline and facility development) reduces larger contiguous blocks of habitat into smaller patches, which may cause some species populations to become isolated, and therefore may pose a greater risk of local extirpation.

Endemic species occur in isolated populations and can have limited mobility or specific habitat requirements. The Queen Charlotte goshawk (see above) would be most affected by 4, 5, and 6 in terms of fragmentation. Roadless areas are of great value to many species, but particularly the wide-ranging species that require large, undisturbed areas of land. These species are mainly predators, and include the Alexander archipelago wolf, brown bear, and American marten. These species are of particular concern because their numbers are relatively low, they are under harvest pressure, they are sensitive to disturbance, and they range widely. Although each of the alternatives would be similar in terms of overall harvest levels, Alternatives 4, 5, and 6 would result in the largest adverse effects on these species due to greater road lengths, penetration into remote roadless areas, and extensive habitat fragmentation.

As a result of fragmentation, there is an increase in the amount of forest edge habitat and a decrease in the amount of interior old-growth forest habitat, with which many wildlife species are associated. This makes way for an increase in invasive species (see following section for detailed analysis).

The Forest Service is misguided in claiming that the region's geography makes it immune to the effects of further fragmentation

The DEIS claims that the Tongass NF is inherently fragmented due to its island geography, patchy distribution of old growth forest, and mosaic of landscape conditions (p.3-56). The scientific community generally defines fragmentation as a process during which a large expanse of habitat is transformed into a number of patches of a smaller total area, isolated from each other by a matrix of habitats unlike the original. While fragmentation can be a result of natural causes, this generally only includes changes that can be seen on a human time scale, such as lava flows and wildfires. The geography of an area would generally not be considered a natural cause of habitat fragmentation, as the development of islands, as in this case, takes place over a much longer time scale in which species have time to evolve. Most commonly, the term 'fragmentation' refers to anthropogenic fragmentation of pristine habitats, largely as a result of land-use change. The misguided claim that the Tongass NF is inherently fragmented due to its island geography is not a sufficient basis to entirely dismiss the negative impacts that increased fragmentation would have on the ecosystem.

Protecting the Tongass from fragmentation was a primary purpose of the original adoption of the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule

When the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule was originally adopted, the primary reason listed for prohibiting road construction, reconstruction, and timber harvest in inventoried roadless areas was the "likelihood of altering and fragmenting landscapes, resulting in immediate, long-term loss of roadless area values and characteristics." Further, the environmental impact statement prepared in accordance with the development of the 2001 Rule, acknowledged "the heightened sensitivity of the Tongass to further fragmentation." The DEIS does not seem to acknowledge these two points, which were central to the development of the rule in the first place. What changes have there been to the Tongass NF, such that the ecosystem no longer has a heightened sensitivity to further fragmentation? By not taking into consideration the heightened sensitivity of the ecosystem to further fragmentation, the USFS "entirely failed to consider an important aspect of the problem" and as such is acting in a manner that is arbitrary and capricious.

After implementation of the Tongass Roadless Area Conservation Rule in 2001, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) adopted a temporary exemption for the Tongass NF in 2003. The Record of Decision (ROD) in 2001 stated, "the long-term ecological benefits to the nation of conserving these inventoried roadless areas outweigh the potential economic loss to [southeast Alaska] communities" related to the 2001 Roadless Rule. The ROD in 2003, however, stated that the agency had serious concerns about how the TRR would adversely impact the economic viability of the region.

The USFS has significantly changed its position on the effects and significance of fragmentation on the Tongass NF, from emphasizing the sensitivity of the Tongass NF to fragmentation in the 2001 rule and EIS to essentially dismissing entirely the impact of fragmentation on the ecosystem in the 2019 DEIS. This change in position by the USFS needs to be explained in order to show a "rational connection between the facts found and the choice made." In 2011, the Alaska District Court overturned the 2003 exemption of the Tongass NF from the 2001 Roadless Rule, primarily on the basis that the USFS failed to provide a reasoned explanation for the change in position and the reversal of the original decision. The court held that the decision to exempt the Tongass NF from the Roadless rule was arbitrary, capricious, and not in accordance with the law under the APA. Without a reasoned explanation and analysis, the same holds true in this effort to reverse the original rule. When an agency's "new policy rests upon factual findings that contradict those which underlay its prior policy ... a reasoned explanation is needed for disregarding facts and circumstances that underlay or were engendered by the prior policy." Further, "an agency changing its course by rescinding a rule is obligated to supply a reasoned analysis for the change beyond that which may be required when an agency does not act in the first instance." The USFS is obligated to provide a reasoned explanation and analysis of this change in position, beyond what is usually required, as the proposed rule serves the purpose of rescinding an existing rule rather than implementing a new one. The USFS has not sufficiently provided an explanation within the DEIS, as illustrated below.

Alternate 6 of the DEIS admits that it will lead to more fragmentation compared to the conditions under the existing Forest Plan: "Under this alternative, roads and timber harvest are likely to

penetrate much farther into currently roadless areas than under Alternatives 1, 2, or 3, resulting in a greater degree of fragmentation" (p.3-66). Nonetheless, the DEIS claims that "the effects due to fragmentation and on the Old-growth Habitat Conservation Strategy are expected to be relatively low and slightly greater than projected under Alternative 1 (existing Forest Plan)." How did the USFS come to this conclusion? How are 'relatively low' and 'slightly greater' defined? These are vague terms that do not provide significant insight into the environmental impacts of Alternative 6, but they seem to fly in the face of what would appear to be significant adverse impacts form fragmentation, erosion, habitat loss that will inevitably result from the road penetration authorized under all of the action alternatives. Even if the difference between Alternatives 1 and 6 is only 'slightly greater,' even slight differences can be of great significance in an ecosystem as sensitive and important as the Tongass NF – the largest temperate rainforest in the world. Was the heightened value of this type of ecosystem, in terms of biodiversity and ecosystem services, taken into account when determining that the difference between Alternative 6 and Alternative 1 is only 'slightly greater'?

The Forest Service has failed to show any new evidence or good reasons to exempt the Tongass NF from the current Roadless Rule in 2019. We also argue that the decision to remove protections violates the arbitrary and capricious standard of the APA as the agency has not shown any "rational connection between the facts found and the choice made" as set forth by Motor Vehicles Association v. State Farm Insurance.

The ability of the Tongass NF to sustain its biodiversity and ecosystem services will depend largely upon the total amount and quality of habitat left intact, the degree of connectivity of fragmented areas, and anthropogenic activities (i.e. timber harvest) and perturbations (i.e. climate change). By keeping the Tongass NF under the authority of the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule, we have an opportunity to ensure that the world's largest temperate rainforest remains able to support the species that depend on it. The state of the Tongass NF does not seem to have significantly changed since the adoption of the 2001 Rule, so without further explanation and analysis from the USFS, the issues of fragmentation and landscape connectivity alone are enough to justify that the Tongass NF to remain roadless.

The Forest Service has not reasonably considered the effects of fragmentation on the introduction of invasive species

As a result of disrupting land connectivity, fragmentation leads to an increase in the amount of forest edge habitat and a decrease in the amount of interior old-growth forest habitat. Many species favor the conditions of interior old-growth forest habitat, and these species tend to be more sensitive or at risk. Fragmentation leads to a decline in the number of these species. On the other hand, the forest edge habitat is generally favored by invasive species, and fragmentation results in a growth in the number of these species along the forest edge. The change in the types of habitat, in combination with the current and predicted milder winter temperatures and longer growing season in Southeast Alaska, are the optimal conditions for the spread and establishment

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Executive Order 13112

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This comment respectfully argues against the adoption of Alternative 6 as the preferred alternative in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). As a team of students enrolled at the University of Colorado at Boulder in the Masters of the Environment Program, we have a professional interest in the future of America's public lands. More importantly, perhaps, we have both visited the Tongass National Forest and have a vested interest in the future of this unique place.

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Caroline Fabricius is a graduate student in the Masters of the Environment Program at the University of Colorado in Boulder, Colorado. She visited the Tongass National Forest in August of 2018, specifically the areas of Chichagof Island and Revillagigedo Island. During this visit, she spent her time hiking and viewing wildlife. Despite having traveled to many places across North and Central America, of all these places, the Tongass National Forest is the most "wild."

Throughout this comment we will be critically evaluating the proposed alternative (alternative 6). We specifically request that the Forest Service:

Inquire the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) about any species existing within the Tongass that may be listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA);
Refrain from any action until this, and any other requirements associated with this, are completed;
Refrain from adopting Alternative 6 as the Tongass is only viable if it is to remain completely intact;

Adopt the 'No Action' alternative to ensure the connectivity of the landscape and long-term protections;
Reduce burden on American taxpayers by not engaging in below cost timber sales and increased road construction;
Ensure protections for Salmon species and their habitat

Removal of the Tongass NF Roadless Rule would negatively impact habitat of the Queen Charlotte Goshawk and would be inconsistent with the decision to deny the ESA listing petition

The Tongass National Forest supports a plethora of bird species, one of which is the Queen Charlotte Goshawk. This hawk thrives in old growth forest where it can find preferred nesting sites and hunt successfully. Under the proposed alternative there would be a dramatic increase in vehicle traffic and noise. It has been well documented that these disturbances have an adverse impact on the quality of the habitat and breeding potential.

In 1994, a petition was brought to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to list this species as endangered. This bird was determined to not need federal protection, but the USFWS did express concern for the future viability of the population in the Tongass National Forest under the management plan at the time. Part of the reason this decision was made was because the USFWS knew a new management plan (2001 Roadless Rule) was soon to be enacted. In 2012, the Queen Charlotte Goshawk was listed as threatened in British Columbia, Canada, but remained unlisted in the United States as the Tongass Roadless Rule provided enough protection for the bird to not warrant listing. Because the main reason for not listing the species initially was the Tongass Forest Plan, we request that the USFWS review the non-listing decision with regards to the impacts of the proposed alternative.

The adoption of Alternative 6 will reduce protections for the Marbled Murrelet and the Fish and Wildlife Service will need to revisit its decision to deny ESA listing

The Marbled Murrelet is an avian inhabitant of the Tongass that is listed as a threatened species under the ESA in the northwest portion of the contiguous United States. The main reasons for ESA listing was habitat loss due to increased old growth logging and population decline due to entrapment in fishing gear and oil pollution. This distinct population segment (DPS) in the Tongass, however, is not listed as the current Roadless Rule provides adequate protections. The Marbled Murrelet is an interesting bird that depends on old growth forest for nesting and breeding, but also feeds in the near shore environment. Increased logging of old growth forests as included in Alternative 6 will have negative impacts on the nesting and breeding habitat of the bird. Furthermore, increased vessel traffic and potential for oil spills will negatively affect the birds feeding habitat. Similar to the Queen Charlotte Goshawk, if the agency is to move forward with the proposed alternative, we ask that the FWS revisit the decision to not list the DPS of the

bird. Also, we request that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) address this issue as part of the agency's DEIS review.

The Forest Service has not reasonably considered potential negative effects to the Eskimo Curlew

The Eskimo Curlew is a shore bird that historically ranges in the Tongass National Forest. It is a migratory bird that spends the winter in South America and ventures north to Alaska and Canada to breed. The Eskimo Curlew is listed as Endangered under the ESA and according to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), the Tongass NF is considered outside of the species range (p.3-73). According to the USFWS, however, this species is known to occupy areas within the Tongass NF. Under 1536(c)(1) of the Endangered Species Act, the United States Forest Service (USFS) must ask the USFWS and National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) if there are any endangered or threatened species in the area of concern. Given the discrepancy between the two parties, it appears this inquiry was not completed.

The ESA states, under Section 7(a)(2) that agencies must ensure that their actions are not, "likely to jeopardize the continued existence of any endangered species or threatened species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of habitat of such species…" (16 U.S.C. Statute 1536(a)(2)). Furthermore, we ask that the public comment period remain open until the three-step process described in the ESA is met. This process is outlined below.

An agency proposing an action must inquire of the FWS whether any threatened or endangered species "may be present" in the area of the proposed action
If the answer is yes, the agency must prepare a "biological assessment" to determine whether such species "is likely to be affected" by the action.
If this assessment determines that the threatened or endangered species is "likely to be affected," the agency must formally consult with the FWS, which will result in a "biological opinion" from the FWS. If this determines that the action would jeopardize the species or destroy or adversely modify critical habitat, then the action may not proceed unless the FWS can suggest an alternative that avoids such jeopardization, destruction, or adverse modification.

This process includes the completion of a biological assessment (biological evaluation) by the Forest Service and, if adverse impacts to the species are found a biological opinion will be issued by the FWS and NMFS.

The ESA also states that the agency has an affirmative duty to conserve. Specifically the ESA states, "Agencies have an affirmative duty not only to protect the listed species, but to help these species to recover to a point where they no longer require listing under the ESA." It is clear that an increase in logging activity and road construction could have adverse impacts on the endangered Eskimo Curlew and this would be a violation of the ESA.

The Forest Service must complete a new Biological Assessment for the Short Tailed Albatross

The Short-Tailed Albatross is a migratory shore bird that uses the waters of the Tongass National Forest and is federally listed as endangered under the ESA. In the DEIS, the Forest Service states that, "it (the bird) could be exposed to water quality effects associated with land management activities on the Tongass." We realize the agency has stated the effects would be similar to the current plan for the Tongass, but cites the BA from 2016 amendment to the Tongass Roadless Rule. This assessment, while only a few years old, is inadequate and we request that a new BA be completed before moving forward with any of the alternatives. With the increase in road building and logging operations within the forest and in the nearshore environment comes further disturbance. As cited on page 3-106 of the DEIS, increased vessel traffic and increased potential for oil spills are likely. Because of this, we ask that the agency complete a new BA for this endangered species.

The Salmon of the Tongass are a vital resource to the region and decreased protections will directly violate the agency's commitment to protecting cultural values and ecological resources as presented in Key issues 2 and 3 of the DEIS

The Tongass National Forest is a haven for many species of fish, including various species of Salmon. These fish are anadromous, so the vitality of the sea and the waterways in the forest is of the utmost importance to them. We strongly recommend that the waterways, especially those within the "Tongass 77 (T77)" be spared from any harm that may come through road construction and timber harvest. The area of the Tongass 77 are of the utmost ecological value to the region and have been recommended by a number of conservation groups, including The Nature Conservancy and Trout Unlimited, to remain ecologically intact. Furthermore, these watersheds encompassing the T77 were given protections in the amended 2016 Forest Plan for the Tongass NF.

With the current review of the 2001 Roadless Rule, the Forest Service needs to explain why it is now planning to remove protections for the T77 watersheds. We argue that removing these protections is arbitrary and capricious under the Administrative Procedure Act. In Motor Vehicles Association v. State Farm Insurance the Supreme Court held that an agency must show a "rational connection between the facts found and the choice made." In addition, the agency has not set forth clearly the grounds on which it has acted. We believe that the Forest Service has failed to do so in this case. In addition, in all but the proposed alternative, the agency includes varying protections for the T77 Watersheds. This exclusion demonstrates a failure on the part of the agency to entirely "consider an important aspect of the problem." Given this failure, adoption of the proposed alternative would be arbitrary and capricious.

The Salmon of the Tongass NF are incredibly important to the culture of the region. Wild salmon has been a mainstay in the diet of the native people of the region for centuries and are a part of

their way of life. Approximately 90% of households in Southeast Alaska use Salmon at an average rate that is five times higher than residents in the lower forty eight states.

Wild Alaskan Salmon is one of the greatest drivers of the economy of the region as well. The waterways of the Tongass NF account for 80% of the commercially harvested salmon in the region and 28% of the annual catch throughout the entire state. The value of these fish amounts to about $60 million per year. In total, the salmon fishery accounts for about 10% of jobs in Southeast Alaska and the combined economic impact of wild salmon from is about $1 billion annually. We argue that timber harvest and road construction will not be the economic driver that the salmon fishery currently is and has been for decades. Indeed, the timber industry only accounts for about 1% of employment in Southeast Alaska and is highly subsidized by the American taxpayer.

Erosion in a forest ecosystem can have some beneficial impacts to aquatic habitat, but too much erosion can decrease the viability of these streams. Accelerated erosion from timber harvest and road construction will lead to an increase in sediment deposition in streams that salmon use to spawn. This activity can lead to salmon eggs and juvenile fish being smothered by sediment. The DEIS states that impacts to fish and fish habitat would be similar under all alternatives. We must challenge this statement given that the agency acknowledges that roads pose the greatest risk to fish, as stated in the DEIS. Alternatives 3,4,5 and 6 (proposed alternative) allow for more road construction and thus the potential for habitat impact. Furthermore under these alternatives, the agency states that the location of future timber harvest and associated road building is unknown. It would be arbitrary and capricious for the Forest Service to approve harvest in areas that are unknown as the environmental impacts are impossible to quantify.

The salmon can be considered the biological lifeblood of the Tongass National Forest. Salmon die after they spawn and nitrogen from decaying salmon has been found more than 500 yards from the streams they inhabit. Furthermore, much of the regions wildlife depends on these fish, from bears to eagles.

These public lands are some of the greatest accumulation of undistributed wealth in the world and should be protected as such. The waters of the Tongass National Forest are highly productive fisheries and are invaluable to sportsmen and women in the region and from out of state. We recommend that the Forest Service should take into account the long term viability of the wildlife and wild spaces of the region. One cannot put a price on the value of intact land especially in a time of unfettered development.

The Proposed Alternative violates the affirmative duty of the Forest Service to conserve the Humpback Whale

The Humpback whale is an inhabitant of the coastal waterways of the Tongass NF and has been listed as endangered under the ESA since 1965. This whale is of particular concern because unlike other whales in the region, it uses shallow waters close to shore and could be impacted by

increased boat traffic and habitat pollution from timber harvest. It has been shown that humpback whales are very likely to alter their behavior in response to approaching vessels. In fact, one study has shown that 80% of Humpback whales significantly changed behavior patterns when in the vicinity of a ship. Furthermore, it has been shown that these encounters may have population level effects due to increased energy expenditure and reduced lactation of females. As stated for other species, the agency not only has a duty to protect a listed species, but also to aid in its recovery so that ESA listing is no longer necessary. Indeed, increased logging and vessel traffic will violate the agency's affirmative duty to conserve.

Given historic economic losses, further timber harvesting in the Tongass is not viable and removing important roadless area protections for the sake of logging would be arbitrary and capricious

Over the past twenty years, the Forest Service has lost about $30 million dollars annually from logging in the Tongass NF. In total, this amounts to roughly $600 million. These below cost sales do not help the nation as a whole and provide little benefit to communities in the region. Timber harvest is not the booming industry it has been in the past. Accounting for only 1% of employment in the region, this industry is much smaller than salmon harvest, which accounts for 8% of jobs in the region and tourism, which supports 17%, respectively.

An added expense to road construction will be maintenance of the roads and, consequently, bridges or culverts where the road crosses a stream. Of the 3,687 stream crossings in the Tongass NF, about 33% did not meet Alaska's fish passage standards. Between 1998 and 2017, the Forest Service removed or provided maintenance on about 604 stream crossings that did not meet fish passage standards. In total, the cost associated with this, passed on to American taxpayers, was over $18 million.

The proposed alternative will lead to increased roadbuilding that penetrate deeper into the forest. This will undoubtedly increase the expense to the Forest Service to achieve increased timber harvest, which will be passed down to the taxpayer. In fact, from 1999 to 2018 fully 40% of the total expense of the agency in the Tongass was attributed to road construction. These significant financial costs coupled with ecological costs make it impossible for the USFS to explain a rational connection between the facts found and the proposed alternative. Furthermore, we believe the agency's rationale for adopting Alternative 6 "is so implausible that it could not be ascribed to a difference in view or the product of agency expertise" and is, therefore, arbitrary and capricious under Motor Vehicle Manufacturers Ass'n v. State Farm Insurance Co.

The Forest Service has not reasonably considered the negative effects of the inevitable habitat fragmentation and loss of land connectivity

Destruction and degradation of natural ecosystems is one of the primary drivers for global biodiversity loss. Fragmentation, the division of habitat into smaller and more isolated fragments separated by a matrix of human-transformed land cover, results in long-term degrading effect on

biodiversity and ecosystem function. Many of the effects of fragmentation transpire over the long term, including the extinction of species and the introduction of new invasive species, but ultimately can be difficult to predict. Fragmentation experiments—some of the largest and longest-running experiments in ecology—provide clear evidence of strong and typically degrading impacts of habitat fragmentation on biodiversity and ecological processes. This empirical data showing environmental degradation, in combination with the uncertainty in predicting the long-term effects of fragmentation in a particular ecosystem, should encourage us to err on the side of caution when making policy decisions that concern some of our last remaining wilderness. The Tongass National Forest is the largest intact temperate rainforest in the world, and fortunately has been largely protected under the 2001 Roadless rule. Removing this protection for no good reason will destroy the extensive land connectivity that is already in place.

Increased timber harvest and entry into key watersheds puts the ecological resources of the region at risk

All alternatives presented in the draft environmental impact statement ("DEIS") will result in an increase in fragmentation and loss of land connectivity in the Tongass National Forest, with the exception of Alternative 1 – No Action. Exempting the Tongass NF from the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule would open up the forest to road construction, and thereby logging and timber harvest. Alternatives 2, 3, 4, and 5 would all modify the roadless rule language and affect roadless designations to varying degrees, but Alternative 6 would entirely remove all roadless designations. The DEIS acknowledges that Alternative 6 would result in the development of roads that penetrate deeper into currently roadless areas than the other alternatives and would result in the largest degree of fragmentation. Despite this and the inevitable increase in timber harvest on both Tongass NF lands managed by the USFS and those lands managed by other agencies, the DEIS claims that the impacts would not be greater than what is projected in the current forest plan (p. 3-105). It seems fairly straightforward that increased road construction and timber harvest would increase impact on the environment accordingly. By moving forward with Alternative 6, the USFS fails to 'articulate a rational connection between the facts found and the choice made,' and as such would be acting in a manner that is arbitrary and capricious.

Alternatives 4, 5, and 6 would result in the most fragmentation due to entry into more remote watersheds and roadless areas. Studies have consistently shown that deforestation and timber harvest in watersheds leads to erosion and sedimentation over long periods of time. Further, the best quality of water comes from forested watersheds. For these reasons, along with those discussed earlier regarding salmon populations, protecting the waterways of the Tongass NF from further fragmentation and development is essential to preserve the ecological resources of the region.

Loss of land connectivity poses a great risk to the wildlife and biodiversity in the region

Connectivity between areas of similar habitats and between high and low elevation habitats is important to maintaining well-distributed, viable wildlife populations. Many of the species of concern have been detailed in our analysis above. Both natural and human-caused fragmentation (timber harvest, road building, powerline and facility development) reduces larger contiguous blocks of habitat into smaller patches, which may cause some species populations to become isolated, and therefore may pose a greater risk of local extirpation.

Endemic species occur in isolated populations and can have limited mobility or specific habitat requirements. The Queen Charlotte goshawk (see above) would be most affected by 4, 5, and 6 in terms of fragmentation. Roadless areas are of great value to many species, but particularly the wide-ranging species that require large, undisturbed areas of land. These species are mainly predators, and include the Alexander archipelago wolf, brown bear, and American marten. These species are of particular concern because their numbers are relatively low, they are under harvest pressure, they are sensitive to disturbance, and they range widely. Although each of the alternatives would be similar in terms of overall harvest levels, Alternatives 4, 5, and 6 would result in the largest adverse effects on these species due to greater road lengths, penetration into remote roadless areas, and extensive habitat fragmentation.

As a result of fragmentation, there is an increase in the amount of forest edge habitat and a decrease in the amount of interior old-growth forest habitat, with which many wildlife species are associated. This makes way for an increase in invasive species (see following section for detailed analysis).

The Forest Service is misguided in claiming that the region's geography makes it immune to the effects of further fragmentation

The DEIS claims that the Tongass NF is inherently fragmented due to its island geography, patchy distribution of old growth forest, and mosaic of landscape conditions (p.3-56). The scientific community generally defines fragmentation as a process during which a large expanse of habitat is transformed into a number of patches of a smaller total area, isolated from each other by a matrix of habitats unlike the original. While fragmentation can be a result of natural causes, this generally only includes changes that can be seen on a human time scale, such as lava flows and wildfires. The geography of an area would generally not be considered a natural cause of habitat fragmentation, as the development of islands, as in this case, takes place over a much longer time scale in which species have time to evolve. Most commonly, the term 'fragmentation' refers to anthropogenic fragmentation of pristine habitats, largely as a result of land-use change. The misguided claim that the Tongass NF is inherently fragmented due to its island geography is not a sufficient basis to entirely dismiss the negative impacts that increased fragmentation would have on the ecosystem.

Protecting the Tongass from fragmentation was a primary purpose of the original adoption of the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule

When the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule was originally adopted, the primary reason listed for prohibiting road construction, reconstruction, and timber harvest in inventoried roadless areas was the "likelihood of altering and fragmenting landscapes, resulting in immediate, long-term loss of roadless area values and characteristics." Further, the environmental impact statement prepared in accordance with the development of the 2001 Rule, acknowledged "the heightened sensitivity of the Tongass to further fragmentation." The DEIS does not seem to acknowledge these two points, which were central to the development of the rule in the first place. What changes have there been to the Tongass NF, such that the ecosystem no longer has a heightened sensitivity to further fragmentation? By not taking into consideration the heightened sensitivity of the ecosystem to further fragmentation, the USFS "entirely failed to consider an important aspect of the problem" and as such is acting in a manner that is arbitrary and capricious.

After implementation of the Tongass Roadless Area Conservation Rule in 2001, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) adopted a temporary exemption for the Tongass NF in 2003. The Record of Decision (ROD) in 2001 stated, "the long-term ecological benefits to the nation of conserving these inventoried roadless areas outweigh the potential economic loss to [southeast Alaska] communities" related to the 2001 Roadless Rule. The ROD in 2003, however, stated that the agency had serious concerns about how the TRR would adversely impact the economic viability of the region.

The USFS has significantly changed its position on the effects and significance of fragmentation on the Tongass NF, from emphasizing the sensitivity of the Tongass NF to fragmentation in the 2001 rule and EIS to essentially dismissing entirely the impact of fragmentation on the ecosystem in the 2019 DEIS. This change in position by the USFS needs to be explained in order to show a "rational connection between the facts found and the choice made." In 2011, the Alaska District Court overturned the 2003 exemption of the Tongass NF from the 2001 Roadless Rule, primarily on the basis that the USFS failed to provide a reasoned explanation for the change in position and the reversal of the original decision. The court held that the decision to exempt the Tongass NF from the Roadless rule was arbitrary, capricious, and not in accordance with the law under the APA. Without a reasoned explanation and analysis, the same holds true in this effort to reverse the original rule. When an agency's "new policy rests upon factual findings that contradict those which underlay its prior policy ... a reasoned explanation is needed for disregarding facts and circumstances that underlay or were engendered by the prior policy." Further, "an agency changing its course by rescinding a rule is obligated to supply a reasoned analysis for the change beyond that which may be required when an agency does not act in the first instance." The USFS is obligated to provide a reasoned explanation and analysis of this change in position, beyond what is usually required, as the proposed rule serves the purpose of rescinding an existing rule rather than implementing a new one. The USFS has not sufficiently provided an explanation within the DEIS, as illustrated below.

Alternate 6 of the DEIS admits that it will lead to more fragmentation compared to the conditions under the existing Forest Plan: "Under this alternative, roads and timber harvest are likely to

penetrate much farther into currently roadless areas than under Alternatives 1, 2, or 3, resulting in a greater degree of fragmentation" (p.3-66). Nonetheless, the DEIS claims that "the effects due to fragmentation and on the Old-growth Habitat Conservation Strategy are expected to be relatively low and slightly greater than projected under Alternative 1 (existing Forest Plan)." How did the USFS come to this conclusion? How are 'relatively low' and 'slightly greater' defined? These are vague terms that do not provide significant insight into the environmental impacts of Alternative 6, but they seem to fly in the face of what would appear to be significant adverse impacts form fragmentation, erosion, habitat loss that will inevitably result from the road penetration authorized under all of the action alternatives. Even if the difference between Alternatives 1 and 6 is only 'slightly greater,' even slight differences can be of great significance in an ecosystem as sensitive and important as the Tongass NF – the largest temperate rainforest in the world. Was the heightened value of this type of ecosystem, in terms of biodiversity and ecosystem services, taken into account when determining that the difference between Alternative 6 and Alternative 1 is only 'slightly greater'?

The Forest Service has failed to show any new evidence or good reasons to exempt the Tongass NF from the current Roadless Rule in 2019. We also argue that the decision to remove protections violates the arbitrary and capricious standard of the APA as the agency has not shown any "rational connection between the facts found and the choice made" as set forth by Motor Vehicles Association v. State Farm Insurance.

The ability of the Tongass NF to sustain its biodiversity and ecosystem services will depend largely upon the total amount and quality of habitat left intact, the degree of connectivity of fragmented areas, and anthropogenic activities (i.e. timber harvest) and perturbations (i.e. climate change). By keeping the Tongass NF under the authority of the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule, we have an opportunity to ensure that the world's largest temperate rainforest remains able to support the species that depend on it. The state of the Tongass NF does not seem to have significantly changed since the adoption of the 2001 Rule, so without further explanation and analysis from the USFS, the issues of fragmentation and landscape connectivity alone are enough to justify that the Tongass NF to remain roadless.

The Forest Service has not reasonably considered the effects of fragmentation on the introduction of invasive species

As a result of disrupting land connectivity, fragmentation leads to an increase in the amount of forest edge habitat and a decrease in the amount of interior old-growth forest habitat. Many species favor the conditions of interior old-growth forest habitat, and these species tend to be more sensitive or at risk. Fragmentation leads to a decline in the number of these species. On the other hand, the forest edge habitat is generally favored by invasive species, and fragmentation results in a growth in the number of these species along the forest edge. The change in the types of habitat, in combination with the current and predicted milder winter temperatures and longer growing season in Southeast Alaska, are the optimal conditions for the spread and establishment

of invasive plant species in the region. At the time of publication of 2016 FEIS associated with the Forest Plan, there were 23,386 documented observations of 124 different invasive plant species in the Tongass NF. Currently, there are 24,257 known occurrences of 125 invasive plant species known on the Tongass NF. The proposed exemption of the Tongass NF from the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule would increase fragmentation within the forest, and inevitably open up the area to invasive species. Invasive species are harmful to the health of an ecosystem, as they disrupt natural communities and ecological processes. As such, the Forest Service should evaluate how the inevitable increase in invasive species will affect the health of the Tongass NF ecosystem.

Executive Order 13112

Executive Order 13112 requires a Federal agency whose actions affect the status of invasive species to identify the action and act accordingly. The proposed rule and exemption of the Tongass NF from the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule would increase the amount of forest edge habitat, and therefore the amount of invasive species. As such, the proposed rule does affect the status of invasive species and the USFS is obligated to do the following:

(i) prevent the introduction of invasive species;
(ii) detect and respond rapidly to and control populations of such species in a cost-effective and environmentally sound manner;
(iii) monitor invasive species populations accurately and reliably;
(iv) provide for restoration of native species and habitat conditions in ecosystems that have been invaded;
(v) conduct research on invasive species and develop technologies to prevent introduction and provide for environmentally sound control of invasive species; and
(vi) promote public education on invasive species and the means to address them.

Further, the agency must not authorize, fund, or carry out actions that it believes are likely to cause or promote the introduction or spread of invasive species in the United States, unless the benefits of such actions clearly outweigh the potential harm caused by invasive species; and that all feasible and prudent measures to minimize risk of harm will be taken in conjunction with the actions.

The DEIS claims that the proposed rule does not include any specific actions that would introduce invasive species and therefore would only address the issue of invasive species if it were relevant in a site-specific environmental analysis in the future (p. 3-135). None of the alternatives presented in the DEIS authorize any site-specific projects or other ground-disturbing activities. The DEIS further claims that each of the alternatives are not expected to differ significantly in regard to their contributions to the introduction and spread of invasive species within the Tongass NF. However, if all of the alternatives other than Alternative 1 (No Action) lead to increased fragmentation, and fragmentation leads to more forest edge habitat and therefore more invasive species, then it would seem that each of the alternatives will affect the

status of invasive species. As Alternative 6 results in the most fragmentation and the greatest increase in forest edge habitat, it should be considered 'likely to promote the spread of invasive species' under Executive Order 13112.

The uSFS should evaluate the potential harm that the increase of invasive species in the Tongass NF would cause, in order to be able to properly weigh the harm against the cost of mitigating that harm, as directed by the Executive Order. At a minimum, the USFS should ensure that all feasible and prudent measures to minimize the risk of harm will be taken in conjunction with the adoption of Alternative 6. The DEIS is silent on what these measures would be. What are the feasible and prudent measures the USFS will take in order to minimize the risk of increase and introduction of invasive species in the Tongass NF? When invasive species inevitably increase, what will the USFS do to respond to this increase and maintain the integrity of the ecosystem? In order to minimize risk of introduction of invasive species, as well as reduce the administrative burden of compliance with Executive Order 13112, we recommend that the USFS refrain from adopting Alternative 6 and instead consider Alternative 1 - No Action.

Conclusion

The management of our federal public lands is a constant balance between development and conservation. Many lands are suited for natural resource extraction and others are worth more for their intrinsic value. As the population of the world grows, places that are naturally intact are becoming more and more scarce. The Tongass National Forest is our largest National Forest and provides for various species within the forest, communities in close proximity to the forest and to countless visitors. The Forest Service should heed the words of its founder, Theodore Roosevelt, who stated that we need to conserve our wild spaces for our current generation and for those still "within the womb of time."

Thank you,
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As a supporter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers and our wild public lands, waters and wildlife, I am very concerned with the 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.
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Organization:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/21/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Debra
Last name: Patla
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Keep 'Roadless Rule' Protections for the Tongass National Forest

Dear U.S. Forest Service,

Taking away Roadless Rule protections from the Tongass National Forest to expand logging is deeply repugnant to me as a person who loves our country and fears what climate change is bringing. I implore you to select the "no action" alternative instead.

I have long admired the Tongass NF and regarded it as a national treasure. The ancient trees store carbon and preside over an ecosystem that is home to the wildest of wildlife, including wolves and bears and salmon.

It is hard to imagine that the Forest Service could be so blind as to open the door to clearcutting and bulldozing. Everyday there is more dire news about climate change, and the need to reduce the release of carbon. Would you sell out the world for the timber industry?

I also strongly oppose your plan to open any of the 5 million acres of roadless areas on the Chugach National Forest for logging.

You must think of all the suffering that climate change is causing and will increasingly cause. Select the "no action" alternative to maintain Roadless Rule restrictions on the Tongass and Chugach NF.

Sincerely,

Debra Patla

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Narendra
Last name: Patni
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Narendra Patni and I live in Palo Alto, California.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Narendra Patni

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/18/2019 2:53:43 PM
First name: Diane
Last name: Patnode
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,
Diane Patnode
Fairfax, VT 05454

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/17/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Diane
Last name: Patnode
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Diane Patnode and I live in Fairfax, Vermont.

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Regards, Diane Patnode

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Last name: Patoray
Organization:
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Regards, Arlene Patoray

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Arlene
Last name: Patoray
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Arlene Patoray and I live in Paramus, New Jersey.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Camry
Last name: Patrick
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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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]

Protect what we still have! [heart drawing]

Sincerely,

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

Yes No

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/11/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Janice
Last name: Patrick
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Janice Patrick and I live in Warren, Ohio.

Please rethink the administrations slash and burn policy. Hopefully he will not win re-election and the forests will go back to being protected. Dont get left with egg on your face.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Janice Patrick

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Judy
Last name: Patrick
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
I support exempting the Tongass National Forest from the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule. In particular I support Alternative 6, a full exemption.

Over the years the Roadless Rule has been used to prevent a myriad of logical and even renewable development projects and it's time to remove it and let logging, hydro, mining and other responsible development projects be allowed to apply for permits to conduct operations. Just removing the rule doesn't mean an automatic approval, but it at least allows individuals and companies to apply for permits for responsible development of natural resources. In Alaska 70% of our National Forests are currently under Roadless Rule, and that doesn't include the Wilderness Areas.

The Tongass National Forest is not in better shape by allowing the timber to rot rather than to be harvested. And it's a shame that there is an entire forest of good lumber underwater in Blue Lake near Sitka due to the Roadless Rule not allowing that timber to be harvested in advance of the dam being built and the lake created. It's time to stop senseless rules and apply some common sense!

Please grant the State of Alaska the full exemption despite much loud opposition from groups opposed to ANY development most of whom do not reside here.

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Organization:
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Regards, Michael Patrick

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Last name: Patrick
Organization:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/26/2019 10:47:43 AM
First name: Oliver
Last name: Patrick
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Oliver Patrick and I live in Bethesda, 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 a birder, ornithologist, and nature enthusiast who believes strongly in protecting our natural landscapes and ecosystems. With so few intact ecosystems left in our country, it is imperative that we conserve those that remainespecially jewels such as the Tongass.

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 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, its status as a national and global treasure, how it supports the lifestyles of indigenous communities, and its status as America's best natural solution to climate change through its sequestering of millions of metric tons of carbon. 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 watershed restoration (stream and habitat), to improve 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, and perform restorative actions that support wildlife populations on previously degraded landscapes. 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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Last name: Patrick
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First name: Shannon
Last name: Patrick
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, Shannon Patrick

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First name: Virginia
Last name: Patrick
Organization:
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Regards, Virginia Patrick

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/18/2019 2:53:24 PM
First name: Nora
Last name: Patrone
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,
Nora Patrone
Millburn, NJ 07041

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Art
Last name: Patten
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule

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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 almost 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,

Art Patten

Jenkintown, PA 19046

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Justin
Last name: Patten
Organization:
Title:
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First name: Leslie
Last name: Patten
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
NO to logging one of our last old growth forests. There is absolutely NO NEED to log these trees except to satisfy the gluttonous need of our President to destroy all of our wild and beautiful lands. There are NO places in the U.S.A. as large as this area that have old growth trees left. Muir Woods is teeny tiny, the last of old growth redwoods. There is a tiny, very tiny plot of old growth cedar left on the ID/MT border, a small area that was forgotten to log.

Going into an Old Growth Forest is something we should save for our children and grandchildren to experience.

If Trump goes to this forest, camps for 2 days there, and still says to log, then I'll accept it. Only THEN!

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Last name: Patten
Organization:
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First name: Robin
Last name: Patten
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, W Patters

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: A
Last name: Patterson
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is A Patterson and I live in Dallas, Texas.

Your agency was created & exists to PROTECT our environment & health, NOT the industry violating the rules & damaging our air, water, & us all. DO YOUR JOB!

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, A Patterson

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Carol
Last name: Patterson
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Carol Patterson and I live in Eureka Springs, Arkansas.

This fabulous unique place should always be protected. This loss of even one of these century-old trees would be terrible. Clear-cutting would be a tragedy that must be avoided.

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Regards, Carol Patterson

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Cynthia
Last name: Patterson
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
I support Alternative 1 - take no action and leave all of Alaska under the 2001 Roadless Rule, including the Tongass National Forest and the Chugach National Forest

9 million acres of roadless areas make the Tongass America's wildest remaining national forest. 800 year old trees store 8% of the carbon dioxide of all U.S. forests. Logging releases most of that climate-altering CO2 into the atmosphere.

The Tongass' roadless areas protect 16% of all undeveloped areas within the US National Forest system. Thousand-year-old trees harbor the rare Alexander Archipelago wolf, the nation's largest concentration of coastal brown bears, bald eagles, and all five species of Pacific salmon. The region's fishery-based economies depend on intact old-growth forests.

Clearcutting and bulldozing are short-sighted and irresponsible, and will forever destroy the Tongass National Forest and the Chugach National Forest. National Forests belong to all Americans, NOT the mining and timber industries.

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Last name: Patterson
Organization:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/11/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Frank
Last name: Patterson
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: George
Last name: Patterson
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is George Patterson and I live in Midland, Texas.

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First name: James
Last name: Patterson
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is James Patterson and I live in Avondale Estates, Georgia.

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Last name: Patterson
Organization:
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Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Lonnie
Last name: Patterson
Organization:
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First name: Martina
Last name: Patterson
Organization:
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Comments:
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Regards, Meg Patterson

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Rita
Last name: Patterson
Organization:
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Comments:
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Regards, Roland Patterson

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Roland
Last name: Patterson
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Rosalind
Last name: Patterson
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Rosalind Patterson and I live in San Rafael, California.

We need less pollution until there is none, not more.

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Regards, Rosalind Patterson

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Sara
Last name: Patterson
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC6057

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]

Sincerely,

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

Yes * No*[Text circled]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM
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Last name: Patterson
Organization:
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Regards, Toni Patterson

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First name: Avis
Last name: Pattishall
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Avis Pattishall and I live in Hershey, Pennsylvania.

As a mother and grandmother I am concerned about clean air and water for future generations.

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First name: Robin
Last name: Pattishall
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Our nation needs to protect our national parks and forests. The Tongass Forest deserves to be protected from Trump's efforts to sell off and make available our national lands for corporate greed. The idea that you would open up this pristine natural habitat to clear cutting or any other plan to mar our national forests or parks is appalling. Please do not allow Trump to ruin what little natural habitat we have left in this nation. This land belongs to the citizens and should be protected from all attempts to allow corporate greed to damage our national land heritage. I would think that changing the Roadless Ruling for the Tongass Forest would be quite upsetting and unsavory to the native peoples of the area also . . . . .

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: mary
Last name: pattison
Organization:
Title:
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Last name: Patton
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Regards, Laura Patton

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Lesley
Last name: Patton
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Lesley Patton and I live in Kapaau, Hawaii.

While I live on a different island, the ocean between us makes your actions relevant to my daily experience. Let's all keep all water as clean as possible.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Lesley Patton

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: LISA
Last name: PATTON
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, LISA PATTON

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First name: Penn
Last name: Patton
Organization:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/21/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Therese
Last name: Patton
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
AK Roadless Rule

The intent of the 2001 Roadless Rule is to provide lasting protection for inventoried roadless areas within the National Forest System in the context of multiple-use land management.

Lasting protection should mean just that. These protections were made under careful scrutiny by administrations less crazy than this one and should not be undone by one crazy man with no understanding of anything other than personal profit and adulation.

Why should the Tongess remain under permanent protection? There is a bonafide climate crisis facing planet earth and its biodiversity, including humans. The tropical rain forest is being burned up with out concern for anything but money. The temperate rain forest is as valuable as tropical rain forests and becomes even more so as we lose the oxygen giving life support of trees being cut, burned, killed by climate change and urban interface..

Trees remove CO2 from the atmosphere. We aren't slowing down this production of CO2 and we have no means for removing what we produce so we need trees. Lots of trees, Large forests of trees like the Tongess and other forests might save us.

Forests are reservoirs of biodiversity. Humans rely on this diversity for its survival. We have experienced the consequences of removing a single species and have learned how the web of life is intertwined with us in the middle. Forests are wonderful places for recreational opportunities and have been shown to promote health and well being. People need nature. Without the trees the rains will not come, the snow will not fall in winter. Much will be lost. The climate crisis will worsen.

Once these gifts are taken away from us there is no replacing them. The Tongess does not belong to "industry" , it does not belong to Alaska, and it does not belong to Trump. The Tongess belongs to all Americans and I want to keep it for all of us into the future. Short sighted profits are not the answer. Please keep the roadless areas, especially the Tongess, as they are, permanently protected.

Thank you,

Therese Patton

Angel Fire, NM

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: TRINA
Last name: PATTON
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Iris
Last name: Patty
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Iris Patty and I live in Edgemoor, Delaware.

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Regards, Iris Patty

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/11/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Shannon
Last name: Patty
Organization:
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Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/26/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Anon
Last name: Patuhik
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC19

Extend the comment period from 60-120 days, this is a busy time for me, my family and neighbors. I demand an *No-Action alternative*[Text underlined for emphasis] on Alaska-Specific Roadless Rule.

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Mark
Last name: Patzer
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, Linda Patzke

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: A
Last name: Paul
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, A Paul

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Adam
Last name: Paul
Organization:
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Comments:
My name is Adam Paul and I live in Burlington, Connecticut.

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Regards, Adam Paul

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/24/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Allison
Last name: Paul
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Roadless rule.

Keeping the roadless rule in the Tongass is what is best for the environment. The world doesn't need more deforestation.

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/12/2019 5:03:22 PM
First name: Cheryl
Last name: paul
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Cheryl Paul and I live in Hudson, WI. 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.

We need to protect the planet. We have taken over and left no room for animals or planets. They need our help to survive

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 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. 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.

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Diane
Last name: Paul
Organization:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: John
Last name: Paul
Organization:
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Comments:
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Regards, Ki Paul

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/11/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Logan
Last name: Paul
Organization:
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Comments:
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Regards, Michelle Paul

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Last name: Paul
Organization:
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Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Tim
Last name: Paul
Organization:
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Comments:
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Regards, Tim Paul

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/18/2019 4:19:38 PM
First name: Georgette
Last name: Paul Engard
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,
Georgette and Paul Engard
Grand Blanc, MI 48439

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/3/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Meghan
Last name: Paulas
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Comments to oppose modification to the Roadless Rule

Dear U.S. Forest Service,

This proposed rule change is not wise. Our very survival depends on biodiversity. The Roadless Rule has helped to 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. Furthermore, intact, ancient forests are strongholds of climate resilience, and the Tongass is one of world's largest.

Logging roads and timber operations cost tens of millions of taxpayer dollars every year, with no return on investment. Rather, destructive activities degrade the naturally sustainable wealth of salmon, wildlife watching, and tourism opportunities.

For the future of our own survival and those of several unique animals, 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,

Meghan Paulas

Oak Park, IL 60304

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Patrick
Last name: Paulett
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Patrick Paulett and I live in Canton, Connecticut.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Patrick Paulett

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Jean
Last name: Pauley
Organization:
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Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/20/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Otis
Last name: Pauley
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Otis Pauley and I live in Roanoke, Virginia.

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Regards, Otis Pauley

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: thomas
Last name: pauley
Organization:
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Regards, thomas pauley

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/7/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: John
Last name: Pauli
Organization:
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Comments:
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First name: Shawna
Last name: Paulin
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, Shawna Paulin

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Lynda
Last name: Pauling
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Lynda Pauling and I live in Stillwater, Minnesota.

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Regards, Lynda Pauling

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Regards, Virginia Paulino

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/14/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Piper
Last name: Paulish
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
We only have one earth that we all share. For the health of us all and this tiny space we inhabit, please please reconsider exempting the 9.2 million acres of Tongass ecosystem from the protection of the Roadless Rule. Old growth is NOT a renewable resource and every bit of it is massively important.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Kelly
Last name: Paulk
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Kelly Paulk and I live in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Please protect the Tongass National Forest, an important old growth forest that retains huge stores of carbon.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Kelly Paulk

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Susanne
Last name: Paulovic
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Susanne Paulovic and I live in Doylestown, Pennsylvania.

These parks belong to all of us

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Susanne Paulovic

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Last name: Paulsen
Organization:
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Regards, Bill Paulsen

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Carl
Last name: Paulsen
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
I strongly oppose this rule making that would exempt any portion of the Tsongass National Forest from the roadless areas rule. I have worked in this area and have seen the positively horrendous damage from clearcutting and other forestry practices. Given that endangered Humpback Whales use these waters for critical feeding which only occurs during limited summer feeding seasons, it would seem that opening the area to forestry would be illegal without an EIS, and would, in any case, be a foolhardy errand. Please end this proposed exemption now. Although it may not "directly authorize any ground disturbing activities" that is clearly the end result of this action. At the very least this exemption would pave the way for such actions.

I studied marine mammals in that area and wish I had more time to flesh out my thoughts on this proposed action. Suffice it to say this could only benefit those directly involved in the logging industry and not the many millions of us taxpayers who want to know there are great areas of undisturbed land remaining in this country.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Pat
Last name: Paulsen
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC954

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: Virginia
Last name: Paulsen
Organization:
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Comments:
Virginia M. PaulsenShoreline, WA 98155

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Regards, Gabriel Paulson

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Hildi
Last name: Paulson
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Hildi Paulson and I live in Montague, Michigan.

Corporate greed should have no place in the future of our children and grandchildren.

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Regards, Judith Paulson

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Melony
Last name: Paulson
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Melony Paulson and I live in Diamond Bar, California.

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.

In Southeast Alaska, tourism accounts for 28% of employment and generate an annual $1 billion in economic benefit, making it far more of an economic driver than the timber industry, which is less than 1% of the regional economy.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Melony Paulson

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Jill
Last name: Paulus
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Jill Paulus and I live in Wheaton, Illinois.

Methane is worse than carbon long term!

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Jill Paulus

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/20/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Megan
Last name: Paulus
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
The Tongass National Forest should remain pristine and roadless. Forests, especially rainforests like Tongass, are integral in protecting ecosystems and absorbing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. We have reached a critical juncture in the balance between human land use and preservation of the environment which permits our civilization to function. Tongass should not be exempt from the 2001 Roadless Rule.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: George
Last name: Pauly
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Secretary Purdue,

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. The administration plan will reduce Indigenous rights. Alaskan Native communities -- including the Tlingit, Haida, and Tsimshian peoples -- have depended on the Tongass Rainforest for millennia. It is the backbone to their culture, traditions, and communities -- we simply cannot let it disappear.

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.

Also, please voice your support to the Senate Resolution for 30% land preservation by 2030. Scientists agree that Earth's biosystems are failing. America's leadership is needed to reverse this.

In addition, your plans to reduce and remove protections from our national forests roadless areas will only make the extinction crisis sooner and more severe. 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, George Pauly

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/21/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Joan
Last name: Pauly
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Nov 21, 2019

Dear Secretary Perdue, I'm 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 intact for the Tongass National Forest. Old-growth forests like the Tongass are powerful tools for fighting climate change -- they store carbon, protect wildlife, and support local communities that rely on tourism and recreation. The Roadless Rule is one of the smartest and most popular land management policies the Federal Government has ever adopted. Not only does it preserve some of America's best fish and wildlife habitat, but it also saves untold millions of taxpayer dollars 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.

Sincerely,

Joan Pauly [Signature]

[Address] Mukilteo, WA 98275

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Richard
Last name: Pautz
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Richard Pautz and I live in Buffalo, New York.

Do U're country a favor...Resign!! U bastard...Teddy Roosevelt would kick U're Assss...moroon!!

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Richard Pautz

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Michelle
Last name: Pavcovich
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Michelle Pavcovich and I live in Seattle, Washington.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Michelle Pavcovich

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/24/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Christopher
Last name: Pave
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Christopher Pave and I live in Gainesville, Florida.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Christopher Pave

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Brenna
Last name: Pavey
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Brenna Pavey and I live in Los Angeles, California.

It is really quite urgent that forests be protected. The entire planet is in a climate emergency. Wiping out the Tongass will only serve to hasten and worsen this crisis.

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, Brenna Pavey

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 7:32:13 PM
First name: Clare
Last name: Pavia
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Clare Pavia and I live in Juneau, AK. I am a resident of southeast Alaska and have been for over thirty years and use the Tongass National Forest and surrounding areas and waterways in many ways. I hike, kayak, sail, and harvest berries and fish in these areas. 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, subsistence harvesting, foraging for wild foods, the peace and solitude I find in nature, recreating, the forest's ability to sequester carbon and mitigate climate change impacts, the conservation of resources for future generations the status of the Tongass as a national and global treasure.

Out of the alternatives described in the AKRR DEIS I support alternative 1: no action. It is a workable compromise that allows for economic development and the protection of roadless characteristics. I depend on roadless areas in the Tongass National Forest for healthy fish habitat, foraging and gathering wild foods, recreating and enjoying nature, viewing wildlife, keeping public lands wild for future generations, fiscal responsibility and saving taxpayer dollars carbon sequestration and local climate change mitigation. 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 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 Exempting the roadless rule in the Tongass will impact the many users and the resources they use. Maintaining the roadless rule will support the fish, fauna, and habitat that I use and enjoy with my family throughout the year.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 devote resources to support our fishing and visitor industries.

For my family and future generations, protect the Tongass and do not change the roadless rule.

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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First name: Pat
Last name: Pavlak
Organization:
Title:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Terry
Last name: Pavletic
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Terry Pavletic and I live in Greenfield, Wisconsin.

Please do all you can to protect God's creation from destruction. I think the current Administration's concern for religious freedom should also include saving the Tongass Forest from development which has spiritual significance for many Christians, Pagans and Native Americans.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Terry Pavletic

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Aleksander
Last name: Pavli
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Aleksander Pavli and I live in New York, New York.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Aleksander Pavli

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Janine
Last name: Pavlik
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, Janine Pavlik

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: John
Last name: Pavlik
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, John Pavlik

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/12/2019 8:47:52 AM
First name: Reine
Last name: Pavlik
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Reine Pavlik and I live in Yakutat, AK. I was born and raised in Alaska. I'm a Tlingit from Yakutat. Our way of life depends on the health and we'll being of the forest and the ocean. 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, foraging for wild foods, the peace and solitude I find in nature, recreating, practicing my culture, the forest's ability to sequester carbon and mitigate climate change impacts, the status of the Tongass as a national and global treasure, the conservation of resources for future generations .

Out of the alternatives described in the AKRR DEIS I support alternative 1: no action. The rule is working fine as it is by balancing the conservation of our fish and wildlife habitat with important development projects.. I depend on roadless areas in the Tongass National Forest for healthy fish habitat, deer habitat and subsistence hunting, foraging and gathering wild foods, practicing my culture, recreating and enjoying nature, carbon sequestration and local climate change mitigation, viewing wildlife, keeping public lands wild for future generations. 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 Yakutat forelands, Chichagof 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 It would destroy what makes southeast beautiful and what makes it pristine. 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.

The only reason southeast Alaska is being targeted by the exemption of the roadless rule is because Alaska is not heavily populated and most people wouldn't care. It needs to be recognized that the government cannot take advantage of indigenous communities and land whenever they please. This has to stop somewhere.

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): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Carin
Last name: Pavlinchak
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Carin Pavlinchak and I live in Rock Hill, South Carolina.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Carin Pavlinchak

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/25/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Pepper
Last name: Pavlish
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Please don't destroy old growth. Please, think of our children.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 1/1/0001 12:00:00 AM
First name: Charlie
Last name: Pavlovsky
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule
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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 almost 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,
Charlie Pavlovsky
Katy, TX 77449

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Charlie
Last name: Pavlovsky
Organization:
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Comments:
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Charlie Pavlovsky

Katy, TX 77449

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Carol
Last name: Pawlak
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Last name: Pawlick
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Regards, Victoria Pawlick

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/14/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Linda
Last name: Pawlisz
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Linda Pawlisz and I live in St. Charles, Illinois.

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Regards, Linda Pawlisz

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Linda
Last name: Pawloski
Organization:
Title:
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Regards, Linda Pawloski

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Robert
Last name: Pawloski
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Robert Pawloski and I live in Marcy, New York.

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Last name: Pawlowicz
Organization:
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First name: James
Last name: Pawlowski
Organization:
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Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Michele
Last name: Paxson
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Michele Paxson and I live in East Meadow, New York.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Michele Paxson

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/11/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Susan
Last name: Paxson
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Susan Paxson and I live in Boston, Massachusetts.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Susan Paxson

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM
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Last name: Paye
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, Linda Paye

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/13/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Walter
Last name: Payerl
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Please spare the Old Growth forests. We cannot claim the moral high ground to other countries such as Brazil who are decimating the Amazon forest when we ourselves are possibly destroying the last chance we have to mitigate climate change. I do appreciate the local economy however I do feel that in the long run, and even in the short run that there will be offsetting gains due to the maintenance of the old growth.

With all due respect to local politicians and business leaders, there are resources in this nation that belong to all including fish stocks as an example. I think we need to think deeply and act wisely on issues of this nature.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/4/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Gary
Last name: Payeur
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/11/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Angeline
Last name: Payne
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Trees give US life, return the favor and be more mindful when making a profit from the land, you must care for your product so it and you can keep giving, take a lesson from the first farmers.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Bernadette
Last name: Payne
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Bernadette Payne and I live in Chicago, Illinois.

Please reconsider your plan.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Bernadette Payne

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/18/2019 3:24:06 PM
First name: Bonnie
Last name: Payne
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,
Bonnie Payne
Los Gatos, CA 95032

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/11/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: GENEINE
Last name: PAYNE
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, GENEINE PAYNE

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/11/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Grace
Last name: Payne
Organization:
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Comments:
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Regards, Grace Payne

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Heather
Last name: Payne
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Heather Payne and I live in Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

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Regards, Heather Payne

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Helen
Last name: Payne
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
No Action!

Logging Tongass National Forest would be a tragedy. Being the worlds largest temperate rainforest, this National Forest is a huge carbon sink extracting pollution from the air. On top of this, the forest spans many elevational gradients making it extremely biodiverse. Logging here would degrade the land along with the flora and fauna it holds. It will set a president that none of our protected land is safe. Please, no action!

Regards,

Helen Payne

Sent from my iPhone

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/27/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Jacob
Last name: Payne
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
I am a concerned citizen who would like to see no action taken on the status of Tongass National Forest. I have not yet had the opportunity to visit Alaska or its wilderness, but I would greatly enjoy the opportunity to do so in the future. If the roadless rule is removed, we will loose a part of our diminishing American natural beauty. It is critical that we choose to preserve as much wilderness as we have, and to practice conservation by harvesting timber from purposefully managed tracts rather than providing a chance for irresponsible actors to harm our natural resources.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Julie
Last name: Payne
Organization:
Title:
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Regards, Marcus Payne

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/12/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: matthew
Last name: payne
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): 12/9/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Molly
Last name: Payne
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
The Roadless Rule

Hi,

My name is Molly Payne, I'm a fisheries graduate student at UAF. I am writing to urge you to support the "No Action" alternative to preserve the Roadless Rule in the Tongass National Forest. Here are a few reasons why you should

1) Salmon and salmon fishing form an economic, cultural, and ecological foundation for humans and ecosystems alike in SEAK. By allowing roads to be built through this pristine environment, you are threatening a species that upholds a society and a biological community.

-Look at the Pacific Northwest, a land of urban development. Roads and dams together have destroyed wild salmon populations. Humans have tried to replace them with hatchery fish, which are also struggling to survive in a developed ecosystem

2) Allowing a few roads to be built may seem trifling, but by allowing even a single road to be built through the forest, you are paving the way for more roads to be built, more people to establish themselves, and eventual industrialization of the forest that supports millions of wild spawning salmon every year. I think it's better to not start with even one road.

I cannot convey in words the gravity of this situation. I study fishery failures and human destruction of the environment for a living and I can tell you from my experience that once you go down this path by allowing human development in nature, you can't go back. Alaska is the last stronghold of productive wild salmon fisheries in the world and I speak for many other Alaskans when I say that we must keep it that way.

Thank you,

Molly

Molly Payne

M.S. Student

College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences

University of Alaska Fairbanks

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Nadja
Last name: Payne
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Nadja Payne and I live in Woodbridge, Virginia.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Nadja Payne

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Rex
Last name: Payne
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Rex Payne and I live in Fresno, California.

Now, with global temperatures rising -- and rising at an accelerating rate -- ocean levels rising, ocean acidity increasing, ocean life dwindling, species dying off at an accelerating rate, and vast areas oscillating between torrential downpour and drought, is the worst time in human history to be cutting forests, especially wild forests.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Rex Payne

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/7/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Robert
Last name: Payne
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Suzanne
Last name: Paynter
Organization:
Title:
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Regards, Suzanne Paynter

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Regards, Suzanne Paynter

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Fay
Last name: Payton
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Fay Payton and I live in College Place, Washington.

The world needs all the wild forests it can keep. Removing the Roadless Rule will destroy vast amounts of wild forest in Alaska which will impact not only Alaskans, but all of us. In this severe Climate Crisis, destroying forests for profit is severely counterproductive. Beyond the actual trees, the entire ecosystem of the area will be decimated: ALL animals and plants will be wiped out as well. We NEED these animals and plants far more than lumber companies need their extra, very short term, profits. Ecosystems may take generations to recover and we simply do not have the time any more. Conservation is required NOW.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Fay Payton

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Last name: Payton
Organization:
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Regards, Paul Payton

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First name: Ellen
Last name: Payzant
Organization:
Title:
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Regards, Ellen Payzant

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Lucas
Last name: Paz
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Lucas Paz and I live in Richmond, California.

Clear cutting practices cause losses in site productivity and may result in permanent habitat losses.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Lucas Paz

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Wilson
Last name: Paz
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Wilson Paz and I live in San Mateo, California.

We must protect what ever climates natural resources we have!

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Wilson Paz

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Stephen
Last name: Pazdziorko
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Stephen Pazdziorko and I live in Otisville, Michigan.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Stephen Pazdziorko

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/5/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Anon
Last name:
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Please maintain protections for the Tongass and Chugach National Forests

Dear Secretary Perdue,

I 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. As you well know, the Tongass contains some of the largest intact old-growth temperate rainforest in the world. It provides clean water for fish and wildlife habitat, essential to the economic and ecological health of Southeast Alaska. Why would you want to jeopardize this by opening the Tongass to polluting influences? Certainly not for some few individuals' monetary gain. That would be counter to your sworn duty. And you certainly wouldn't do that. Would you?

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

In addition, I strongly object to your plans to reduce and remove protections from our national forest's roadless areas. You also know how smart and popular the Roadless Rule is. The Roadless Rule preserves some of America's best fish and wildlife habitat. It also saves millions of taxpayer dollars that might otherwise be spent to subsidize money-losing timber sales. And remember: YOU WORK FOR THE PEOPLE OF AMERICA. Not its corporations. You haven't forgotten that, I trust?

The Roadless Rule prevents environmentally damaging and economically wasteful road-building and logging in the Tongass, where logging costs vastly exceed timber revenues and require unconscionable taxpayer subsidies. I trust you will recognize where your responsibility lies in this matter.

Sincerely,

Signed,

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Elizabeth
Last name: Peabody
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, Elizabeth Peabody

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Julia
Last name: Peace
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Julia Peace

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: TOM
Last name: PEACE
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is TOM PEACE and I live in Denver, Colorado.

I breathe air every minute of every day. Clean air, please

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, TOM PEACE

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Last name: Peace
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Luc M.
Last name: Peacock
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
I ask the US FOREST SERVICE to choose the "NO ACTION" Alernative, out of the 6 alternatives listed in the Tongass Roadless Exemption Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

DO NOT EXEMPT ALASKA'S TONGASS NATIONAL FOREST FROM THE ROADLESS RULE!

The Roadless Rule was the subject of hundreds of public hearings, received an avalanche of strong support of over 1 million public comments, and had the backing of hundreds of natural resource scientists, all of whom wanted the Tongass included in the Rule. During the latest round of public scoping for the proposed exemption of the Tongass from the Roadless Rule, "just over 144,000 entries" were received and "the majority" opposed changing the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule for Alaska."

If the US Forest Service moves forward with any of the other alternatives, then clearly the US government is not acting for the will of the people - or for the good of the environment. Instead it is selling-out to the demands of a small but well-connected timber extraction industry, namely Viking Lumber of Klawock, AK and Alcan Forest Products (a timber exporter that is an arm of multinational Transpac Group of Vancouver ,B.C.).

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Last name: Peacock
Organization:
Title:
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Regards, Mary Peacock

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Shavon
Last name: Peacock
Organization:
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Regards, Shavon Peacock

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Lauren
Last name: Peak
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC6436

Dear Secretary Perdue,

I am writing to support the *No-Action Alternative*[text bolded for emphasis] 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 temperature 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,

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Last name: Peak
Organization:
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Regards, Sharon Peak

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Shirley
Last name: Peak
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Shirley Peak and I live in Bellevue, Washington.

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First name: David
Last name: Peale
Organization:
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Regards, David Peale

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Mike
Last name: Peale
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Mike Peale and I live in Aston, Pennsylvania.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Mike Peale

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Renate
Last name: Pealer
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Renate Pealer and I live in Hamilton, Ohio.

We need to continue to protect this forest The benefits we derive from this forest far outweigh any monetary gain we might get,

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Regards, Renate Pealer

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First name: Barbara
Last name: Pearce
Organization:
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Regards, Barbara Pearce

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/18/2019 8:42:22 PM
First name: Christine
Last name: Pearce
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,
Christine Pearce
Mississauga, ON L5C2E4

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Kristen
Last name: Pearce
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Our state is already suffering enough under the effects of climate change whicj is effecting our flora, fauna and even the terrain as changing weather patterns and warmer winters/summers seem to be becoming the norm here. The LAST thing we need to do is be lifting protections on thr habitats we have here that are still thriving. Furthermore there is no need to lift the protections on the Tongass except to appease corporate greed. This forest was protected for a REASON and those reasons remain valid to this day are possibly even more relevant in these current times. Should we lift this ban we will only open the door for more and more protections to be lifted and exceptions to be made in the futute... and the greed of industries will not quit until they have sucked every possible resource from thks pristine area, leaving it a barren wasteland. We MUST protect our wild spaces not just for future generations or for the other industries that rely on this flourishing natural ecosystem, but for the health of our planet as well. And with the Amazon, one of Earths largest carbon sinks, currently on fire, it is perhapseven MORE vital than ever that we protect the remaining healthy rainforests we have left. We should NOT be logging old growth forests or opening the way for others to do so, not when so few remain... As an Alaskan, I am completely AGAINST the ban being lifting and ferverently hope this proposal gets shot down completely.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Linda
Last name: Pearce
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Linda Pearce and I live in Brentwood, Tennessee.

I have asthma!

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Last name: Peariso
Organization:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Gina
Last name: Pearlin
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Gina Pearlin and I live in Santa Cruz, California.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Gina Pearlin

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/24/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Nancy
Last name: Pearlmutter
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Nancy Pearlmutter and I live in Miami, Florida.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Nancy Pearlmutter

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/21/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Andrew
Last name: Pearson
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Preserve 'Roadless Rule' Protections for the Tongass National Forest

Dear U.S. Forest Service,

Please keep the "Roadless Rule" protections for the Tongass National Forest and select the "no action" alternative instead.

Value future generations by selecting the "no action" alternative to maintain "Roadless Rule" protections for the Tongass and Chugach.

Sincerely,

Andrew Pearson

Kittery Point, ME 03905

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/12/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Brad
Last name: Pearson
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): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Earl
Last name: Pearson
Organization:
Title:
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Regards, Earl Pearson

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First name: Heather
Last name: Pearson
Organization:
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Comments:
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Comments:
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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: John
Last name: Pearson
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is John Pearson and I live in Orland Park, Illinois.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, John Pearson

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/13/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Jon
Last name: Pearson
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC604

Dear Secretary Perdue and Senator Murkowski,

I am currently on a boat cruise off the coast of the West Chichagof-Yakobi Wilderness. The West Chichagof-Yakobi Wilderness was the first citizen-initiated Wilderness area in Alaska; in 1967, Sitkans who recognized the value of this area came together to protect it. This Wilderness area is rich in biodiversity and supports an incredibly productive ecosystem. Salmon are sustained by the vast freshwater stream systems that empty into fjords and inlets. Brown bears feast upon these salmon as they swim upstream, distributing their carcasses throughout the forest. These carcasses fertilize the soil and feed the Sitka spruce, mountain hemlock, and yellow cedar trees that tower over the land. Underneath this old growth canopy, Sitka Black-tail deer browse on abundant berries and shrubs.

However, the West Chichagof-Yakobi Wilderness is not the only place in Southeast Alaska with such incredible beauty and biodiversity. The flora and fauna we find in this wilderness area also thrive in inventoried roadless areas throughout the Tongass. Intact roadless areas provide our communities with important hunting, fishing, foraging, and recreating opportunities. We depend on the entirety of the Tongass for our subsistence and our livelihoods including our commercial fishing and tourism industries. I am grateful for the Wilderness designation that the West Chichagof-Yacobi area received, and would like to see such protections extended to areas such as Ushk Bay and Poison Cove.

Outside of Wilderness areas like West Chichagof, the roadless areas we depend on are threatened by politicians and special interests pushing for short term profits that have long term ecological and economic consequences. Wilderness areas, roadless areas, and the intact habitat they support are an investment in the long term sustainability of our region. Please keep the National Roadless Rule in place on the Tongass. T77 areas are particularly important to me; these watersheds are critical to maintaining the salmon runs we depend on for jobs and food. Please do not remove protections for these areas, or anywhere else on the Tongass.

Personal Comments: I am interested in learning more!

One of the most beautiful pristine places I have ever visited please keep it that way! Only sustainable [illegible].

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Kiesha
Last name: Pearson
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, Kiesha Pearson

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Lynda
Last name: Pearson
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Lynda Pearson and I live in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Lynda Pearson

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/11/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Maria
Last name: Pearson
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Maria Pearson and I live in Cedarhurst, New York.

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Regards, Maria Pearson

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Matt
Last name: Pearson
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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First name: nancy
Last name: pearson
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is nancy pearson and I live in Hobe Sound, Florida.

PROTECT OUR HOME, OUR PLANET ~ THERE IS NO PLAN(ET) B!!!!!!

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, nancy pearson

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Natalie
Last name: Pearson
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Natalie Pearson and I live in Jacksonville, Florida.

Governor DeSantis, respect the environment and nature. Without our ecosystem, we are destroyed...humans and animals alike. I am a native Floridian and US Army veteran. I love my country and my state. Your policies are robbing our children and grandchildren of our future.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Natalie Pearson

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Regards, Neil Pearson

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First name: Pamela
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Organization:
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Regards, Pamela Pearson

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Rick
Last name: Pearson
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Rick Pearson and I live in Lampasas, Texas.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Rick Pearson

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Robert
Last name: Pearson
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC4066

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Sincerely,

Robert Pearson

Jonesville, NC 28642

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Jonesville, NC 28642

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Sidney
Last name: Pearson
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Sidney Pearson and I live in Asheville, North Carolina.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/18/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Stacy
Last name: Pearson
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
I believe that this wilderness needs to be preserved as is, roadless. This is to ensure that this area stays as one of the few fully roadless wilderness areas left in the country. I also feel that this change would open options to add roads and otherwise change other forest lands that have been preserved for this long.

[Position]

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: sybille
Last name: pearson
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is sybille pearson and I live in New York, New York.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, sybille pearson

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First name: Tia
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Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, Tia Pearson

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/20/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: William
Last name: Pearson
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Opening Tonga's

This belongs to the people, not Trump.

We need More trees not less. Aside from

everything else, it will the hasten climate change.

Sent from my iPhone

[Position]

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Diane
Last name: Pease
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Diane Pease and I live in Littleton, New Hampshire.

THIS HORRIBLE ADMINISTRATION IS OUT TO KILL EVERYTHING AND EVERYONE! TIME FOR A CHANGE!

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Diane Pease

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Organization:
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Regards, Michael Pease

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Nancy
Last name: Pease
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Nancy Pease. I'm an environmental planner and a life-long Alaskan.

Climate change is slamming Alaska and northern latitudes. Alaska's average temperature are increasing at twice the world average (National Ocean and Atmospheric Association's Arctic report card, 2019). In March 2019, our state average temperatures were 20 degrees above normal. In 2019, Alaska had salmon die-offs in heated streams, and permafrost buckle under homes and roads. What happens in Alaska doesn't stay in Alaska: methane released from thawing permafrost has a potent greenhouse effect for the entire world.

In the indisputable face of human-caused climate change, the U.S. Forest Service should do everything in its power to manage the forests for carbon capture and long-term biodiversity. Scientific models show that old-growth forests are champions at capturing carbon and moderating temperatures on a daily basis. Therefore, the U.S. Forest Service should apply the Roadless Rule in full to the management of the Tongass.

The Tongass's stands of ancient trees, and the forest soil web, are highly-efficient at absorbing greenhouse gas emissions. The Tongass stores approximately 8% of the total carbon stored in all national forests (according to the Center for Biodiversity). In addition, the respiration and water cycling of old growth trees serves as a stabilizing factor in the warming ecosystem.

More than 1.5 million Americans voiced support for the roadless rule during the original rulemaking process, which followed decades of clearcutting that had a destructive and lasting impact on the Tongass. The rule continues to receive overwhelming support in Alaska and across the nation.

The timber harvests require federal subsidies: U.S. tax dollars to administer the sales out-total the revenues collected..

The natural old growth ecosystem of the Tongass is a highly important part of our nation's response to climate change. Apply the Roadless Rule in full to management of the Tongass. Spend USFS funds on maintaining old-growth, for the purposes of climate change resilience and biodiversity.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/10/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Sarah
Last name: Pease
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Tongass National Forest

As our largest national forest, the Tongass contains nearly one-third of the world's old-growth temperate rainforest, is home to countless wildlife and is an important system supporting the salmon fisheries. It is an important link in the global forest system which is under attack. It is also home to indigenous tribes who have existed there for the last 10,000 years, and depend on the land for survival.

Protect the Tongass National Forest: NO ACTION.

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Regards, Spencer Pease

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/16/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: joan
Last name: peaslee
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is joan peaslee and I live in Richmond, Virginia.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, joan peaslee

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Dillon
Last name: Peavey
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC765

Dear Alaska Roadless Rule Planning Committee,

I live and work on the lands and waters of the Tongass National Forest. From hunting and fishing, to hiking and camping, to our tourism and commercial fishing-based economies, Alaskans rely on the intact habitat that the roadless areas of the Tongass National Forest and the Chugach NF contain. That is why I am writing to support the No-Action Alternative for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the proposed Alaska Roadless Rule.

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The Forest Service needs to continue phasing out old-growth clearcutting. Please prioritize conservation of the T77 and TNC conservation priority areas in any new Alaska Roadless Rule. The Forest Service should focus on restoring degraded watershed and fish streams and carbon sequestration.

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: NANCY
Last name: PEBENITO
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
KEEP THE TONGASS ROADLESS!

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Cheryl
Last name: Pebley
Organization:
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Regards, Cheryl Pebley

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Mark
Last name: Pecaut
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Mark Pecaut and I live in Lake Worth, Florida.

We are developing everything in Florida, keep some nature!

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Jim
Last name: Pech
Organization:
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Comments:
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Regards, Jim Pech

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Organization:
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Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Brian
Last name: Peck
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Tongass Roadless Rule

Please select Alternative 1 the No Action Alternative and leave the Roadless Rule fully in force on the Tongass National Forest.

Sincerely,

Brian Peck

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/24/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Clayton
Last name: Peck
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/11/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Elizabeth
Last name: Peck
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Karin
Last name: Peck
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Karin Peck

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Linda
Last name: Peck
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Linda Peck and I live in St. Cloud, Minnesota.

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First name: Louisa
Last name: Peck
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
This is a horrific plan that would have tragic consequences for generations present and future. How dare you threaten our beautiful Tongas forest. Have you not heard of climate change? Do you not know how few areas of undisturbed, roadless forests are left on the planet? I'm outraged and heartbroken by your exemption proposal. Shame on you.

[Position]

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First name: Lucas
Last name: Peck
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First name: Nico
Last name: Peck
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/14/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Pamela
Last name: Peck
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Pamela Peck and I live in Watsonville, California.

We need nature to survive. I hope it's not too late when we learn this.

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First name: Patricia
Last name: Peck
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Patricia Peck and I live in Niagara Falls, New York.

STOP DESTROYING ANIMALS HOMES! ANIMALS HAVE A RIGHT TO LIVE IN THEIR NATURAL HABITATS JUST AS HUMANS LIVE IN HOUSES. WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR HOUSE BULLDOZED TO THE GROUND?

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Regards, Patricia Peck

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

Fresno, CA 93730

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First name: Theresa
Last name: Peckham
Organization:
Title:
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Last name: Peckover
Organization:
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First name: Terrence
Last name: Pecos
Organization:
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Last name: Pedersen
Organization:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/23/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: L
Last name: Pedersen
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is L Pedersen and I live in Arlington Heights, Illinois.

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Last name: Pedersen
Organization:
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Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Sven
Last name: Pedersen
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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First name: Donald
Last name: Pederson
Organization:
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Michael Pederson

Fairbanks, AK 99709

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Last name: pederson
Organization:
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Comments:
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Americans DON'T want to make America trashy again

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First name: Veronica
Last name: Pedraza
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Veronica Pedraza and I live in Pleasanton, 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.

I am a person who grew up in a city and wish for more and continued protection for natural places and their inhabitants.

Forests are important for animals, people, and the planet.

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). 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. 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.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Bob
Last name: Pedretti
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Bob Pedretti and I live in San Jose, California.

It takes many years to replace cut down tree and during that time climate change keeps growing.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Bob Pedretti

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First name: Jonathan
Last name: Peebles
Organization:
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Comments:
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First name: Julia
Last name: Peebles
Organization:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/11/2019 9:46:36 AM
First name: Madeline
Last name: Peebles
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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The land needs to be protected for animals and to contribute to clean air. There is a beauty to land like this.

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First name: Robert
Last name: Peek
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is [Robert Mc Peek and i live in saylorsburg,pa 18353

can we have no wild areas in america that greed doesn't want to exploit and a president whose only motivation is money >

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Robert Peek

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Roberta
Last name: Peel
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Julian
Last name: Peet
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Julian Peet and I live in American Canyon, California.

Time to go electric for trucks too.Stop the diesel truck pollution.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Julian Peet

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First name: John
Last name: Peeters
Organization:
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First name: Bruce
Last name: Peffers
Organization:
Title:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/19/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: L.
Last name: Pehrson
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
At what point will we finally realize that these forests cannot be replaced, the damage to the ecology cannot be undone, that we are failing as the stewards of the land? We cannot continue putting our financial interests ahead of protecting the land and environment that we must depend on to sustain. Moreover, it's our duty to ensure that our footprints don't result in irreparable damage for the next generations to come. Once we begin making exceptions to the measures that are designed to safeguard our national forests, its a proven certainty that other exceptions will follow as the rationale for justification continues to supersede the adverse consequences that will result. There are currently billions of dollars that the tax payers are being assessed for cleanup efforts associated with mining, fracking, oil drilling, etc. Despite all of the assurances that these enterprises must provide, none are truly held accountable for their devastating messes. Moreover, the government continues to clear the path for the expansion of these industries. How many more super funded waste areas must we anticipate before the government finally realizes that our home is becoming a major hazardous waste dump site? Indeed, deliberating over road access in a national forest may seem petty to the this administration, put considering their current track record, its not surprising. Therefore, if we, the people, don't remain vigil and protect our homelands and its inhabitants, maybe we'll reconsider when we join the endangered species list. Please don't allow the roads, protect our forests and our livelihood. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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First name: James
Last name: Peifer
Organization:
Title:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
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Last name: Peikert
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HC3672

U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule

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Hortonville, WI 54944

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Regards, Joan Peine

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First name: Margaret
Last name: Peine
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
We can not afford to loose the benefits of a healthy costal temperate rainforest which logging will certainly destroy. Please save my home and the health of our nation.

[Position]

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Richard
Last name: Peine
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Organization:
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HC3762

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Harlingen, TX 78552

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 1/1/0001 12:00:00 AM
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/29/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Kathleen
Last name: Peippo
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
support for roadless areas

Please keep areas of our country free from roads. I live in Minnesota and fear that roads in the few remaining forest areas will contribute to further degradation of the environment. We need to keep the generations to come in mind as we consider how to manage our remaining natural resources. Thank you for considering my concerns. Kathleen Peippo

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: louis
Last name: peirce
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is louis peirce and I live in Glenside, Pennsylvania.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, louis peirce

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Susan
Last name: Peirce
Organization:
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First name: Charles
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Organization:
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HC5302

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Our grandchildren deserve the opportunity to see these sacred areas and resources without needless roads and clear cutting.

Sincerely,

Charles Peissel

Lakeway, TX 78734

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Cynthia
Last name: Peist
Organization:
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Regards, Cynthia Peist

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Last name: Pelacios
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Last name: Pelath
Organization:
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Last name: Pelka
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Organization:
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Comments:
HC3416

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First name: Chris
Last name: pellegrino
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Chris pellegrino and I live in Los Angeles, 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.

Public lands belong to all the people. We need to keep these places so future generations can know them. We need to stop ruining our planet for someones short term wealth and greed

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 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): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Frank
Last name: Pellegrino
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Frank Pellegrino and I live in Breinigsville, Pennsylvania.

Save Bears Ears

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.

In Southeast Alaska, tourism accounts for 28% of employment and generate an annual $1 billion in economic benefit, making it far more of an economic driver than the timber industry, which is less than 1% of the regional economy.

Any choice but the No Action alternative would also put wildlife and critical habitat at risk, threaten access to clean water, and be a step in the wrong direction on climate change jeopardizing Alaskans at a time when the state already faces severe challenges related to rising temperatures. I urge you not to abandon the Roadless Rule in Alaska and instead to put the public interest above corporate profits by choosing to keep the rule in place unchanged.

Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Frank Pellegrino

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/18/2019 2:55:04 PM
First name: Marge
Last name: Pellegrino
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.

You know the science -- 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,
Marge Pellegrino
Tucson, AZ 85704

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Tim
Last name: Pellenbarg
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC3774

U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule

Comment Period:

Comment Period Alaska Roadless Rule:

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,

Tim Pellenbarg

Wilmington, DE 19806

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Craig
Last name: Peller
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Craig Peller and I live in Plantation, Florida.

Please PROTECT the Tongass National Forest. Do NOT cut it down!!

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, Craig Peller

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Judith
Last name: Pelletier
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Judith Pelletier and I live in Moorpark, California.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Judith Pelletier

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/16/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Ocean
Last name: Pellett
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Ocean Pellett and I live in Waterford, Connecticut.

The EPA should live up to its name and protect the environment, that means among other things clean the air and monitor the air to safe guard my heath and the health of my community and my nation.

I am writing to express extremely strong opposition to efforts to roll back the Roadless Area Conservation Rule (Roadless Rule) in Alaska and 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, wildlife and taxpayers across the nation.

In Southeast Alaska, tourism accounts for 28% of employment and generate an annual $1 billion in economic benefit, making it far more of an economic driver than the timber industry, which is less than 1% of the regional economy. And tourism dollars are ongoing from year to year, if you cut down a forest it's gone forever.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Ocean Pellett

[Position]

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: William
Last name: Pellett
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is William Pellett and I live in Burton, Michigan.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, William Pellett

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Kathleen
Last name: Pelley
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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. Trumps plan is yet another attack from the Trump administration on Indigenous rights. Alaskan Native communities -- including the Tlingit, Haida, and Tsimshian peoples -- have depended on the Tongass Rainforest for millennia. It is the backbone to their culture, traditions, and communities -- we simply cannot let it disappear.

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.

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, Kathleen Pelley

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Regards, Kathleen Pelley

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Andrea
Last name: Pellicani
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Andrea Pellicani and I live in Coos Bay, Oregon.

Protect our forests for wildlife, biodiversity and citizens use.

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.

In Southeast Alaska, tourism accounts for 28% of employment and generate an annual $1 billion in economic benefit, making it far more of an economic driver than the timber industry, which is less than 1% of the regional economy.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Andrea Pellicani

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Karrie
Last name: Pelling
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: James
Last name: Peloquen
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is James Peloquen and I live in New York, New York.

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, James Peloquen

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Barbara
Last name: Peloquin
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Barbara Peloquin and I live in Evanston, Illinois.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Barbara Peloquin

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Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Barbara Peloquin

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Chris
Last name: Peloso
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC5694

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): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Sharyl
Last name: Pels
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC6353

Anyone who has spent time in Juneau knows and loves the Tongass. I've lived here for years and use the Tonass for recreation, fishing, and bringing guests to my home. Keep the Tongass wild! Please choose no action for the Roadless Rule.

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Mark
Last name: Peltan
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Mark Peltan and I live in Clinton Township, Michigan.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Mark Peltan

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: B.
Last name: Pelton
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, B. Pelton

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Drew
Last name: Pelton
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Drew Pelton and I live in Boulder, Colorado.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Drew Pelton

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Jane
Last name: Pelton
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
I am writing to support keeping the current Roadless Rule protections in place and intact for the Tongass National Forest.

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I urge you to support the No-Action Alternative for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the proposed Alaska Roadless Rule, Alternative #1.

Regards, Jane Pelton

[Position]

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Audrey
Last name: Peltz
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Audrey Peltz and I live in Syosset, New York.

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, Audrey Peltz

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Carole
Last name: Peltz
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Carole Peltz and I live in Mentor-on-the-lake, Ohio.

Please leave these areas as you found them. Keep as pristine as possible.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Carole Peltz

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Ann
Last name: Pelzer
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Ann Pelzer and I live in Strongsville, Ohio.

The Tongass and all the animal life it protects is much too important to be opened to clearcutting. Do not allow this!

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Ann Pelzer

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Last name: Pem
Organization:
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Last name: Pember
Organization:
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Last name: Pemberton
Organization:
Title:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Jao
Last name: Pemberton
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC932

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): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Deanna
Last name: Pena
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Deanna Pena and I live in Houston, Texas.

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First name: Kenya
Last name: Pena
Organization:
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Comments:
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Regards, Kenya Pena

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Rachel
Last name: Pena
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Rachel Pena and I live in Rowlett, Texas.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Zachary
Last name: Pena
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
You should not allow logging in this forest.

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/16/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Roberto
Last name: Penaherrera
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/27/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Adahli
Last name: Penaloza
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Maintain protections for Alaska Roadless Rule

Dear Secretary Secretary Perdue,

I hope you don't see this as just another letter; it's another soul speaking up against policies and people who may not have the deepest intentions towards the planet. I understand the immediate concerns you and or others may have to why you must begin building roads and opening the door towards using the recourses in Alaska's Tongass, America's largest national forest. But this move will only cause future damage and immediate damage as it stores more carbon than any other national forest. It contains some of the planet's last stands of old growth temperate rainforest, which is critical habitat for deer, brown bears, black bears, all five species of wild Alaska salmon, wolves, and many of the other species of wildlife.

If your job is more of a job than a passion to help the community and the world in the long run I would expect the science to go over your head if you're mind is already set on allowing these acres to become available. But I hope you understand that the planet, a giant organism with it's own needs, needs to worked with not used up. In leaving these trees untouched the Tongass can play its strongest role in protecting wildlife and filtering out planet, only if protections for its old growth trees remain. Even from a logical, less fear-based stand point further damage to our forests should not even be considered.

Teddy Roosevelt understand the importance of our land, the wildlife, and understood the basic connection between us and the planet. That is why he set out to protect our national forests. I ask that you reconsider and desire for The Tongass to open up for any logging, roads, etc. If you already agree, I hope you use your power to convince others to reawaken this connection between us and the land. It is not just a Native American or tribe "thing." This has been our connection for billions of years. We are still tribe minded animals using similar tactics that have helped build us up. But we have new technology that we could be using to work with the planet and help it in return. And you worked your way up to gain this power, you are meant to speak up for us. So I hope you hear my message and that you consider what I said and act on it.

I urge you in the strongest terms possible to select Alternative 1, or "No Action," for USFS Docket ID: FS-2019-0023 Alaska Roadless Rule #54511. Keep the roadless areas of the Tongass National Forest protected and working to provide clean air, clean water, and sustainable resources to America and the rest of the world.

Sincerely,

Ms Adahli Penaloza

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
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Last name: Penchoen
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Last name: Pendell
Organization:
Title:
Comments:

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HC1129

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/13/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Coral
Last name: Pendell
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC444

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?

Hi, my name is Coral Pendell and I live in Sitka, AK. I value the Tongass, and spend my weekends fishing, hunting, hiking, on and around the Tongass. It is crucial that we protect the Tongass.

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."

No Action

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

Salmon habitat is crucially important to all of us in Alaska, and we cannot afford to threaten them

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.

Protect salmon watersheds

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

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.

Additional comments for the Forest Service:

Sincerely,

I want to receive a copy of the Draft Environmental Statement

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/18/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Coral
Last name: Pendell
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC255

I do not want to receive a copy of the Final Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Roadless Rule Planning Team,

I live in Southeast Alaska, where my lifestyle, the ecology of the forest, and the economy of our communities are all intricately intertwined. I live in this region for the bountiful salmon runs, the beautiful scenery, the clean air and water, and the endless opportunities to recreate in our expansive outdoors. I am one of the 94% of Southeast Alaskans who eat salmon every year. I depend on the Tongass - from the freshwater streams where salmon spawn to the old-growth forests that deer rely on, the Tongass fuels our family and our economy. The health of our economy, which is heavily reliant 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 habitat - in short, it requires keeping inventoried roadless areas roadless! I urge the Forest Service and Secretary Perdue 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. A full exemption from the Roadless Rule will not work for the Tongass.

WHO I AM: *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?* [section italicized]

My Name is Coral, and I was born and raised in Sitka. I grew up fishing commercially for salmon, and spend most of my spare time hunting, gathering mushrooms, berries, beach asparagus, and other edible plants and animals in the Tongass. The Tongass is crucial to all of us in Alaska, the AK wilderness needs to be protected

ALTERNATIVE: *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 "Alternative 1, No Action." Why do you support this alternative?* [section italicized]

Alternative 1, No Action

The alternative I support is:

Alternative 1, No Action

Because:

The Tongass must remain protected for the sake of Alaskans, our fishing [illegible] and industry, and the future of the state. Many of our livelihoods depend on the health of the ecosystems in the Tongass. The natural environment makes this place special and beautiful and vibrant and alone.

AREAS: *Are there specific islands, watersheds, or mountains that you care about? It's especially important to specify areas you use for subsistence hunting, fishing, and gathering. Examples include Tenakee Inlet, Nakwasina Sound, Fish Bay, Ushk Bay, Northern Prince of Wales, T77 salmon watershed areas, Audubon/TNC ecological priority areas.* [section italicized]

The areas I want to see protected from road building and old growth timber harvest are:

All old-growth and second growth forests that are currently protected, all watersheds, anchorages, fishing grounds, and hunting areas.

USE: *What activities do you do on the Tongass? Hunting, fishing, recreation, subsistence, business, tourism, etc.*[section italicized]

Old growth logging and road building would negatively impact the productivity of the ecosystem that I depend on for the following activities:

Hunting, fishing, hiking, recreation, gathering, subsistence, and work

SUGGESTION: *How should the Forest Service manage the Tongass National Forest? More sustainable alternatives to timber harvest include salmon watershed restoration, conservation, visitor industry infrastructure, deer habitat enhancement, young growth thinning, and maintenance of recreation infrastructure such as trails and cabins.*[section italicized]

The monofocus on increasing timber production in the Tongass is outdated and out of pace with the current economy and lifestyle of Southeast Alaska. Industrial scale harvesting of old-growth forest does not enhance salmon production, visitor industry values, deer habitat, or my recreation experience. I would like the Forest Service to focus on activities that enhance and support our lifestyle of living off the land and the sustainable sectors of our economy. These activities are:

Young growth [illegible], tourist industry infrastructure, hiking trails

Additional comments for the Forest Service:

Sincerely,

Coral Pendell

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/22/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Jacqueline
Last name: Pender
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Jacqueline Pender and I live in Park City, Utah.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Jacqueline Pender

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Jakob
Last name: Pender
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, Jakob Pender

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Betsy
Last name: Pendergast
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Betsy Pendergast and I live in Port Townsend, Washington.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Betsy Pendergast

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Fred
Last name: Pendergast
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC5069

U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

I spend 2 weeks a year Steelhead fishing in the wilderness area of Northern BC flying to a remote river and comping on one of the few wilderness wild roadless areas a person can experience. The Alaska remote areas must be protected for present and future generations. The US has far to few areas for an experience like I have been able enjoy and roads are not necessary. Please stop the ending of the roadless rule.

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,

Fred Pendergast

Cupertino, CA 95014

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Jacob
Last name: Pendlebury
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Jacob Pendlebury and I live in Marblehead, Massachusetts.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
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Regards, Jacob Pendlebury

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Grey
Last name: Pendleton
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC5505

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,

Grey Pendleton

Juneau, AK 99801

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): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Kim
Last name: Pendleton
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Kim Pendleton and I live in Nipomo, California93444
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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Kim Pendleton

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First name: Mary
Last name: Pendleton-Hoffer
Organization:
Title:
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Regards, Mary Pendleton-Hoffer

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Regards, Dee Pendley

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Stephanie
Last name: Pendolino
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Stephanie Pendolino and I live in Naperville, Illinois.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Stanley
Last name: Pendze
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Stanley Pendze and I live in Monroe Township, New Jersey.

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Regards, Stanley Pendze

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: George
Last name: Penedo
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is George Penedo and I live in Cranston, Rhode Island.

Please protect Bears Ears.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: David
Last name: Penegar
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is David Penegar and I live in Knoxville, Tennessee.

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Regards, David Penegar

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Gustavo
Last name: Penengo
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
This is unnecessary, there are many sustainable ways to logging and clear-cutting virgin land is not one of them. This is not fair to anyone.

[Position]

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Elizabeth
Last name: Penfield
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Elizabeth Penfield and I divide my time between Colorado and Georgia, Colorado being my legal residence.
Bears Ears provides vital habitat for wildlife and for the rest of us an important cultural experience, a window into the West that was.
I am writing to protest any efforts to roll back the Roadless Area Conservation Rule (Roadless Rule) in Alaska or elsewhere. Please consider that The Roadless Rule had strong 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. Considering the strength of that support, the Rules benefit to native Alaskans, and the funds generated by tourism, the only valid option would be No Action.
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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Elizabeth Penfield

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Autumn
Last name: Penfold
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Autumn Penfold and I live in Edgewood, New Mexico.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Maree
Last name: Penhart
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Maree Penhart and I live in Oxnard, California.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Maree Penhart

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Last name: Peniston
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Regards, Gary Peniston

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/2/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: James
Last name: Peniston
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is James Peniston and I live in Gainesville, 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.

I am a PhD student at the University of Florida studying ecology. I believe that it is important to protect the Tongass National Forest because it serves as vital habitat for many species. Clear-cutting parts of the forests will fragment this habitat. Years of science has shown that fragmenting a habitat at all can dramatically increase the chances of species going extinct as well as decrease the amount of services these ecosystems provide to humans, such as carbon storage. I hope you will fight to protect the Tongass National Forest.

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 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 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). 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 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.

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Martin
Last name: Penkwitz
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Martin Penkwitz and I live in Spring Branch, Texas.

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Regards, Martin Penkwitz

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: K
Last name: Penn
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is K Penn and I live in Clinton, Washington.

Wild forests should be left wild. No logging or development.

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Regards, K Penn

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First name: Liam
Last name: Penn
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Dear USDA Forest Service:

I am a Juneau resident, artist, craftsman and high school student. I am appalled by the petition to exempt the Tongass from the Roadless Rule. As a young person, if the Tongass was exempted, I would have to deal with the impacts on the forest, the climate, and the community I live in, for the rest of my life. I value the fish I eat, the clean air I breath, the fresh water I drink, and the beautiful, untouched forest with its special ecosystems that make these things that I enjoy, and many, many, others enjoy, a possibility. My generation would have to deal with the consequences of the action long after those who wanted it are gone. Please consider us young people who will have to live with your decision. Please do not allow the Tongass to be exempted from the Roadless Rule.

Liam Penn

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/6/2019 6:30:21 PM
First name: N
Last name: PENN
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is N Penn and I live in Los Angeles, 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.

There needs to be a balance in this world. Right now greed and economics are overwhelming the natural, wild places. This needs to be readressed. The clock is ticking and time is running out. We will be the merchants of our own demise, along with millions of other species who call this planet home.

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 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 passiveactive watershed restoration (stream and habitat) to improvemaintain roadless characteristics (culvert removalreplacement, 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. 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.

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/7/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Nathan
Last name: Penn
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/11/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: roberta
Last name: penn
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is roberta penn and I live in Columbus, Ohio.

Love our parks as they are!!!

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, roberta penn

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Angela
Last name: Pennacchini
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Angela Pennacchini and I live in West Warwick, Rhode Island.

It seems those in charge do not care about our children or their future. All they are looking to do is get financial gain through destruction. They are greedy and care nothing about draining and polluting our earth. It has to stop or our children will not survive.

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Regards, Angela Pennacchini

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: David
Last name: Pennebaker
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, David Pennebaker

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Robert
Last name: Pennell
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule

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Sincerely,

Robert Pennell

Harrisburg, PA 17104

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First name: CAROL
Last name: PENNINGTON
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, CAROL PENNINGTON

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Greg
Last name: Pennington
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Greg Pennington and I live in San Francisco, California.

Please protect our clean air that we all need to breathe and thrive

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Judith
Last name: Pennington
Organization: Institute for the Awakened Mind and Awakened Mind Enterprises, LLC
Title:
Comments:
Please understand that what you do now impacts generations to come. The forest will not quickly replenish itself, and the carbon released into the atmosphere from the loss of the forest will further damage the earth's already damaged ecosystem.

Let one spot on this great, grand planet breathe freely. Do not build roads through this area of Alaska. There is no good reason to do so. Leave the Alaska Amazon alone...I beg you.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Julie
Last name: Pennington
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, Julie Pennington

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/13/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Andrea
Last name: Pennisi
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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First name: Gregory
Last name: Penniston
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Gregory Penniston and I live in Tucson, Arizona.

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Regards, Gregory Penniston

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First name: Julie
Last name: Penny
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Julie Penny and I live in Sag Harbor, New York.

No Clear-cutting in the Tongass! KEEP the Roadless Area Conservation Rule in place!!!!!

Julie Penny, Sag Harbor, NY 11963

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Last name: Penrod
Organization:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: christina
Last name: penrose
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is christina penrose and I live in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

why go backwards, we have made so much progress from smoggy skies to blue skies

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, christina penrose

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Linda
Last name: Penrose
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Linda Penrose and I live in Morro Bay, California.

In order for humans to survive, we need these trees alive.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Devan
Last name: Pensinger
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Keep the Roadless Rule in Place for the Tongass National Forest

Dear Interdisciplinary Team Leader, Alaska Roadless Rule Ken Tu,

I am writing to express my interest in continuing to protect the Tongass National Forest and its backcountry and roadless areas from unnecessary logging and development.

I worked for the Forest Service in the Tongass in the summer of 2016. I worked in incredibly remote areas, often being dropped by float plane for 8-10 days at a time. I was monitoring vegetation regeneration as part of the Tongass Wide Young Growth Study, which meant I was bushwhacking through old clear cuts 20 years after cutting and walking on roads that have not been used in decades but are still there, scars on the land. The thought of seeing more of this forest divided up into grids and roads put where no roads should be makes me angry. Things are changing. We need our forests more now than ever; to act as carbon sinks, to keep people hopeful, and to generate income and revenue through tourism and recreation. I truly hope as a nation we can recognize our wealth before it is too late.

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

Sincerely,

Devan Pensinger

Boise, ID 83702-2427

[POSITION]

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First name: Jane
Last name: Penter
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Save our people

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/1/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Alexa
Last name: Penzner
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
The Tongass is for wildlife!

You all are destroying our Earth as we know it. It will survive - will we?

The proposed rule's claim that exempting the entire Tongass National Forest from the Roadless Rule will have only minimal environmental effect is simply not justified by experience. The course chosen by the 'Emperor T' ignores the public, fails to find balance, and threatens the National Forest System.

I strongly urge the Forest Service to select ALTERNATIVE 1, the "NO-ACTION" alternative.

Thank you much - ?? ?? ?? ??

Alexa Penzner

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Alison
Last name: Peper
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Alison Peper and I live in Los Angeles, California.

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Last name: Pepin
Organization:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/11/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Michael
Last name: Peplinski
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.

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First name: Autumn
Last name: Pepper
Organization:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: John
Last name: Pepple
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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First name: Jessica
Last name: Peragine
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Jessica Peragine and I live in Hanahan, South Carolina.

The youngest among us are the most vulnerable to the effects of climate change, and they will bear the burden far greater and longer than todays adults.

These young people are asking adult leaders to take this threat seriously. We owe it to these 16 children and children everywhere in the world to do everything we can to solve our climate crisis and protect their rights to a livable future.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: SANDRA
Last name: PERCIVAL
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Sandra and I live in Portland, Oregon, another Pacific NW State with protected majestic trees.

The clear cutting of any centuries old trees in protected forests is abhorrent! We need to protect these "giants" who are also one of the key ingredients for controlling carbon in the environment. Do not desecrate our children and future generations inheritance.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

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Last name: Percival
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Dominic
Last name: Percopo
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Dominic Percopo and I live in West Haven, Connecticut.

Why can't this tRUMP & His Republican Cronies Leave well enough alone. Could it be PAYBACK to this SWAMP CREATURES Big Donors so they can Screw MOTHER NATURE and DESECRATE these Treasures it isn't Nice to Screw around with MOTHER NATURE SO GET LOST NOW

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Regards, Dominic Percopo

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
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Last name: Perdios
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/4/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Dana
Last name: Peregrine
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
I support Alternative #2. I also support Alternative #1. I support minimal or updated changes to the roadless areas of Tongass National Forest. I support maintaining and helping the Tongass National Forest thrive as an ecosystem and life-giving system to all it's life other than humans.

It's a disservice to all Alaskans when their state government fails to prepare them for an economy based on something other than extractive industries. It's time to develop an economy, for Alaska and all of the United States, that is renewable, regenerative, closed-loop waste cycles, and puts economic value on the immeasurable inherent value of land, air, water, habitat, nature for what it is as is. It's time for humans to take lessons from indigenous cultures and live in concert and symbiosis with nature and the environment.

Have we learned nothing?? With Tongass, part of the largest remaining temperate rainforest on Earth, it's time to apply what we know about human impact on land and nature and environment. Watersheds matter, for example. Maintain them. Anything we do has an impact.

Yes, it will be hard to change our habits and lifestyle to accommodate and welcome in a new economy. I for one am ready and willing to change. I for one desperately want us to stop our human negative impact on our planet. I want Tongass National Forest to be a recipient of our new way of acting and interacting with our environment. Please choose to save the Tongass National Forest. Please choose to keep or enhance roadless areas. Please choose Alternative 1 or 2.

Thank you.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/14/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Adam
Last name: Pereira
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Adam Pereira and I live in Madison, WI. 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 support a NO ACTION ALTERNATIVE.

With environmental degradation across the United States, Tongass can be the next American icon. The place that was treated with respect, a look into the old world, the real North America that we all inhabit.

Tongass National Forest is held to the public of the United States and this DEIS is being driven by a small group of people concerned with an industry that is not sustainable. The possibilities for financial gain are often used to support the exemption of Tongass National Forest from the Roadless Rule. In reality, the risk of economic loss associated with opening up timber access is alarming. In the southeast region of Alaska, the logging industry accounts for less than 1% of the economy and provided only 354 jobs in 2017. The fishing and tourism sector makes up approximately 25% of the economy and provides nearly 10,000 jobs. Environmental degradation to the salmon population and recreation from logging expansion could lead to a major economic downfall. Back in 2001 when the Roadless Rule was written, the USFS had over $8.4 billion worth of deferred maintenance on forest roads and limited funds each year for maintenance. The USFS claimed that it makes little fiscal or environmental sense to build additional roads with the laundry list of road maintenance already required. In Tongass National Forest road-building typically costs $185,000 per mile or more. Currently, in Alaska alone, the backlog for road maintenance is $68 million, and nationally $3.4 billion. Excluding the costs of road-building and maintenance, the USFS spent approximately $12.5 million each year on the timber industry in the Tongass. Between 2005-2014, the annual revenue was a mere $1.1 million in timber sales. In 2004, a $681,000 road was being constructed to open the doors for timber that was sold at auction for just $74,000. This year, Tongass National Forest received no new bids by the June deadline for old growth timber and yet the timber industry is being marketed as an economic success. National Forests drive economic success because of funds from recreation and tourism. Each year there are approximately 150 million visitors to National Parks, supplying 220,000 part-time and full-time jobs, and adding $15 billion to the U.S. economy. In Tongass alone, nearly 1 million people visit the National Forest each year and funds from ecotourism have continued to grow. Tourism alone supports over 10,000 jobs in the Tongass National Forest.

The native Tlingit, Haida, and Tsimshian have continuously inhabited southeast Alaska for the past 10,000 years. It is rightfully their land, and if you listen to the people who rely on the land for subsistence, spirituality, and culture - the answer for what we should with the land is clear.

Be CREATIVE. PROTECT THIS VALUABLE, ANCIENT LAND. Do not follow the prescription of boom and bust that we have already seen. If you are concerned with timber jobs, work with other agencies and gain support to hire workers previously employed by the timber industry.

I urge the Forest Service to select Alternative 1, the no action alternative.

Find some silence and listen to what you believe the right decision is.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 1/1/0001 12:00:00 AM
First name: Will
Last name: Pereira
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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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,
Will Pereira
Greenwood Village, CO 80111

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Will
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Organization:
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First name: Martha
Last name: Perelli
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Martha Perelli and I live in Raleigh, North Carolina.

We need affirm our commitment to our children's future and enhance not dismiss the the 2015 coal ash rule. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Martha Perelli

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/11/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Michael
Last name: Perensovich
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC5061Sitka AlaskaDec. 8, '19Imagine if you will:"A youngster with a poppy at her side gazing up at a majestic redwood tree; its probably the most wonderful thing that she has ever seen."Gentlemen;I strongly favor keeping the Roadless Rule proposal intact for the following reasons;-Of all the national forests, the Tongass is the most expensive to log; resulting in low stumage rates and low finaucial returns to both the U.S. Treasury and public.-Local citizens, by large majority, are not in favor of any rule changes. (See End.)-Critical Fish & Wildlife habitat will be adversely affected namely--big game winter ranges, salmon rearing streams and bald eagle nesting trees.-Presence of rare and endangered species are not usually fully evaluated.Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Roadless Rule Proposal.Sinccerely,[Signiture][See attachment containing a newspaper article titled "Group Says USFS Lost $600M On Tongass"][Position]

canisters and other riot-control projectiles. The woman, who spoke on condition of anonymity because she fears reprisal during her frequent trips to the mainland, uses acupuncture to ease their pain and doesn't charge for her services.

This behind-the-scenes doctoring, outside of government hospitals, suggests that the official toll of 1,235 injured protesters treated in public hospitals since June 9 significantly undercounts both the number and full extent of those hurt in the more than 400 demonstrations tallied by the government.

Hong Kong's chief executive, Carrie Lam, says the casualty count includes

front lines. She helped assemble Hidden Clinic at the end of July because "I realized the injuries are getting more severe," she said.

Its name reflects its low profile — its Telegram logo is a bear wearing an identity-concealing surgical mask — but also the many unreported injuries its volunteers see.

"Data published by the government aren't really accurate anymore, and there are a lot of hidden injuries," Wong said.

Weather

Sitka Forecast

Tonight, a low of 40 degrees with a 30 percent chance of rain. Wednesday, a high of 52 degrees with a 50 percent chance of rain, and an overnight low of 44 with a 40 percent chance of rain. For the rest of the week expect temps ranging from 42 to 53 degrees with a

Boy, 9, Facing Murder Counts In Deadly Fire

EUREKA, Ill. (AP) — A prosecutor says a central Illinois 9-year-old will be charged with five counts of first-degree murder in connection with a mobile home fire that killed five people.

Woodford County State's Attorney Greg Minger tells the (Peoria) Journal Star the juvenile also will be charged with two counts of arson and one count of aggravated arson.

The April 6 fire near the village of Goodfield killed a 1-year-old, two

Group Says USFS Lost $600M On Tongass

SITKA Sentinel OCT, 8, 2019

JUNEAU (AP) — The U.S. Forest Service has lost nearly $600 million through its management of the Tongass National Forest, according to a new report.

The study by the nonpartisan group Taxpayers for Common Sense calculated the forest service's losses through roadbuilding and timber sales, Coast Alaska reported Monday.

The average net loss has been about $30 million annually over the past 20 years, the report said.

The U.S. Forest Service did not comment on the group's report.

Taxpayers for Common Sense warned a rollback of the federal Roadless Area Conservation Rule would accelerate the trend of the forest costing taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars in federal subsidies.

Alaska's U.S. senators have pushed for a rollback of the federal rule to

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is expected in the coming weeks to decide whether to formally roll back the Roadless Area Conservation Rule in Alaska.

"The system is clearly broken if we are so underwater with our timber sales," said Autumn Hanna, vice president of Taxpayers for Common Sense.

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"We need to reform the timber program first, and just opening up more areas will not help taxpayers,"

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Terry
Last name: Perensovich
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Maintain protections for Alaska Roadless Rule

Dear Secretary Secretary Perdue,

Dear Alaska Roadless Rulemaking Team,

I am born and raised in Southeast Alaska. I have resided in Juneau and Sitka for the past 59 years. My occupation is from commercial fishing and marine construction. My hope is to protect the natural resources of S.E. Alaska in a sustainable way. Protecting healthy habitat for fish and game is of utmost importance for future generations. I have witnessed the unsustainable harvesting of important fish habitat from clear-cut logging. The scale of which was to support timber interests in the communities of Ketchikan, Wrangell, and Sitka. Now we are seeing the impacts of overharvesting timber, valuable to fish and game.

I support option 1 of the Alaska Roadless Rule. We need to protect the last remaining stands of virgin forests. Habitat that is vital to important salmon streams on Prince of Wales Island and Southern Southeast Alaska.

Sincerely,

Terry Perensovich

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: esther
Last name: peretz
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, esther peretz

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Carolyn
Last name: Pereyra
Organization:
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Comments:
My name is Carolyn Pereyra and I live in Marlton, New Jersey.

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Regards, Carolyn Pereyra

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Aldora
Last name: Perez
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Aldora Perez and I live in Seattle, Washington.

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Regards, Aldora Perez

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: dawnmarie
Last name: perez
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is dawnmarie perez and I live in Brooklyn, New York.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, dawnmarie perez

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Diana
Last name: Perez
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Diana Perez and I live in Miami, Florida.

Our natural environment needs protection not destruction. Be steward of Nature, trees protect us and will provides our Earth and us with sustainable life.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Diana Perez

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/28/2019 5:41:23 PM
First name: Erik
Last name: Perez
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Erik Perez and I live in Los Angeles, 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.

Wilderness is a limited resource that must be protected for future generations of people.

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 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 perform restorative actions that support wildlife populations on previously degraded landscapes that support wildlife populations, restore salmon habitat that was hurt by past logging practices. 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.

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: holly
Last name: perez
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is holly perez and I live in Chula Vista, California.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, holly perez

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First name: Iberia
Last name: Perez
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, Iberia Perez

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First name: Katelyn
Last name: Perez
Organization:
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Regards, Katelyn Perez

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Katelyn
Last name: Perez
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Katelyn Perez and I live in Grants Pass, Oregon.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Katelyn Perez

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Kim
Last name: Perez
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Kim Perez and I live in Lakewood, Ohio.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Kim Perez

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Laura
Last name: Perez
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Laura Perez and I live in River Ridge, Louisiana.

Pure air is one of the most basic needs for our health. Let's not go backwards on this vital life system.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Laura Perez

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/22/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Lisa
Last name: Perez
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Dear Secretary Perdue:

I feel strongly that we need to protect the Tongass National Forest (and all indigenous peoples land) for the biodiversity of life within and surrounding such amazing landscapes. No matter what personal or political beliefs, or if we live far away, we have a responsibility to speak up to stop the further exploitation, extraction and profiteering of sacred lands. Having just walked 1700 miles of the Pacific Crest Trail, understanding our relationship to the land has become even clearer to me and I feel compelled to speak out against mindless destruction of any natural environments in the name of profit.

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.

Some points that drive my conviction area as follows:

* Globally, deforestation (8-15%) and forest degradation (6-13%) contribute more greenhouse gas pollution than the world's entire transportation network. 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.

* 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.

* 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.

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.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Lydia
Last name: Perez
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Lydia Perez

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Marcus
Last name: Perez
Organization:
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Comments:
My name is Marcus Perez and I live in Lawrence, Massachusetts.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Marcus Perez

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Margarita
Last name: Perez
Organization:
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Comments:
My name is Margarita Perez and I live in Los Angeles, California.

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Regards, Margarita Perez

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Marianna
Last name: Perez
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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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.

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.

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Miriam
Last name: Perez
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, Miriam Perez

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Rosa
Last name: Perez
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Rosa Perez and I live in Crofton, Maryland.

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Please protect God's planet!
Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Rosa Perez

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Sonia
Last name: Perez
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Sonia Perez and I live in Tampa, Florida.

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Regards, Sonia Perez

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/21/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Susan
Last name: Perez
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Susan Perez and I live in Vallejo, California.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Susan Perez

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Sylvia
Last name: Perez
Organization:
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Regards, Sylvia Perez

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Winnie
Last name: Perez
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Winnie Perez and I live in Gainesville, Florida.

Florida needs to promote solar

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Winnie Perez

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Alina
Last name: Perez-Campos
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Alina Perez-campos and I live in Seattle, WA. 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.

We the people own these lands. Lets preserve them! In a time when our planet is suffering this is more important than ever.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Monica
Last name: perez-watkins
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Please keep the Roadless Rule on the Tongass National Forest (alternative #1). Large swaths of intact habitat are critical for wildlife like bears, wolves, and wolverine. Opening up the Tongass to roads and additional timber harvests will lead to expanded deforestation and the release of more CO2. Preserving existing forests is one of the best tactics to combatting global climate change.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Eileen
Last name: Perfrement
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Eileen Perfrement and I live in Shelton, Washington.

We need clean air, water, and food to survive.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
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Last name: Perhay
Organization:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Deborah
Last name: Peri
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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First name: Joy
Last name: Perigo
Organization:
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Comments:
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First name: S
Last name: Peril
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is S Peril and I live in El Dorado Hills, California.

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Last name: Perilli
Organization:
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First name: Sophie
Last name: Perillo
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Sophie Perillo and I live in Sisters, OR. 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 want to have healthy forests for climate stability and for my childrens future. I believe that keeping forests intact is an investment in a healthy future for all.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Nina
Last name: Perino
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Nina Perino

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Last name: Perkell
Organization:
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Regards, Christine Perkell

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/5/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: James
Last name: Perkett
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
I would like to say I am against lifting the Tongass Forest roadless rule. I do not want to see another of our wonderful lands be taken away from us and future generations. Thank you.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Gordon
Last name: Perkin
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, Gordon Perkin

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Akankha
Last name: Perkins
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Akankha Perkins and I live in Woodstock, Vermont.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Akankha Perkins

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/18/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Betsy
Last name: Perkins
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Betsy Perkins and I live in Grand Forks, North Dakota.

Global climate change is the most pressing problem in the world. It will cause starvation due to failing crops and flooding of coastal towns and cities leading to massive emigration and potentially war. We must do everything to reduce the causes of climate change. Clear-cutting the Tongass National Forest is the wrong thing to do.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Betsy Perkins

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: E
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Organization:
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Comments:
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Organization:
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First name: Guy
Last name: Perkins
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, Guy Perkins

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: howell
Last name: perkins
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is howell perkins and I live in Richmond, Virginia.

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First name: Jane
Last name: Perkins
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Jane Perkins and I live in Loveland, Colorado.

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Regards, Jane Perkins

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Jean
Last name: Perkins
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Jean Perkins and I live in Phippsburg, Maine.

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Last name: Perkins
Organization:
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Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: LYNN
Last name: PERKINS
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Opening up our public forests to Trump could lead to logging in parts of other national forests that are protected. Please do not support the President's plan.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Madeline
Last name: Perkins
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Organization:
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Regards, Marie Perkins

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Sandra
Last name: Perkins
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Sandra Perkins and I live in Belen, New Mexico.

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First name: Sherry
Last name: Perkins
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Sherry Perkins and I live in Sautee, Georgia.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Sherry Perkins

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/20/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Tatiana
Last name: Perkins
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Tatiana Perkins and I live in Sitka, AK. 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 daughter, granddaughter and great, great granddaughter to generations of Tlingit people that have lived in Sitka Alaska among the Tongass Nation forest.

I care about the Tongass National Forest because its been protected this long for reasons and my ancestors for generations have depended on the Tongass for everything. Its apart of our history and our culture. Not only that but all the reasons its good for the climate to keep the Tongass pristine and intact.

My hope is that my voice and the voice of my Tlingit ancestors voices be heard to save the Tongass. The worlds largest federally protected temperate rainforest.

Please keep it roadless. If not then let the people who have lived here for generations decide what happens to the land that weve been on for generations.

Please consider the weight of your decision be answered to the next seven generations down the road. Be on the right side of history.

Gunalch[egrave]ech. Thank you for reading. #savetheTongass #protecttheTongass

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 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. 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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First name: Tatiana
Last name: Perkins
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Dear Alaska Roadless Rule Planning Committee,

I live and work on the lands and waters of the Tongass National Forest. From hunting and fishing, to hiking and camping, to our tourism and commercial fishing-based economies, Southeast Alaskans rely on the intact habitat that the roadless areas of the Tongass National Forest contain. *That is why I am writing to support the No-Action Alternative for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the proposed Alaska Roadless Rule.* [text bolded for emphasis]

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 strongly oppose any efforts to weaken protections for Roadless areas in the Tongass National Forest and the Chugach National Forest.

The Forest Service needs to continue phasing out old-growth clearcutting. Please prioritize conservation of the T77 and TNC conservation priority areas in any new Alaska Roadless Rule. The Forest Service should focus on restoring degraded watershed and fish streams and carbon sequestration.

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Last name: Perkison
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First name: Judith
Last name: Perlin
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Judith Perlin and I live in Berkeley, California.

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Regards, janet perlman

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Last name: Perlman
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Regards, K. Perlman

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Martha
Last name: Perlmutter
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Martha Perlmutter and I live in New City, New York.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Martha Perlmutter

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/20/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Lee
Last name: Perlov
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
In a critical period for the sustainability of this planet, we need to expand protected forests and encourage efficient timber farming. Cutting down established forest eco-systems risks accelerating global warming and reducing air quality.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Anne
Last name: Pernick
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Good People,

I urge the No Action alternative so that we can preserve this critical carbon sink and incredible, singular, wild heritage.

Thank you,

Anne

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Donna
Last name: Peronace
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
I am writing to urge you to choose Alternative 1 - take no action and leave the Roadless Rule in place in Alaska and especially in the Tongass National Forest. Protecting old growth forests is important for protection of wildlife and fisheries. Old growth, intact forests are important to many species. As human impacts and industry fragments more and more forests, protecting our remaining intact forests becomes more and more crucial. In addition to protecting existing flora and fauna, our wilderness areas are important for the health of our fisheries and the tourism industry. Forests are also on the front line in the fight against climate change. The current science on climate change supports planting more trees, not cutting down old growth forest. Intact old-growth forest is essential for salmon spawning, deer habitat, carbon storage and tourism. Please keep the Roadless Rule in place. Protect the Tongass.

Thank you.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Brandon
Last name: Perras
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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First name: Donald
Last name: Perras
Organization:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM
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Last name: Perreault
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First name: Deborah
Last name: Perrero
Organization:
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Last name: Perretta
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First name: Claire
Last name: Perricelli
Organization:
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Comments:
My name is Claire Perricelli and I live in Eureka, California.

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Regards, Claire Perricelli

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Linda
Last name: Perrigoue
Organization:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/28/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Douglas
Last name: Perrine
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Please Keep The 2001 Roadless Rule On The Tongass

Dear Secretary Perdue and Chief Christensen,

Please select the "no-action" alternative on the Alaska-specific Roadless Rule and protect all inventoried roadless areas on the Tongass National Forest under the 2001 National Roadless Rule. Americans need intact wilderness areas both for our own recreation and psychological well-being and for the sustenance of the global environmental system that sustains us.

The Tongass, one of the last remaining intact old-growth temperate rainforests in the world, provides a buffer against climate change, degradation of freshwater supplies, and other symptoms of environmental degradation as well as a refuge for native wildlife and plants.

I am not interested in having my taxes used to subsidize logging in the Tongass, where logging costs vastly exceed timber revenues.

The 2001 National Roadless Rule already allows for access and development projects. Since 2009, 48 such projects have already been approved in the Tongass.

Please select the "no-action" alternative on the Alaska-specific Roadless Rule and keep the 2001 National Roadless Rule on the Tongass.

Thank you

Douglas Perrine

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/18/2019 7:53:48 PM
First name: P
Last name: Perron
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,
P Perron
Seattle, WA 98117

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Carol
Last name: Perrone
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Last name: Perrone
Organization:
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First name: Anithra
Last name: Perry
Organization:
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Comments:
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Last name: Perry
Organization:
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Regards, Antoinette Perry

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Arlette
Last name: Perry
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, Arlette Perry

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Barbara
Last name: Perry
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Barbara Perry and I live in Cordova, Maryland.

Stop doing Trump's uninformed plans to destroy our entire national parks, forests and monuments just to help a VERY small percentage of his business cronies!

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Barbara Perry

[Position]

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/20/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Brenda
Last name: Perry
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
I do not support expanding logging in the Tongass. I do not support exempting the Tongass from the roadless rule.

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Brooke
Last name: Perry
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Brooke Perry and I live in South Plainfield, New Jersey.

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Regards, Brooke Perry

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Carol Perry

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Coleman
Last name: Perry
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC4000

U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule

Comment Period:

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Sincerely,

Coleman Perry

Nashville, TN 37205

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 1/1/0001 12:00:00 AM
First name: Coleman
Last name: Perry
Organization:
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Comments:
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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule
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Sincerely,
Coleman Perry
Nashville, TN 37205

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: David
Last name: Perry
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is David Perry and I live in San Francisco, California.

We're destroying ourselves with plastics. There must be a better way of dealing with this pollutant than what we are currently doing.

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Regards, David Perry

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Organization:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/17/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Ed
Last name: Perry
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Ed Perry and I live in New Braunfels, Texas.

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Regards, Elizabeth Perry

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/27/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Ethan
Last name: Perry
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Logging is good. Logging old-growth is bad. Of the 6 Alternatives concerning the Tongass National Forest and the Alaska Roadless Rule, only Alternative 1 protects all old-growth, therefore Alternative 1 is the only reasonable choice.

I would not oppose converting young-growth acres from unsuitable to suitable timber lands, but trees that that are older than the Constitution should not be touched with a blade, except in rare situations. They are our heritage. They make America great.

[Position]

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Heather
Last name: Perry
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Heather Perry and I live in Auburn, California.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Heather Perry

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/19/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Helen
Last name: Perry
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
I oppose the opening of the Tongass National Forest to logging and road making interests. I support Alternate 1, making no change to the roadless rule and maintaining the rule that timber in this area is unsuitable for logging. This forest is one of the last remaining rain forests in our hemisphere. As such, it plays an essential role in the balance of clean air and water. This forest also plays a role in containing carbon from being released into the atmosphere thus slowing the rising temperatures in the environment. This ecological balance is extremely important as the earth undergoes climate changes. I have been fortunate to spend time walking in the Tongass Forest and its role in providing refuge from urban life is not only important for human spirituality, but adds to the local economy in serving the many thousands of tourists who come to this part of Alaska. This area is home to salmon since the forest reaches all the way to the sea, making the area important for the breeding and sustainability of salmon. This area is home to wildlife that are unique to North America and which attracts visitors from around the world. This is a forest that belongs to our children and our children's children and far into the future. As urban and suburban areas in Alaska and across the country increase in density with attending commercialization and industrialization, national treasures such as the Tongass National Forest are our legacy to the future so that our children will be able to experience what we have known about the natural world. If this forest is given over to commercial interests, we will have given away our legacy to the future, and turned this nation ltreasure into a chewed up, polluted area that will infect the climate and the environment that extends from this focal point. Please, not everything is for sale. The Trump administration has not shown itself to favor preservation or to attending to the deep value of the natural world to our citizens and visitors from around the world. Past Republican presidents such as Theodore Roosevelt innately understood the value of preserving natural treasures for future generations. I respectfully request that this proposal for rule making that would open this pristine area to commercial logging be blocked and instead efforts should be taken to extend protections and restrictions to logging to the widest possible area in the Tongass Forest. Some have suggested making the Tongass Forest a national monument, and I strongly support, on behalf of my grandchildren and their children, this proposal to make the forest a monument. Thank you.

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Holley
Last name: Perry
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, Holley Perry

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/5/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: James
Last name: Perry
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): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: jeannie
Last name: perry
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is jeannie perry and I live in Port Wing, Wisconsin.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, jeannie perry

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Jill
Last name: Perry
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Jill Perry and I live in Mount Healthy, Ohio.

Please stop this idiot treasonist Trump from destroying our country!

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Jill Perry

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Jim
Last name: Perry
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC5414

U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

This is endangering part of what makes Alaska great. Please do consider this projects potential fall out.

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Sincerely,

Jim Perry

Anchorage, AK 99507

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/26/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Joel
Last name: Perry
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC56

I grew up hiking and camping, wildlife watching and hunting, and getting away from the business of town in the Tongass. Just outside of Juneau. Please keep the Tongass roadless, and allow our children a chance to enjoy our last bit of wilderness.

[Position]

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Karen
Last name: Perry
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Roadless Tongass National Forest

DO NOT build roads in the Tongass. How shortsighted can you get? Once those 1,000 year old trees are gone there is no getting them back. We do not need more Walmarts or Mar a Lagos built with those trees. They belong to the nation, not the Republicans of Alaska.

Thank you

Karen Perry

Sent from my iPad

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Karen
Last name: Perry
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Karen Perry and I live in Yucca Valley, California.

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Regards, Karen Perry

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Regards, Kathy Perry

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: kim
Last name: perry
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is kim perry and I live in Waukesha, Wisconsin.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, kim perry

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Kimberly
Last name: Perry
Organization:
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Comments:
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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Kimberly Perry

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Lee
Last name: Perry
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Lee Perry and I live in Watsonville, California.

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First name: MacKenna
Last name: Perry
Organization:
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Comments:
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First name: Marie
Last name: Perry
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Marie Perry

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Nancy
Last name: Perry
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, Nancy Perry

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: p
Last name: perry
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is p perry and I live in Hidden Valley Lake, California.

Stop this insanity!!!

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, p perry

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/11/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Ralph
Last name: Perry
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Ralph Perry and I live in Altadena, California.

My name is Ralph Perry and I live in Altadena, CA. I have travelled to Alaska by canoe and I know personally what a disaster its would be if the Roadless Area Conservation Rule were rolled back. It would ruin the temperate rainforest of the Tongass. The only choice is "No Action."

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Ralph Perry

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First name: Scott
Last name: Perry
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Scott
Last name: Perry
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC3625

U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule

Comment Period

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Sincerely,

Scott Perry

Naples, FL 34103

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 1/1/0001 12:00:00 AM
First name: Scott
Last name: Perry
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC3615

U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule
Comment Period

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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 almost 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,
Scott Perry
Naples, FL 34103

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Scout
Last name: Perry
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, Scout Perry

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Steven
Last name: Perry
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Protect the Tongass and Chugach national forests

Dear Secretary Perdue,

STOP the U.S. Forest Service's proposed assault on the Roadless Rule. I fully support 100% preserving the roadless areas in the Tongass and Chugach national forests to prevent road building, logging, and other development. I care about this issue and want you to stop the Forest Service from this reckless, senseless plan to forever adversely impact the old growth and habitats of Tongass and Chugach national forests. The Roadless Rule works and needs to remain in place for these forests.

Sincerely,

Steven Perry

Fairview, Oregon

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/17/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Sue
Last name: Perry
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Sue Perry and I live in Asheville, North Carolina.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Sue Perry

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Vivian
Last name: Perry
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Vivian Perry and I live in Humboldt, Arizona.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Vivian Perry

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/18/2019 5:27:14 PM
First name: Jean
Last name: Perry-Jones
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,
Jean Perry-Jones
Las Vegas, NV 89124

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Jean
Last name: Perry-Jones
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Jean Perry-Jones and I live in Mount Charleston, Nevada.

I've been asking for 40 years to keep Tngass intact and roadless, and to preserve the old growth forests. I know now, more than ever, that we have the moral duty to preserve this magnificent forest and habitats of this remarkable ecosystem

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Regards, Jean Perry-Jones

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Ardell
Last name: Persenaire
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
To whom it may concern,To infiltrate old wood forest for the purpose of cutting down 1000 year old trees is preposterous in a time of Climate Change the lungs of the planet are needed more and more. We have plenty of forests that are control cuts and planted over. I sincerely request that you do not pass this regulation.Ardell Persenaire

[Position]

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/27/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Mihir
Last name: Pershad
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Allowing logging in some of the last preserves of old-growth forests in the US is a travesty and will permanently degrade some of America's finest natural resources. Allowing this logging is a short-term decision that is short-sighted and will provide little value compared to the loss of this habitat and resource.

[Position]

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Lee
Last name: Pershan
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, Lee Pershan

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Last name: Persico
Organization:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Hilary
Last name: Persky
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
What the HELL does it mean to preserve land so the government can despoil it? Get your hands off you greedy sobs. Is NOTHING but cash precious to you?

[Position]

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Jerry
Last name: Persky
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Jerry Persky and I live in Santa Monica, California.

this bill is important

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Jerry Persky

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: William
Last name: Persky
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is William Persky and I live in Olympia, Washington.

Be responsible stewards of public lands not destroyers of irreplaceable natural treasures.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, William Persky

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Adele
Last name: Person
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
please keep the Tongass roadless. we have need of carbon sinks and intact ecosystems. we must learn to live within our means and develop sustainable cycles for our resource needs. we need wild places for ecological diversity and refuge. humans must drawdown. the indigenous people around the Tongass are opposed to opening up more of the forest. the tongass protects water and life resources. so should we.

[Position]

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Kristie
Last name: Person
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, Kristie Person

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Thea
Last name: Person
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC6075

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]

Sincerely,

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

Yes No

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Mark
Last name: Persons
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Mark Persons and I live in West Valley City, Utah.

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Regards, Mark Persons

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First name: Tora
Last name: Persson
Organization:
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Comments:
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First name: MPatricia
Last name: Pertel
Organization:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Bonnibul
Last name: Pery
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC5711

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): 11/16/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: martin
Last name: pesaresi
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Matthew
Last name: Pesci
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC5359

U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

Hello, my name is Matt Pesci and I live in Rossford, Ohio. While I am not an Alaska resident, I support keeping the Roadless Rule on the Tongass. As an avid fly fisherman, intact fish and wildlife habitat is very important to me to keep wildlife areas intact and healthy for my an future generations to enjoy. Further, the Roadless Rule has already been through the public process. More than 1.6 million people commented during the rulemaking process in 2001, and 95% of them supported strong protections for roadless areas. Public comments in 2018 and 2019 have also overwhelmingly supported retaining the rule in Alaska. The Tongass is a national treasure. As our largest national forest and part of the largest remaining intact temperate rainforest in the world, the Tongass has a unique assemblage of plants, animals and fish found in vast and sustainable numbers. It is a place like no other. The Tongass produces 80% of the salmon harvested on the National Forest system (about 50 million annually). The Tongass hosts the highest density of nesting bald eagles and brown bear in the world. More than 50 animal species feed on Tongass salmon when they return to spawn.

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,

Matthew Pesci

Rossford, OH 43460

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Patrick
Last name: Pesek-Herriges
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/7/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Dawn
Last name: Pesicka
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.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Rita
Last name: Pesini
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Rita Pesini and I live in North Wales, Pennsylvania.

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Regards, Rita Pesini

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Last name: Peskind
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/29/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Matthew
Last name: Pesko
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
I respectfully ask for consideration of the Forest Service to consider Alternative 1 to leave Alaska under the 2001 Roadless Rule. The ecosystem, environment, and subsequent tourism would benefit from refraining from making changes to this rule. Thank you,

Matthew Pesko

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/11/2019 3:00:00 PM
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Last name: Pesko
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Organization:
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Comments:
The Alaska Roadless Rule protects over 9 million acres of old growth forest and numerous species of animals. To insert exemptions into this law would most certainly impact the pristine nature of this forest...causing irreversible damage!

I very much support alternative 1,which would take no action and essentially, keep the roadless rule in place, as it should be.

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Last name: Pesola
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Last name: Pessis
Organization:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Ela
Last name: Pete
Organization:
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My name is Ela Pete and I live in San Jose, California.

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First name: Dean
Last name: peter
Organization:
Title:
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Last name: Peter
Organization:
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Regards, Lydia Peter

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Last name: Peterangelo
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Last name: Peterka
Organization:
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First name: John
Last name: Peterka
Organization: Sagebrush Dry Gear
Title: Owner
Comments:
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Sincerely,
John Peterka

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First name: John
Last name: Peterka
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is John Peterka and I live in Kake, AK. I've lived in Southeast since 2017, and I moved here for the incredible outdoor experiences you can only get on the Tongass National Forest. This planet is the only one we have, and we need to take good care of the earth so future generations can experience the same world that we have. I am writing a comment on the Alaska Roadless Rule DEIS because I am concerned with how the Rule and the proposed exemption will impact my ability to fish, hunt, recreate, and find the peace that I seek in the outside world. I am further concerned with the rapid rate of climate change and worried about how changes to the Alaska Roadless Rule, especially a full exemption, could impact the Tongass's ability to sequester carbon and mitigate the rate of climate change. Old-growth temperate rainforest stores more carbon per acre than any other type of forest, and the Forest service should study the impacts of old-growth logging on the carbon storage.

I urge the Forest Service to listen to the voices of Southeast Alaskans who have continued to speak up and select Alternative 1, the No Action Alternative. It protects important fish and wildlife habitat from clearcutting and roadbuilding. I depend on roadless areas in the Tongass for healthy fish, deer, and moose habitat for my subsistence hunting and fishing. I also harvest mushrooms on roadless areas - these areas are especially important. All of the inventoried roadless areas around Kake are important to our community. I hunt deer and grouse on south of Kake and to the west of Kake. Many of these areas are Development LUDs, so it is important to me that they retain Roadless Rule protections in any alternative selected. If they lose their Roadless Rule protections, then there will be increased logging and roadbuilding in these areas. This will hurt the habitat for wildlife, especially for deer who depend on old growth for forage and snow protection in the winter.

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I want the roadless areas around Kake and across the Tongass 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 under any alternative selected the T77 and the TNC conservation priority areas retain their roadless protections.

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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First name: Amy
Last name: Peterman
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Amy Peterman and I live in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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First name: Chris
Last name: Peterman
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): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Michael
Last name: Peterman
Organization:
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Comments:
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Regards, Bri Peters

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First name: Brittany
Last name: Peters
Organization:
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Regards, Brittany Peters

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/21/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Brittany
Last name: Peters
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
No roads in Tongass!

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: George
Last name: Peters
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC5370

U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

As a lover of outdoor recreation, in particular fly fishing for salmon and trout, I am especially enamored of the vast Alaskan wilderness. It is vitally important to preserve these wild areas and the plants and animals that live there. I fervently hope that the Roadless Rule is maintained in order to conserve the wild habitat, a heritage and ecosystem that are invaluable and irreplaceable.

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,

George Ann Peters

Edgard, LA 70049

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Last name: Peters
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Regards, Gregory Peters

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Heidi
Last name: Peters
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Heidi Peters and I live in Oakland Charter Township, Michigan.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Heidi Peters

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Jane
Last name: Peters
Organization:
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Regards, Jane Peters

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: jeff
Last name: peters
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is jeff peters and I live in Beaverton, Oregon.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, jeff peters

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/16/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Judith
Last name: Peters
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Judith Peters and I live in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

While our family lives a long distance from Alaska, we know how essential it is to protect the Tongass as an irreplaceable natural heritage and biological environment. I urge you not to accede to the short term profit motives of the timber companies and preserve this pristine temperate rainforest and wildlife habitat. It belongs to this generation not to plunder but to steward for future generations of Americans, for our hemisphere, and for our planet.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Judith Peters

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Karen
Last name: Peters
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC6358

Please don't log the Tongass

Thank you!

[Drawing of tree with initials below]

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Kathleen
Last name: Peters
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Kathleen Peters and I live in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Kathleen Peters

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Laurie
Last name: Peters
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, Laurie Peters

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Luke
Last name: Peters
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Hello. I'm a voter from the Commonwealth of Virginia. Please protect the Tongass National Forest. Loggers need jobs and America needs wood, but we shouldn't sacrifice our country's virgin old-growth forests.

The Tongass 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.

Regards, Luke Peters

[Position]

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Lydia
Last name: Peters
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Lydia Peters and I live in Cave Spring, Georgia.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Lydia Peters

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Regards, Matt Peters

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Michael
Last name: Peters
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC5316

U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

Because of the length of time to replace old growth trees and the impact to all aspects of the environment in cutting them we need to keep these areas pristine. There are just not enough of them left. Rather than letting a few benefits from the rule changes please look at the needs of the many, from hunters and fisherman to hikers and backpackers, photographers and artists need to be protected. Please protect the common persons interests over the timber companies executives.

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,

Michael Peters

Whittier, NC 28789

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Priscilla
Last name: Peters
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Priscilla Peters and I live in Turlock, California.

One-time profits for the timber industry would cause irreparable damage to the pristine forest of Alaska. There are more important values in life than corporate profit. Please do the right thing and listen to the people.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Priscilla Peters

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Rachael
Last name: Peters
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Rachael Peters and I live in Hawthorne, New Jersey.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Rachael Peters

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Rob
Last name: Peters
Organization:
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Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Rodijah
Last name: Peters
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Rodijah Peters and I live in Petaluma, California.

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Regards, Rodijah Peters

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Sarah
Last name: Peters
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Sarah Peters and I live in Silver Spring, Maryland.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Sarah Peters

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Susan
Last name: Peters
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Susan Peters and I live in San Rafael, California.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Susan Peters

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Thom
Last name: Peters
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Thom Peters and I live in Snohomish, Washington.

Please, please stop being so damn greedy and mean when it comes to protecting our natural resources for future Generations.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Thom Peters

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[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Thom
Last name: Peters
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC3483

U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule

Comment Period

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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,

Thom Peters

Snohomish, WA 98290

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Thom
Last name: Peters
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, Thom Peters

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Thom
Last name: Peters
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC5068

U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

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Having fly fished for coho up in the tongass National Forest, it was disappointing and frustrating to see all the clear-cuts leaving no canopy for the streams. Later it came out in the Ketchikan newspaper about a horrible fish kill due to lack of canopy and creating warmer stream Waters.

Enough! Please stop being so damn greedy and mean with our natural resources.

Sincerely,

Thom Peters

Snohomish, WA 98290

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/18/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Thom
Last name: Peters
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Alaska Roadless DEIS 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. I strongly object to your plans to reduce and remove protections from roadless areas on the Tongass National Forest. The Tongass contains some of the last remaining old-growth temperate rainforest in the world, and its value in providing clean water and fish and wildlife habitat is essential to the economic and ecological health of Southeast Alaska. 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.

Adopted in 2001, the National Forest Roadless Area Conservation Rule is one of our nation's bedrock conservation protections intended to safeguard more than 58 million acres of national forests. From 1999 to 2001, the Forest Service held over 600 public meetings nationwide, including 28 throughout Washington State. In what was one of the most extensive public participation efforts in the history of federal rulemaking, more than 1.6 million people commented during the rulemaking process, with 95% supporting strong roadless area protection.

The Roadless Rule is one of the most balanced and most popular land management policies the Federal Government has ever adopted. It protects our remaining ancient forests, pristine and unroaded watershed, core wildlife habitat and world class recreational opportunities, while leaving more than half of the national forest system available for sustainable logging and other development.

Sincerely,

How about stopping being so damn greedy and mean?

And how about starting to fulfill your stewardship role in protecting our natural resources?

And, if you cannot do this, please get the hell out of your own way and find another job.

Sincerely,

Thom Peters

Snohomish, WA 98290

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/23/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Thomas
Last name: Peters
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
We have learned here in Redwood country that people don't visit here to see more development. They come for relief from the crowding of cities and to enjoy the wondrous beauty of old growth forests. The same is true for Alaska and the Tongas National Forest. It is the awesome sight of old growth forests, the plentiful and healthy runs of fish, and the bountiful wildlife that draws them. The economy of Alaska is far better served by a sustainable tourist economy than by a short term extractive one that relies on destroying irreplaceable old growth and wild forests. Building roads in to these areas only detracts from those values. There is not enough market to justify the rampant logging of the Tongas. Roads and the development that follows reduces wildlife and fish. It is the idea that some places in this world remain intact and pristine that brings people to see them. Don't give up the long term healthy resources for the short term gain of some logging company. No one EVER travels to see a clear cut!

Please maintain the roadless nature of the majority of the Tongas.

Thank you.

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Toni
Last name: Peters
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Toni Peters and I live in Loup City, Nebraska.

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.

In Southeast Alaska, tourism accounts for 28% of employment and generate an annual $1 billion in economic benefit, making it far more of an economic driver than the timber industry, which is less than 1% of the regional economy.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Toni Peters

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Andrew
Last name: Petersen
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Andrew Petersen and I live in Palm Coast, Florida.

My personal feeling is we don't do enough to control these pollutants. We don't need a setback now, when global warming is already advancing at such an astounding rate. I suggest you open your eyes, and see it for what it really is.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Andrew Petersen

[Position]

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/5/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Andrew
Last name: Petersen
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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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): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Antoinette
Last name: Petersen
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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. Trumps plan is yet another attack from the Trump administration on Indigenous rights. Alaskan Native communities -- including the Tlingit, Haida, and Tsimshian peoples -- have depended on the Tongass Rainforest for millennia. It is the backbone to their culture, traditions, and communities -- we simply cannot let it disappear.

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.

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, Antoinette Petersen

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Barry
Last name: Petersen
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Barry Petersen 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, Barry Petersen

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/7/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Ben
Last name: Petersen
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: craig
Last name: petersen
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, craig petersen

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Dialine
Last name: Petersen
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Please do not allow the destruction of the Tongass National Forest. Our world cannot handle the loss of another natural resource to human over consumption and greed. We must protect what natural resources.

[Position]

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Dr.
Last name: Petersen
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, Dr. Petersen

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Haley
Last name: Petersen
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Haley Petersen and I live in New York, New York.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Haley Petersen

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/14/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Katie
Last name: Petersen
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Katie Petersen and I live in Kewadin, Michigan.

Quit clear cutting Alaska!

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Katie Petersen

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Neena
Last name: Petersen
Organization: Ms.
Title:
Comments:
As a US citizen, I want my government to know I am completely against the proposed plan for logging in one of America's last old-growth forests. We must continue to protect these areas for all eternity. The health of our planet, peoples, and wildlife depend on these protections.

"The Tongass stores more carbon removed from the atmosphere than any other national forest in the country in its old-growth Sitka spruce, hemlock and cedar trees. It helps protect Alaska, which is warming more than twice as fast from climate change as our planet overall. The forest holds about 650 million tons of carbon or about half of U.S. carbon dioxide emissions in 2017.

Historically, large-scale industrial logging has damaged salmon streams. The Tongass is spawning ground for 40 percent of wild salmon along the West Coast.Its sad that we have to continue to fight our own government to protect our forests and streams, says Joel Jackson, the president of the Organized Village of Kake which depends on food such as berries and salmon from the Tongass.

The Tlingit, Haida and Tsimshian people rely on the land for cultural and traditional practices like hunting and fishing."

--https://www.salon.com/2019/12/15/forest-service-moves-to-open-americas-amazon-to-loggers_partner/

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/18/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Robert
Last name: Petersen
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Tongas is the greatest temperate rain forest in North America. It stores a huge amount of carbon, helping to alleviate global warming. It shelters wildlife. It provides spawning grounds for salmon, supporting fishermen and native communities. It is a (mostly) unspoiled wilderness. The timber sales in the Tpngas forest lose the government money. Most of the timber is not used in the US, but shipped to Asia. Please build no more roads in the Tongas wilderness.

[Position]

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Roger
Last name: Petersen
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Roger Petersen and I live in Poway, California.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Roger Petersen

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Steven
Last name: Petersen
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Steven Petersen and I live in Pinedale, Wyoming.

The Tongass forest also happens to be the home of many creatures, and they do not deserve to have their homes destroyed so reckless corporations can make a buck.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Steven Petersen

[Position]

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/5/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Todd
Last name: Petersen
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: A.
Last name: Peterson
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is A. Peterson and I live in Tallahassee, Florida.

Theres a reason President Roosevelt rescued and preserved this area. It wasnt for this generation to plunder it. Save our National treasures

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, A. Peterson

[Position]

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/20/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Al
Last name: Peterson
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Ruin an almost pristine wilderness for the almighty dollar.What are the future ramifications? Who is in charge of watching? how many trees per acre can be cut? Will there be clearcutting,erosion etc.

[Position]

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Alexandra
Last name: Peterson
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, Alexandra Peterson

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Alexandra
Last name: Peterson
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Alexandra Peterson and I live in Brooklyn Center, Minnesota.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Alexandra Peterson

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/26/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Andy
Last name: Peterson
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Leave our Roadless Rule in place!

Protecting our forests also protects our salmon and wildlife- and that protects *us all* [Text underlined for emphasis].

Andy Peterson,

Juneau

[Position]

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/18/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Ann
Last name: Peterson
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Comments to oppose modification to the Roadless Rule

Dear U.S. Forest Service,

I write to urge you to preserve the Roadless Rule as presently applied to the Tongass National Forest.

Reasons to preserve and protect this old-growth habitat are so urgent, necessary and numerous as to outweigh any conceivable economic gain that might be projected to justify the intentional disturbance and damage that roadbuilding would inflict on this forest. To permit logging and roadbuilding would ignore everything we have learned about the critical importance of maintaining the integrity of the ancient forests intact. In light of this knowledge, it is difficult to fathom why the U.S. Forest Service would even consider such a heedless action as is contemplated here.

The word "intact" is important. It encompasses the understanding that what is under discussion is an entire ecosystem, and a rare and precious one at that. Intrusion into this system by roadbuilding and logging is objectionable not because it threatens the survival of any one particular species of bird, or mammal, or plant, or tree, but because it threatens all of that and more. Neither can any one portion of the forest be destroyed in isolation or altered without affecting the rest. Ultimately, if this larger, ancient system is weakened and/or destroyed as a result, we will have eliminated one of the critical, irreplaceable systems that has evolved on this planet to preserve its very habitability.

This is not hyperbole, but the Bigger Picture. And while our species has not historically been inclined to let larger considerations interfere with pursuit of immediate needs, or what we perceive to be needed, we have done so at our own peril. Evidence of this accumulates all around us every day.

As citizens of the United States, and of the world, we all have a great deal at stake in this. If I write with urgency, it's in part because my own first experience of Alaska was looking down through the window of a plane on a mountainous expanse of wilderness so otherworldly, so beautiful, it took my breath away. I didn't need to be told that this wilderness was ancient, pristine and fragile. I could feel it in my bones, along with a wholly unexpected surge of pride and gratitude that this land is part of the United States. My love of this country was born in that moment.

I can't now ignore my own participation in the outcome of this decision, since my own tax dollars would contribute to funding the very timber and clearcutting operations which are currently prohibited by the Roadless Rule. I believe these operations are dangerously ill-advised, no matter how profitable in the short term they might, in reality or in theory, be. As it happens, in this instance, there is no return on investment whatsoever for the taxpayer. On the contrary, the reckless disruption of this ecosystem has a potential for harm that, if unchecked, has a strong likelihood of becoming permanent and global. The damage is of a magnitude that quite simply dwarfs any perceived benefit of indulging short-term economic or political expediencies of the few.

Even in the near, short-term period, on a more local scale, we would witness the desecration and diminishment of a unique wilderness habitat that is nothing less than a national treasure. I do not want to be ashamed of my country for not treasuring it.

The U.S. Forest Service is presently charged with custodianship of one of the last and largest intact, ancient rainforests. That responsibility is not to be taken lightly or abused. To permit further roadbuilding and clearcutting is short-sighted in the extreme, and is an unconscionable abuse of that responsibility.

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,

Ann Peterson

Scottsdale, AZ 85254

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: April
Last name: Peterson
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is April Peterson and I live in Arvada, Colorado.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, April Peterson

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First name: Bonnie
Last name: Peterson
Organization:
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Regards, Bonnie Peterson

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Brenda
Last name: Peterson
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Brenda Peterson and I live in Fargo, North Dakota.

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Regards, Brenda Peterson

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/20/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Brian
Last name: Peterson
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
I live in Minnesota and own property in the Cloquet Valley State Forest. I understand the importance of logging for both business and the sustainability of the forest. But we already have too many logging roads that are breaking up the larger tracks of forest. It has to stop! In our area, immediately after logging, the 4-wheelers come first, and with all the slashing left on the ground, it's impossible to get around on foot for hunting or recreation. The loggers get their trees at on the $ and then the recreational use is terrible for at least 10-15 years for the forest to regenerate and the slashing to rot! PLEASE STOP INVADING THE ROADLESS AREAS OF OUR "PUBLIC" LANDS.Thank you.Brian Peterson

[Position]

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Cade
Last name: Peterson
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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First name: Carla
Last name: Peterson
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Carla Peterson and I live in Verona, Wisconsin.

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Regards, Carla Peterson

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/20/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Cerise
Last name: Peterson
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Please consider all of the negative impacts and minor gains that would come of this venture. We are past the turning point where the scales are tipped towards climate change. The economic payoff doesnt justify the amount of money it would take to facilitate the logging, and the environmental impacts that would follow. With the jungles burning in South America, now is the worst possible time to remove any forestry that can help offset CO2 levels. Please think of future generations, stop facilitating our own extinction, in the name of money.

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Last name: Peterson
Organization:
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Comments:
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Regards, Christina Peterson

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Christina
Last name: Peterson
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Christina Peterson and I live in Greensboro, North Carolina.

Try to imagine explaining to your grandchildren why you put the short-term profits of corporate donors above responsible stewardship of our nation's wild places.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Christina Peterson

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Cindy
Last name: Peterson
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Cindy Peterson and I live in Eugene, Oregon.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Cindy Peterson

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Curt
Last name: Peterson
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
I support 'No Action' alternative: Conserve the Roadless Rule in Alaska

Dear Comment Period Alaska Roadless Rule,

I am writing to encourage the US Forest Service to preserve the Roadless Rule that has been instrumental in conserving the Chugach and Tongass National Forest and in supporting their associated fish and wildlife-based industries for almost 20 years. In other words, I am supporting the No Action Alternative that will continue to protect these important and irreplaceable fish and wildlife areas, including the Tongass 77. Roadless areas in the Tongass provide important sources of food, jobs, and income through commercial, subsistence, and also recreational fishing. Salmon are part of Alaska's culture and we must proactively protect them and their spawning streams. Additional roads in this Chugach and Tongass National Forests will threaten the salmon's way of life and also add considerable expensive and unnecessary road maintenance costs that will destroy important habitats for fish and habitat. Unless it can be demonstrated clearly to United States taxpayers that additional logging will provide local mill jobs to American workers, then I strongly oppose any additional logging in these National Forests. Also important to this country is the preservation of standing timber to counteract the global threat of climate change. As a retired research plant scientist who studied the impact of increasing greenhouse gases for more than a quarter century, we know that preserving standing timber in the Chugach and Tongass National Forests is critical to addressing climate change. For all of the above stated reasons, please do not roll back roadless area protections for habitat that our irreplaceable fish and wildlife populations need to survive. The damage caused by such a roll back will be permanent or at the very least long lasting.

Sincerely,

Curt Peterson

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/30/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: dalton
Last name: peterson
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
I think this is a good idea to preserve the habitat.

[Position]

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/5/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Dan
Last name: Peterson
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.

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Organization:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: David
Last name: Peterson
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC3430

U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

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Sincerely,

David Peterson

GREENVILLE, SC 29607

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GREENVILLE, SC 29607

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: David
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Organization:
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Comments:
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Regards, Dwight Peterson

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Edie
Last name: Peterson
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Edie Peterson and I live in Roswell, Georgia.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Edie Peterson

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Elizabeth
Last name: Peterson
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Elizabeth Peterson and I live in Cortlandt, New York.

There is a documentable cost to pollution - the cost in disease, required health care, the lack of clean air for all species to breathe and the actual balance of the planet and its delicate relationship to oxygen. The polluters should pay more for their damage - not be allowed to freely incur the high cost of their actions.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Elizabeth Peterson

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/7/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Ellen
Last name: Peterson
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.
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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): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Erik
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Regards, Erik Peterson

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Erik
Last name: Peterson
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, Erik Peterson

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Gary
Last name: Peterson
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Gary Peterson and I live in Boulder, Colorado.

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Regards, Gary Peterson

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Gary
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Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC3767

U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule

Comment Period:

Comment Period Alaska Roadless Rule:

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,

Gary Peterson

Baton Rouge, LA 70808

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Gary
Last name: Peterson
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC3358

U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule

Comment Period

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Sincerely,

Gary Peterson

Baton Rouge, LA 70808

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 1/1/0001 12:00:00 AM
First name: Gary
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Organization:
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Comments:
HC3504

U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule
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Baton Rouge, LA 708008

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: [Illegible]
Last name: Peterson
Organization:
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Comments:
HC1408

Dear Chief Christiansen,

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Janice
Last name: Peterson
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Please adopt option #1 in the Alaska Roadless Rulemaking #54511,including the Tongass National Forest.

Thank you,

Janice Peterson

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 1/1/0001 12:00:00 AM
First name: Jenna
Last name: Peterson
Organization:
Title:
Comments:

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HC1187

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Regards, Jennifer Peterson

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/26/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Jeremy
Last name: Peterson
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC40

NO-ACTION ALTERNATIVE.

As a Tlingit raised in Southeast Alaska. The Tongass is vital to our survival of Animals and Plants and air. Also to our culture in many ways.

~ Jeremy Peterson

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Jill
Last name: Peterson
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Title:
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Regards, Jill Peterson

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: jill
Last name: peterson
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
leave old forests alone. public lands are not for greed profit.

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/18/2019 5:03:08 PM
First name: Joel
Last name: Peterson
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,
Joel Peterson
West Roxbury, MA 02132

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Joel
Last name: Peterson
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Joel Peterson and I live in Boston, Massachusetts.

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Regards, Joel Peterson

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: John
Last name: Peterson
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC4908

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): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: JOHN
Last name: PETERSON
Organization:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Joseph
Last name: Peterson
Organization:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Joseph
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Comments:
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Last name: Peterson
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/29/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Justina
Last name: Peterson
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Justina Peterson and I live in Sitka, Alaska. I am a student at the Mount Edgecumbe High School and have attended for all 4 years of high school and have grown to love the southeast. The forest has always been apart of my high school experience here in Sitka because we have activities and we do many things that are in the tongass. 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, foraging for wild foods, the peace and solitude I find in nature, recreating, practicing my culture, 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 5: timber Priority. It shows the Forest Service is responding to the needs and voices of Southeast Alaskan communities. I depend on roadless areas in the Tongass National Forest for economic livelihood, healthy fish habitat, deer habitat and subsistence hunting, foraging and gathering wild foods, carbon sequestration and local climate change mitigation, recreating and enjoying nature, practicing my culture, viewing wildlife, keeping public lands wild for future generations, fiscal responsibility and saving taxpayer dollars . 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, the northern mainland above Port Snettisham (around Juneau), Chichagof Island, Admiralty Island, the central mainland from Hobart Bay to Stikine River, the southern mainland from Bradfield Canal to Dixon Entrance Kupreanof Island, Kuiu Island, Wrangell and Etolin Islands, Revillagigedo Island (near Ketchikan), Prince of Wales Island, 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 Logging in the tongass will interfere the environment in a negative way with the locals and the wildlife. Pollution is a huge risk of logging and making the roads. And the Tongass is a huge part in the carbon intake.. 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): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Karen
Last name: Peterson
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Karen Peterson

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/12/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Kenny
Last name: Peterson
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: Kim
Last name: Peterson
Organization:
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Comments:
My name is Kim Peterson and I live in Cloverdale, California.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/18/2019 5:41:33 PM
First name: Kim
Last name: Peterson
Organization:
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Comments:
Comments to oppose modification to the Roadless Rule

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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,
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Kristen
Last name: Peterson
Organization:
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Comments:
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First name: kristina
Last name: peterson
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First name: Mark
Last name: Peterson
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Mark Peterson and I live in Glenside, Pennsylvania.

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Organization:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 9:35:55 AM
First name: Michael
Last name: Peterson
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
I urge you to adopt Alternative 1 (one) concerning
the Alaska Roadless Rulemaking #54511, including the Tongass National Forest.

Respectfully,

Michael Peterson

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Michael
Last name: Peterson
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Michael Peterson and I live in San Francisco, California.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Nancy
Last name: Peterson
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Nancy Peterson and I live in Burrillville, Rhode Island.

We all need clean air, water, and healthy soil. Please withdraw repeal now.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Nathan
Last name: Peterson
Organization:
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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

Places like this allow for the unique existence many Alaskans enjoy and rely on for subsistence, jobs, and recreation. By changing the management practices these things are jeopardized. Please consider the current sustainable jobs and food this place provide when deciding managing the Tongass.

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,

Nathan Peterson

Kenai, AK 99611

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Phillip
Last name: Peterson
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, Rebecca Peterson

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/26/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Rebekah
Last name: Peterson
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC12

I was born and raised in Juneau, and now live and teach in Ketehikon. I teach my students to be only, respectful, and focused on the future. We should do the same when caring for our land [illegible].

Keep the Roadless Rule

Rebekah Peterson

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First name: Richard
Last name: Peterson
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: robert
Last name: peterson
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is robert peterson and I live in Staten Island, New York.

No clear cutting wilderness!

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Regards, robert peterson

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First name: Roberta
Last name: Peterson
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Please do not log the Tongass . We need the trees

it will accelerate the warming of Alaska

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First name: Ronalie
Last name: Peterson
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First name: Sandra
Last name: Peterson
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Sandra Peterson and I live in Danville, California.

A national forest is and should remain protected forever. Short term profits for corporations is what got us into this climate mess in the first place. Do the right thing. Do your job. Keep the protections in place.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Sandra Peterson

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: SANDRA
Last name: PETERSON
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is SANDRA PETERSON and I live in Santa Rosa, California.

Forest land is disappearing so fast! We have to fight back against those who cut them down for profit, with no regard to the health of the planet!!

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/7/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Shane
Last name: Peterson
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.
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Regards, Tammy Peterson

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Todd
Last name: Peterson
Organization:
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Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Julia
Last name: Petipas
Organization:
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Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/13/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Inga
Last name: Petitio
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC606

Dear Secretary Perdue and Senator Murkowski,

I am currently on a boat cruise off the coast of the West Chichagof-Yakobi Wilderness. The West Chichagof-Yakobi Wilderness was the first citizen-initiated Wilderness area in Alaska; in 1967, Sitkans who recognized the value of this area came together to protect it. This Wilderness area is rich in biodiversity and supports an incredibly productive ecosystem. Salmon are sustained by the vast freshwater stream systems that empty into fjords and inlets. Brown bears feast upon these salmon as they swim upstream, distributing their carcasses throughout the forest. These carcasses fertilize the soil and feed the Sitka spruce, mountain hemlock, and yellow cedar trees that tower over the land. Underneath this old growth canopy, Sitka Black-tail deer browse on abundant berries and shrubs.

However, the West Chichagof-Yakobi Wilderness is not the only place in Southeast Alaska with such incredible beauty and biodiversity. The flora and fauna we find in this wilderness area also thrive in inventoried roadless areas throughout the Tongass. Intact roadless areas provide our communities with important hunting, fishing, foraging, and recreating opportunities. We depend on the entirety of the Tongass for our subsistence and our livelihoods including our commercial fishing and tourism industries. I am grateful for the Wilderness designation that the West Chichagof-Yacobi area received, and would like to see such protections extended to areas such as Ushk Bay and Poison Cove.

Outside of Wilderness areas like West Chichagof, the roadless areas we depend on are threatened by politicians and special interests pushing for short term profits that have long term ecological and economic consequences. Wilderness areas, roadless areas, and the intact habitat they support are an investment in the long term sustainability of our region. Please keep the National Roadless Rule in place on the Tongass. T77 areas are particularly important to me; these watersheds are critical to maintaining the salmon runs we depend on for jobs and food. Please do not remove protections for these areas, or anywhere else on the Tongass.

Personal Comments: I am not interested in learning more!

I'm a visitory from the UK and am appalled to hear of your plans to open up the wilderness to exploitation and commercial [illegible]. Now more than ever we are facing the extinction of our species and the [illegible] forest is fundamental to our survival. Enough with the short sighted policies that benefit the law to the detriment of us all.

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Holly
Last name: Petitt
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Anja
Last name: Petitto
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Megan
Last name: Petkewec
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Megan Petkewec and I live in Iowa City, Iowa.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Megan Petkewec

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First name: Jim
Last name: Petkiewicz
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, Jim Petkiewicz

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Nancy
Last name: Petkus
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/14/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Kathryn
Last name: Petonke
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Logging provides less than 1% of of southeastern Alaskan jobs, less than 1% of the local economy, while seafood processing provides 7% and tourism provides 17%, both of which would be threatened by allowing an increase in cutting old growth trees, especially clearcutting. The salmon dependent on the Tongass waterways produce 80% of the commercial salmon industry in the area valued at $60 million annually, while the Forest Service has LOST almost $600 million over the past twenty years on timber sales due to administrative costs outstripping income. As taxpayers we are footing that bill of $20 million a year, about $130,000 per timber job! Experts say that the stress on the forest of cutting half of the old growth trees over the past century has put the entire ecosystem in danger, that the forest cannot handle increased old growth logging. The old growth trees need to remain undisturbed in order to keep streams in a condition to support the salmon, which have already showed signs of decline in areas where there has been heavy logging. Plans have already been put forward to sustain old growth while allowing younger trees to be harvested, potential compromises which are being disregarded by the proposed actions of this administration.

Such moves would expose more than half of this forest to logging, mining and energy projects, threatening the myriad of animals including bald eagles which live there. The wildlife and wilderness attract tourists to a thriving recreational industry, and supports the health and very way of life of indigenous tribes. The Tongass holds 8% of the carbon contained in all U.S. forests, and represents a very significant role in global storage for the health of the planet, containing one-third of the old growth temperate rainforest remaining in the world. The Tongass is a jewel of a resource deserving of appropriate protection.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Justin
Last name: Petosa
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Justin Petosa and I live in Tomales, California.

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Last name: Petracca
Organization:
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Regards, Carmine Petracca

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Last name: Petrasy
Organization:
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Regards, Marie Petrasy

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First name: Dana
Last name: Petre-Miller
Organization:
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Last name: Petri
Organization:
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First name: Sharman
Last name: Petri
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is [S] Petri and I live in Houston, Texas.

We can not continue to pollute air and expect there will not be effects in the atmosphere as well as our Planet. Let's take care of Mother Earth. We have already seen her rebel with devastating hurricane and snow storms. She's trying to get our attention and we don't listen. Time to listen up and stop polluting for the sake of greed, money and power.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: c
Last name: petrick
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, c petrick

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First name: Nelson
Last name: Petrie
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Nelson Petrie

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Last name: Petrik
Organization:
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First name: Pat
Last name: Petro
Organization:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Pat
Last name: Petro
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Pat Petro and I live in Arlington, Virginia.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/18/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Pat
Last name: Petro
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
I attended the November 14 public hearing in Washington D.C. and also made a comment at that time. Those of us on the East coast care deeply about West coast forests. I speak for many people when I say we don't want any roads in the Tongass forest, not now, not ever!

Keep the forest intact. Keep the Roadless Rule!

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/13/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Rachael
Last name: Petro
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Alaska Roadless Rulemaking #54511

Dear Secretary Perdue,

I am writing to support the selection of Total Exemption from the federal 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule as your Preferred Alternative in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement on an Alaska-specific Roadless Rule, and to support multi-use of the Tongass national forest.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture identified total exemption of the Tongass as the best alternative during the 2003 Rulemaking because:

"The Department has concluded that the social and economic hardships to Southeast Alaska outweigh the potential long-term ecological benefits because the Tongass Forest plan adequately provides for the ecological sustainability of the Tongass. Every facet of Southeast Alaska's economy is important and the potential adverse impacts from application of the roadless rule are not warranted, given the abundance of roadless areas and protections already afforded in the Tongass Forest Plan."

This policy determination has not been changed by the Department of Agriculture or overturned by a Court. Total Exemption remains the best option today as it did in 2003. Thank you for your consideration for those who actually live in Alaska and take care of her.

Sincerely,

Rachael Petro

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/15/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Vincent
Last name: Petro
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Alaska Roadless Rulemaking

I write in support of the No-Action Alternative for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the proposed Alaska Roadless Rule. 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 strongly oppose any efforts to weaken protections for Roadless areas in the Tongass National Forest.

The short term benefit of opening up the Tongass National Forest to industrial logging is far, far out weighted by the benefit many citizens receive from keeping this land protected. It would be a National tragedy to ruin thousands of years of natural evolution in these forests. We must keep these lands protected at all costs.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Anna
Last name: Petronik
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Anna Petronik and I live in Miami, Florida.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Anna Petronik

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/10/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Kyle
Last name: Petropoulos
Organization:
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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.
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Mary
Last name: Petrosky
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
I am writing to express my strong opposition to a logging plan proposed for Tongass National Forest by the Trump administration and Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue. The proposed plan would slash protections for more than 9 million acres of the Tongass National Forest, affecting an area larger than Yellowstone, Glacier and Grand Canyon national parks combined.

There are many reasons that building roads in the Tongass has been prohibited under a rule published in the last days of President Bill Clintons administration. For one, it is well documented that, historically, large-scale industrial logging has damaged salmon streams. The Tongass is spawning ground for 40 percent of wild salmon along the West Coast. Allowing road building and logging in the Tongass would seriously threaten the survival of these salmon as well as destroy the ecosystems and local communities that depend on the fish.

In addition, in the face of a rapidly warming planet, it's the height of irresponsibility to log this forest. The Tongass stores more carbon removed from the atmosphere than any other national forest in the country in its old-growth Sitka spruce, hemlock and cedar trees. It helps protect Alaska, which is warming more than twice as fast from climate change as our planet overall. The forest holds about 650 million tons of carbon or about half of U.S. carbon dioxide emissions in 2017.

I urge you in the strongest possible terms to reject any plans to open up the Tongass National Forest -- a resource that belongs to ALL Americans -- to logging or any commercial exploitation.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Geraldine
Last name: Petrovic
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Geraldine Petrovic and I live in Middletown, New Jersey.

Stop raping this earth! Think about your kids and the future generations. What will you leave them? Money? And no more environment and diversity. You must stop this!

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Geraldine Petrovic

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Aleks
Last name: Petrovitch
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Aleks Petrovitch and I live in Sitka, AK. I moved here a year and a half ago to get away for the over congested Bay Area, and have found the Tongass to be an incredibly rich and diverse environment that gives me so much exercise, peace, and solitude. Please leave NATURE alone in the Tongass. Thank you- Aleks Petrovitch 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, subsistence harvesting, foraging for wild foods, the peace and solitude I find in nature, recreating, practicing my culture, 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 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 healthy fish habitat, foraging and gathering wild foods, recreating and enjoying nature, carbon sequestration and local climate change mitigation, viewing wildlife, keeping public lands wild for future generations. 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, 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 Etolin 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 I feel from my experience watching such things happen in other areas- they became way over impacted and then it is too late to go back- that Natural resource is gone for generations if not forever depending how we continue to not care for our home (environment). There is no other place like the Tongass in the US- SAVE IT!. 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.

It is too late to keep destroying such places when are we going to learn already? Please listen and use your own intuition, it will make the right decision about this incredible part of our home.

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: Hristina
Last name: Petrovska
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
I strongly oppose the Proposed Rule which will exempt the Tongas National Forest from the 2001 Roadless Rule.
The Roadless Rule fights climate change. The Tongass National Forest stores the equivalent of 8 percent of all the stored carbon in the Lower 48's national forests put together, making it one of the most important carbon sinks in the country.
The Roadless Rule protects drinking water, salmon runs (80% of commercial salmon in SE Alaska), and imperiled wildlife.

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Paul
Last name: Petruccelli
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Paul Petruccelli and I live in Coram, New York.

One less fecal smear left behind when the Pink Impostor is kicked to the curb!

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... or would you prefer to be remembered in the history books as one of the cultist water-carriers who enabled the destruction of the world's environment?

Regards, Paul Petruccelli

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/18/2019 7:49:32 PM
First name: linda
Last name: petrulias
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,
linda petrulias
Cazadero, CA 95421

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
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Last name: Petruse
Organization:
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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Andreea Petruse

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/16/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Maryke
Last name: Petruzzi
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Maryke Petruzzi and I live in Grnd Vw Hudsn, New York.

I am strongly opposed to the roll back of the Roadless Rule in Alaska! We must keep the these areas in blemished and preserved for the world to enjoy!

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Maryke Petruzzi

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Dawn
Last name: Petry
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Dawn Petry and I live in Gansevoort, New York.

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Regards, Dawn Petry

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Edgar
Last name: Petry
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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First name: Alison
Last name: Petrzilka
Organization:
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First name: James
Last name: Petsch
Organization:
Title:
Comments:

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Vincent
Last name: Petta
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Vincent Petta and I live in Ocala, Florida.

The public has a right to know what is in our food and water. We should come first.

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Regards, Vincent Petta

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Susan
Last name: Pettee
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Susan Pettee and I live in Great Barrington, Massachusetts.

I am horrified that logging is being considered in this ancient forest, which is as much the lungs of our country and our world as is the Brazilian rainforest. Please do not let this natural monument and environmental necessity be destroyed!

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Regards, Susan Pettee

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Last name: Petterson
Organization:
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Last name: petteway
Organization:
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Organization:
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Last name: Pettigrew
Organization:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/15/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Patricia
Last name: Pettigrew
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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First name: Jana
Last name: Pettinger
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, Larry Pettinger

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Edwin
Last name: Pettis
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, Edwin Pettis

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/28/2019 7:18:08 PM
First name: John
Last name: Pettit
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is John Pettit and I live in Paoli, PA. 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.

Our environment is precious and our society needs to start realizing we need to make a change before it is too late

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 huge swaths of intact ecosystems and all the biodiversity it contains, 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 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 passiveactive watershed restoration (stream and habitat) to improvemaintain roadless characteristics (culvert removalreplacement, 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 perform restorative actions that support wildlife populations on previously degraded landscapes that support wildlife populations, restore salmon habitat that was hurt by past logging practices. 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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Organization:
Title:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Wanda
Last name: Pettus
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Last name: Petty
Organization:
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Comments:
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Last name: Petty
Organization:
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First name: Lesley
Last name: Petty
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
To the National Forest Service,

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Selena
Last name: Petty
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Selena Petty and I live in Homosassa Springs, Florida.

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Last name: Petty
Organization:
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Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
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Organization:
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Comments:
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First name: Cheryl
Last name: Petzel
Organization:
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Comments:
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First name: Allison
Last name: Petzko
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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First name: Ruth
Last name: Petzold
Organization:
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Comments:
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Organization:
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Regards, L Peyton

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Lisa
Last name: Pezzella
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Lisa Pezzella and I live in Clearwater, Florida.

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First name: Jerrald
Last name: Pfabe
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, Jerrald Pfabe

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/25/2019 8:01:29 PM
First name: Andrew
Last name: Pfaff
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Andrew Pfaff and I live in Onalaska, WI. 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 want to have hunting lands protected for generations.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Amy
Last name: Pfaffman
Organization:
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Comments:
My name is Amy Pfaffman and I live in Asheville, North Carolina.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Amy Pfaffman

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/2/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Gertrude
Last name: Pfahler
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
I am writing to encourage the government to maintain the roadless rule in the Tongass National Forest. Its big unbroken woodland supports large numbers of wildlife, absorbs significant amounts of carbon, and includes one-third of the old-growth temperate rainforest left on earth. Its rare value far outweighs the short-sighted lumber and extraction goals of companies who see it simply as profit.

Thank you for taking into consideration these and the ideas of other supporters of the roadless rule in order to preserve intact the Tongass National Forest.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/7/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: MICHAEL
Last name: PFANDER
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.
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Donna
Last name: Pfeffer
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/11/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Jo
Last name: Pfeffer
Organization:
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Comments:
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First name: Charles
Last name: Pfeifer
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Charles Pfeifer

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/18/2019 4:49:37 PM
First name: Nezka
Last name: Pfeifer
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,
Nezka Pfeifer
Saint Louis, MO 63110

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Nezka
Last name: Pfeifer
Organization:
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Comments:
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First name: James
Last name: Pfeiffenberger
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Leona
Last name: Pfeiffer
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC656

Dear Chief Christiansen,

I live and work on the lands and waters of Alaska. Do not exempt Alaska from the Roadless Rule because

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/14/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Sue
Last name: Pfeiffer
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
When does profit over preservation stop?

It should stop now.

A loud and clear hell no to this proposal to exempt the Tongass National Forest from the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/29/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Ashley
Last name: Pfeifle
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
I do not support the rule proposal. Analyzing the six alternatives that were considered for the proposal, if the ultimate goal was to only harvest 185,00 acres from the Tongass National Forest, I find alternative 6, excessive and extreme since alternative 2 allows close to the same amount to be removed as roadless areas, but it also adds roadless acres. The proposed rule is the removal of the maximum amount of roadless acres in question, and it is not explained why it is necessary that all of the roadless acres would be removed. This rule is proposing to remove 9.2 million acres out of the total 14.7 million acres of roadless areas in Alaska, thats about 63% of the roadless areas in Alaska removed in one proposal. Which is why this proposed rule is not a minor change, especially in regards that this proposed rule goes against established laws and regulations from the National Forest Management Act in 1976.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Harris
Last name: Pfeil
Organization:
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Comments:
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Last name: Pfersich
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/18/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Marie
Last name: Pfierman
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Marie Pfierman and I live in Cincinnati, Ohio.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Marie Pfierman

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Alice
Last name: Pfister
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Alice Pfister and I live in Renton, Washington.

This is the only Earth we have - please do not bring on its destruction!

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/30/2019 4:00:00 PM
First name: Blake
Last name: Pfister
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/29/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Jamie
Last name: Pfister
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Jamie Pfister and I live in San Jose, California.

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First name: Joe
Last name: Pfister
Organization:
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Comments:
My name is Joe Pfister and I live in Brooklyn, New York.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Valerie
Last name: Pflug
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Valerie Pflug and I live in Havana, Florida.

We need our wild spaces more than these companies need more millions of dollars. If trees must be cut ever, 3 trees must be planted in their place and tended until their maturity.

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Regards, Valerie Pflug

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/11/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Travis
Last name: Pfohl
Organization:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 1/1/0001 12:00:00 AM
First name: Curt
Last name: PFUNDER
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC3844

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Curt PFUNDER
Gloucester, MA 01930

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Gloucester, MA 01930

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Angelika
Last name: Pfutzner
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Angelika Pfutzner and I live in Salt Lake City, Utah.

To clear cut such a forest is a crime beyond comprehension. Who possibly could come up with such a sinister proposition? Who could carry it out?

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Angelika Pfutzner

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/24/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Marion
Last name: Ph.D.
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Comments to oppose modification to the Roadless Rule

Dear U.S. Forest Service,

KEEP THE TONGASS ROADLESS. WJHAT CAN YOU BE THINKING?

Sincerely,

Marion M. Kyde Ph.D.

Ottsville, PA 18942

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Prof.
Last name: Ph.D.
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Prof. Ph.D. and I live in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin.

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Regards, Prof. Ph.D.

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Jack
Last name: Phail
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Jack Phail and I live in Palestine, Texas.

Forest should be saved in its natural state for future generations.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Jack Phail

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Barbara
Last name: Phalen
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
[Attached postcard received 12/31/2019. Redacted to protect personally identifiable information. Original is in the project record.]

Text:

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Name: Barbara Phelan Barbara Phelan

Address: [redacted]

City: [redacted]

Email: [redacted]

Phone: [redacted]

Dec. 31, 2019

Ken Tu
ID Team Leader
Alaska Roadless Rule
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Brenda Berry

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Julie
Last name: Phalen
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Julie Phalen

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Emily
Last name: Pham
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Emily Pham and I live in America.
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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Emily Pham

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Brenda Berry

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Melissa
Last name: Phares
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
I am grateful for the opportunity to comment on this matter, and to the staff whose job it is to compile and review all this public commentary I say - thank you.

I only learned about the proposal to allow roads and therefore more logging in the Tongass last week in a very informative and very moving piece on NPR. I have never visited the Tongass and perhaps I never will. If it isn't there anymore I'll never have the chance.

I've read enough and learned enough to tell whoever is making this decision to Choose Alternative 1: No Change. Do not add roads to this forest. Do not further impede upon the modern native tribal members who use this forest as a place to gather what I would reckon is both nourishment and medicine. Do not further deforest this place. Do not give in to the pressure to create short-term, purely financial gains by the timber industry and their lobbyists. Do not decrease the capacity of this carbon sink to keep cleansing our atmosphere. Do not destroy more wildlife habitat.

Do keep your eyes on a further horizon. Do keep things as they are now, and go further. Do cooperate with tribal nations. Do spend money on helping those who were in the timber industry retrain and build businesses that are sustainable instead of extractive - ecotourism, solar energy.

This is an old-growth forest. It can't be replanted like a tree farm. It would take at least a couple of average human lifetimes - 150 years or more I've learned, to grow back like it is. It belongs to the whole world, not to the timber industry, not to any political party or leader. And ultimately it doesn't even belong to Alaska or to to United States, although I understand it is a national forest.

Thanks for reading and for adding my voice to the many comments I read that also oppose and change and that support Alternative 1.

Melissa Phares

Edmonds, WA

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Shirley
Last name: Pharis
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Old growth forest are vitally important to the environment as well as to our countrys heritage. They are a national treasure & cannot be bought or traded away for further destruction to the environment by drilling or mining for fossil fuels. Please wake up to the horrific effects of climate change these carbon emissions have done to our earth. Our government should be the gatekeepers for protecting our country, not the irresponsible interlopers trying to steal the natural resources for greed & short term profit. Please stop the desecration of America! It belongs to the people & to the generations who follow us. Our public lands are nit for sale!

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An abandoned boat sits amid dead cypress trees in coastal waters and marsh in Venice, Louisiana

Many oak trees and cypress trees throughout Louisiana's coastal marshes have died due to a combination of saltwater intrusion and subsidence

Photograph: Drew Angerer/Getty Images

The $1.1bn Lake Borgne surge barrier in New Orleans, Louisiana

The massive structure was built by the Army Corps of Engineers along with other reinforcements to defend the city against future hurricanes and storms. The organisation SouthWings provides a network of volunteer pilots that advocate for the restoration and protection of ecosystems

Photograph: Drew Angerer/Getty Images

A log grapple wheel loader moves and stacks logs at the Sun Mountain Lumber log yard in Deer Lodge, Montana

Although the number of new trees infested each year by the pine beetle has reduced since the height of the outbreak around 2012, the insects have killed more than 6m acres of forest across Montana since 2000

Photograph: Chip Somodevilla/Getty Images

A home on stilts sits amid coastal waters and marshlands in Port Fourchon, Louisiana

A combination of rising waters and sinking land have caused the highest rates of relative sea-level rise on the planet. Since the 1930s, Louisiana has lost more than 2,000 square miles of land and wetlands, an area roughly the size of Delaware. In the past 30 years, as subsidence continues and the effects of climate change increase, Louisiana has been losing a football field's worth of land every 100 minutes

Photograph: Drew Angerer/Getty Images

A lone lodgepole pine stands in Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, Montana

As climate change makes summers hotter and drier in the Northern Rockies, forests are threatened with increasing wildfire activity, deadly pathogens and insect infestations, including the mountain pine beetle outbreak

Photograph: Chip Somodevilla/Getty Images

A drone view shows how close some of the homes are to the lagoon in Kivalina, Alaska

The residents of Kivalina are hoping to stay on their ancestral lands, rather than dispersing due to their island being swallowed by the rising waters. The city administrator Colleen Swan says the way of life in the village will change with the climate and they will adapt

Photograph: Joe Raedle/Getty Images

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/16/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Caleb
Last name: Pharris
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Please re-consider the decision to open up the Tongas. With ever growing alternatives to wood as a product there are better ways to spend taxpayer money than to subsidize an industry that has plenty of other options available. The ecology of old growth forest has been shown to take hundreds of years to establish and, even if done with all available mitigation techniques, is impossible to reverse.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/5/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Conor
Last name: Phelan
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
I have deep family and personal history in the Tongass National Forest. My ancestors ran the now abandoned town of Chichagof which I explored during a multi-month sea kayak expedition. I hold dear memories from the Tongass that are rooted firmly in the wild, untamed, and pristine nature of the wilderness and roadless areas. Over the course of my own trip, I conducted repeat photography using photographs my great-grandfather took 100 years ago. One of the most striking results of those photos was how intact, and unchanged the landscapes were.

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): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Marlene
Last name: Phelan
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Marlene Phelan and I live in Stony Point, New York.

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.

In Southeast Alaska, tourism accounts for 28% of employment and generate an annual $1 billion in economic benefit, making it far more of an economic driver than the timber industry, which is less than 1% of the regional economy.

Any choice but the No Action alternative would also put wildlife and critical habitat at risk, threaten access to clean water, and be a step in the wrong direction on climate change jeopardizing Alaskans at a time when the state already faces severe challenges related to rising temperatures. I urge you not to abandon the Roadless Rule in Alaska and instead to put the public interest above corporate profits by choosing to keep the rule in place unchanged.

Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Marlene Phelan

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: William
Last name: Phelan
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is William Phelan and I live in Tallahassee, Florida.

Stop giving away our precious old growth forests public lands to loggers and paper mills. Wildlife need them more than corporations need the wood.

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, William Phelan

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Amber
Last name: Phelps
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC703

Dear Alaska Roadless Rule Planning Committee,

I live and work on the lands and waters of the Tongass National Forest. From hunting and fishing, to hiking and camping, to our tourism and commercial fishing-based economies, Southeast Alaskans rely on the intact habitat that the roadless areas of the Tongass National Forest contain. *That is why I am writing to support the No-Action Alternative for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the proposed Alaska Roadless Rule.* [text bolded for emphasis]

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 strongly oppose any efforts to weaken protections for Roadless areas in the Tongass National Forest and the Chugach National Forest.

The Forest Service needs to continue phasing out old-growth clearcutting. Please prioritize conservation of the T77 and TNC conservation priority areas in any new Alaska Roadless Rule. The Forest Service should focus on restoring degraded watershed and fish streams and carbon sequestration.

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Carol
Last name: Phelps
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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. Trumps plan is yet another attack from the Trump administration on Indigenous rights. Alaskan Native communities -- including the Tlingit, Haida, and Tsimshian peoples -- have depended on the Tongass Rainforest for millennia. It is the backbone to their culture, traditions, and communities -- we simply cannot let it disappear.

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.

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, Carol Phelps

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Charles
Last name: Phelps
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC3930

U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule

Comment Period:

Comment Period Alaska Roadless Rule:

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,

Charles Phelps

Maple Plain, MN 55359

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Charles
Last name: Phelps
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC3499

U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule

Comment Period

Comment Period Alaska Roadless Rule:

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,

Charles Phelps

Maple Plain, MN 55359

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 1/1/0001 12:00:00 AM
First name: Charles
Last name: Phelps
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
3930

U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule
Comment Period:

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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,
Charles Phelps
Maple Plain, MN 55359

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/13/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Clyde
Last name: Phelps
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC641

Dear Secretary Perdue and Senator Murkowski,

I am currently on a boat cruise in Redoubt Bay, an iconic local subsistence and recreation site. Located just twelve miles from the city of Sitka, Redoubt Falls is one of Sitka's most important subsistence fishing spots. We dipnet for Redoubt sockeye to stock our freezers and cupboards with the rich red flesh of this all-important fish. In recent years, the Forest Service has estimated that Redoubt has provided up to 60% of the total sockeye subsistence harvest in the Sitka Management Area. We feed our families out of Tongass watershed like Redoubt Bay.

The Forest Service supports our subsistence harvest by maintaining a weir system at Redoubt to monitor and count the fish entering the lake. The Forest Service coordinates with the Alaska Department of Fish & Game to make management decisions based on the data collected throughout the season, which determines the safe allotment limit for our subsistence harvest. Our harvest of salmon depends entirely on the intact ecosystem and productivity of Tongass watersheds. Healthy forests support our ability to fulfill our subsistence needs at Redoubt, as well as supporting commercial and sport salmon fisheries across the Tongass.

Currently, Redoubt ay is listed as a T77 watershed. T77 watersheds are areas of the Tongass National Forest identified as particularly prolific, intact salmon habitat. Much of the 15,000 miles of streams on the Tongass support salmon populations, but the T77 watersheds are especially critical to protect. It is important to me that the 2001 Roadless Rule remains in place on high value salmon watersheds like the T77, and throughout the Tongass National Forest. Opening up these areas to more clearcutting and roadbuilding will jeopardize our way of life, and will sacrifice the spirit of Sitka that brings so many people to this special place. I support keeping the 2001 Roadless Rule in effect on the Tongass, and I urge the Secretary to select a no action alternative in the Alaska-specific Roadless rulemaking process. Please protect this land for future generations to enjoy in perpetuity.

Personal Comments: I am not interested in learning more!

Conservation is the road to the future. Access with roads to the forest is mismanagement of our resources.

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Craig
Last name: Phelps
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Craig Phelps and I live in Big Pine, California.

Forests are the planets lungs, destroying them is suicide. Stop this thoughtless greed now!

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, Craig Phelps

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: David
Last name: Phelps
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC5226

U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

Alaska has such amazing wilderness and wildlife, please keep it that way.

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 Phelps

Long Lake, MN 55356

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/14/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Julie
Last name: Phelps
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Julie Phelps and I live in Greenbelt, Maryland.

Help save the planetOur only home. Stop the self-destruction that we have exhibited for many many years.

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, Julie Phelps

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Margaret
Last name: Phelps
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Margaret Phelps and I live in Los Angeles, California.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Margaret Phelps

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Michael
Last name: Phelps
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Michael Phelps and I live in Parkville, Maryland.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Michael Phelps

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/23/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Sally
Last name: Phelps
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Sally Phelps and I live in Tucson, Arizona.

Dont let corporations take our water.

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, Sally Phelps

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Tami
Last name: Phelps
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Tami Phelps and I live in Redding, California.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Tami Phelps

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/19/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Sarah
Last name: Phemister
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
I strenuously urge you to leave the Tongass National Forest roadless. We and every other living thing on this whole planet rely on the clean water that comes from unspoiled national park lands.

What you are proposing is grotesque and I'm assuming on some level you know it, but you've convinced yourselves that you have the right to commodify for Alaskans or yourselves something that doesn't belong to any of us. I'm just not sure what you say to people who want this to be their professional legacy. I guess I'll just have to content myself with the fact that you are mortal and that wilderness will outlive you.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Anja
Last name: Phenix
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Anja Phenix and I live in Healy, Alaska.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Anja Phenix

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Anja
Last name: Phenix
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC6016

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]

Please don't destroy our home!

Sincerely,

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

Yes No

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Tucker
Last name: Philbrook
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 12:00:00 AM
First name: Cilicia
Last name: Philemon
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Please do not commercialize our forests! They are for the American people to enjoy, as well as to protect our environment, NOT for profit! Please do not do this!

[Position]

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Margaret
Last name: Philhower
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Margaret Philhower and I live in Cave Junction, Oregon.

It is not cost effective to log in this area.

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, Margaret Philhower

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Scarlett
Last name: Philibosian
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Alternative 1 is the only acceptable alternative because this draft EIS fails to adequately address the impacts of any of the other alternatives. Notably lacking from the EIS is an adequate cost-benefit analysis of externalities among the alternatives.

Many of these externalities can in fact be quantified (contrary to the Forest Service's statement), but the Forest Service gave monetary estimates in its cost-benefit analysis only for "Forest Products" and recreation, stating the estimated value in cost savings to the timber industry and estimated loss due to displaced recreation. The Forest Service must hire unbiased firms to perform equitable and modern economic impact range estimates for the other values as well, including protected biodiversity, water quality, scenic quality, and the value of the Tongass roadless areas to the entire American public in simply being an area relatively untouched by human beings. All of these are types of values that can be estimated in dollar figures, often locally, and these analyses must be performed and described alongside the beneficial dollar estimate for the timber industry. This draft EIS therefore does not adequately analyze these externalities.

In addition to economic analyses, the final splits of comments in favor of the no-action vs. action alternatives will be one form of evidence of the value to Americans of keeping the roadless area roadless. In the final EIS, this split should be described as an indicator of the relative value to the American public of keeping the Tongass roadless area protection vs. an action alternative.

The Forest Service claims that the preferred alternative has "moderate adverse effect" on overall protection of Roadless areas of the Tongass and "minimal beneficial effect" on Forest Products--yet is preferred to the No Action alternative. The Forest Service's categorization of Alternative 6 as "preferred" is therefore factually not supported by their own analysis.

This analysis is incomplete without equally many alternatives that will INCREASE roadless protection of the Tongass to similarly varying degrees.

In addition, the Roadless Rule was established with careful thought and widespread support, and the environmental benefits to the Tongass of this Rule have only increased since the Rule was established. This is because roads decrease biodiversity in general, wildlife reproduction and survival rates, and ecological integrity. Biodiversity and ecological integrity is still at peril and must increase, not decline, in the Tongass. The costs of removing any portion of the Forest currently under the Roadless Rule will be even more significant than the cost as it existed when the Roadless Rule went into effect for the Tongass. Therefore, any action that removes any part of the roadless protection in the Forest, will on its face carry too great an environmental cost to merit approval or categorization as a preferred alternative.

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[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Justin
Last name: Philipps
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Justin Philipps and I live in Newark, Ohio.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Justin Philipps

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Nancy
Last name: Philips
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Nancy Philips and I live in Norwich, Vermont.

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Regards, Nancy Philips

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Lori
Last name: Philipsen
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Lori Philipsen and I live in Appleton, Wisconsin.

This is a no-brainer! Do the right thing and take the chemicals out of our food and water!

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Regards, Lori Philipsen

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Alicia
Last name: Philley
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Alicia Philley and I live in Austin, Texas.

Profits or the survival of our planet, is there really a choice here?

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Alicia Philley

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: James
Last name: Phillip
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
I am a sixty year resident of Sitka. I am a hunting/fishing guide in Southeast Alaska that has also been commercial fishing for the last thirty five years. I have worked from Cape Chacon on Prince of Wales Island to Yakutat. As a hunting guide I work on Prince of Wales and Baranof Islands.

I support Alternative 1, keep it the way it is and dont expand the roads. My issue with new roads on the Tongass is the fact that will be used to clearcut more of the Tongass for the benefit of a few corporations. My hunting depends on the few large old growth areas left in the Tongass. Logging is very detrimental to my areas of business. Several of my main hunting areas have been opened up the last few years to logging and it has hurt my business.

In particular, these areas are extremely important to my business operations and success and I would like them to remain classified as Roadless and stay protected by the Roadless Rule: Fish Bay, St. Johns, Nakwasina, all of Kruzoff Island, Marine Cove, West Crawfish, Redoubt, all of Sea Otter Sound and adjacent uplands, El Capitan Pass, Cosciusko Island, Shipley Bay, Haceta, and the lands adjacent to Point Baker and Point Protection.

I would recommend a more sustainable business plan for the Tongass. Once an area is logged it becomes far less valuable than old growth, which would be sustainable until the apocalypse.

To log the Tongass for a short term monetary gain is irresponsible and short sighted.

Please consider the opinions of the people that live and work the Tongass and keep these jobs for the future.

Thank you,

James E. Phillip

Annahootz Alaskan Adventure

[Position]

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Josh
Last name: Phillip
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
I don't believe that helping to reopen logging efforts will be beneficial to Alaska or the nation as a whole. The industry model is not profitable without subsidies which themselves aren't efficient.

More importantly it will destroy invaluable natural spaces that stand as this nation's prized legacy and responsibility

[Position]

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Albert
Last name: Phillips
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC3985

U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule

Comment Period

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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 almost 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,

Albert Phillips

Homosassa, FL 34446

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Anita
Last name: Phillips
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Anita Phillips and I live in Greeneville, Tennessee.

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Regards, Anita Phillips

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Annie
Last name: Phillips
Organization:
Title:
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My name is Annie Phillips and I live in San Diego, California.

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Regards, Annie Phillips

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Last name: Phillips
Organization:
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Regards, Barbara Phillips

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Ben
Last name: Phillips
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
This is a horrible idea. Please dont destroy the last wilderness just so some greedt old rich scumbags can get richer.

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Blake
Last name: Phillips
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC843

Dear Secretary Perdue,

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): 12/16/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Caleb
Last name: Phillips
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC757

Dear Alaska Roadless Rule Planning Committee,

I live and work on the lands and waters of the Tongass National Forest. From hunting and fishing, to hiking and camping, to our tourism and commercial fishing-based economies, Southeast Alaskans rely on the intact habitat that the roadless areas of the Tongass National Forest contain. *That is why I am writing to support the No-Action Alternative for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the proposed Alaska Roadless Rule.* [text bolded for emphasis]

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 strongly oppose any efforts to weaken protections for Roadless areas in the Tongass National Forest and the Chugach National Forest.

The Forest Service needs to continue phasing out old-growth clearcutting. Please prioritize conservation of the T77 and TNC conservation priority areas in any new Alaska Roadless Rule. The Forest Service should focus on restoring degraded watershed and fish streams and carbon sequestration.

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/12/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Cameron
Last name: Phillips
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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Regards, Candice Phillips

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First name: Carl
Last name: Phillips
Organization:
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Last name: Phillips
Organization:
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Regards, Carolyn Phillips

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/15/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Cheryl
Last name: Phillips
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
As a member of the Cherokee Indian Nation, I am writing to ask that the Tongass National Forest be preserved for future generations and not be logged for corporate profit or greed. We need to protect more wild places for the animals, for our solitude, and for spiritual well-being. In 1998, I was one of the millions of Americans who signed the petition to create the roadless rule which was signed into law. Please don't ignore my voice and the roadless rule which was signed into law for many good reasons. I stand with the Alaska's native Americans to protect this valuable land from logging.

[Position]

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Cheryl
Last name: Phillips
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Cheryl Phillips and I live in Maryville, Tennessee.

Back in 1998, I was one of millions of Americans who signed a petition to enact the roadless rule which was soon made into law. Now, my voice and this law is getting run over by greedy corporate interests and greedy politicians who dont care about preserving the old growth forests for future generations. As a member of the Cherokee Indian Nation, I support the native Alaskan Indians fight to protect the Tongass National Forest.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Cheryl Phillips

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Cindy
Last name: Phillips
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Cindy Phillips and I live in Tucson, Arizona.

I am a native born Alaskan. Do not open up the Tongas to clear cutting and other types of exploration that would benefit corporations. Do not open the forest to road building. That is habitat to all sorts of animal and plant species not to mention the home of indigenous peoples. Leave the Tongas alone!!

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Cindy Phillips

[Position]

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Last name: Phillips
Organization:
Title:
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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Dianne Phillips

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Donna
Last name: Phillips
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Donna Phillips and I live in Winchester, Virginia.

As I write, Theodore Roosevelt is turning over in her grave. Do what you know to be morally right and responsible!

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Organization:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/16/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Elaine
Last name: Phillips
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Elaine Phillips and I live in Edgewater, Maryland.

We can't afford to lose any more carbon sequestering forests!

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Regards, Elizabeth Phillips

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Emily
Last name: Phillips
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Our National forests must be protected. They are valuable for numerous reasons, including preservation of wildlife habitat, ecosystems and the vast forests providing oxygen and mitigating the climate crisis. They should not be widely opened to logging or oil/ mineral extraction. Our society needs to move beyond raping our environment for profits, to more sustainable energy and sources of materials. Please listen to scientists and those with knowledge of our environmental treasures, and protect these vast, valuable resources. Protect the Tongass.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Gary
Last name: Phillips
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Gary Phillips and I live in Marengo, Illinois.

Stop attacking public lands and wilderness. This is unpopular and is one of the dirtiest tricks being pulled by this corrupt administration. (And that says a lot considering the other crap they are spewing.) Look at election results from 2018 and 2019. Reckoning will come soon.

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Regards, Gary Phillips

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: George
Last name: Phillips
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is George Phillips and I live in Hendersonville, North Carolina.

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Regards, Helen Phillips

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First name: Hope
Last name: Phillips
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Hope Phillips and I live in Canal Winchester, Ohio.

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Last name: Phillips
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Organization:
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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Jack Phillips

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/21/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Janice
Last name: Phillips
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Keep 'Roadless Rule' Protections for the Tongass National Forest

Dear U.S. Forest Service,

I strongly oppose the Forest Service's plan to eliminate "Roadless Rule" protections for the Tongass National Forest and urge you to select the "no action" alternative instead.

Sincerely,

Janice Phillips

Chappell Hill, TX 77426

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/17/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Janice
Last name: Phillips
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Janice Phillips and I live in Chappell Hill, Texas.

Please help to keep our air free of more methane

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Regards, Janice Phillips

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Janice
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Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Last name: pHILLIPS
Organization:
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Regards, Janmarie pHILLIPS

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First name: Jeffrey
Last name: Phillips
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Jeffrey Phillips and I live in Shelburne, Vermont.

We need healthy forests to counter the effects of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere. Please take the long view over short term profits!

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First name: Jess
Last name: Phillips
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Julie
Last name: Phillips
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
No new roads or logging in Tongass Nat'l Forest

The Trump administration must not lift protections on 9.2 million acres of the pristine Tongass National Forest.

The sweeping changes that the current administration is promoting would completely remove the Tongass National Forest from roadless protections. At a moment when the last old growth forests are threatened and trees are one of our most important defenses against climate change, it is vital that the Tongass be preserved.

Do not strip Roadless Rule protections from this vital resource.

I strongly urge the Forest Service to select Alternative 1, the "no-action" alternative.

Thank you,

Julie Phillips

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Karen
Last name: Phillips
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Karen Phillips and I live in Monte Rio, California.

Leave these trees. They are our lungs and our elders. It is shameful that profits take precedence over these precious living beings.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Karen Phillips

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Please choose alternative 1 on the Alaska roadless rule.

Doing nothing and maintaining the established Roadless Rule, established two decades ago, protects important fish and wildlife habitat on federal lands, protects drinking water, and protects recreation and business opportunities, all of which are crucial to Alaska's communities and economy. The proposed changes to the Roadless Rule will impact Alaska's Tongass National Forest which is an old growth forest that once lost cannot be replaced and cannot be mitigated by after the fact efforts. Changing or repealing this rule will lead only to environmental degradation in these vital forest ecosystems.

Sincerely,

Marie Phillips

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The Tongass National Forest should remain in the Roadless Area Conservation category, and not be open or subject to plundering and ruin by the special interest groups who are forcing these backward-steps in our world, due to the temporary vulnerability created by the current US administration.

Our planet is in serious peril and desperately needs the rainforests to remain intact and function as they should. The Tongass is not a lucrative or appropriate place for logging. It serves as a habitat and one of the last pristine environments for wildlife, clean water and carbon storage.

In terms of forest management, according to the findings outlined in the research done by Barrett et al, managing forests for carbon "is a new area" and because it's new, "there's quite a bit of debate on the topic."

Rather than rush ahead by opening the Tongass to the logging industry, more research should be supported and funded. Follow the science and do what's right for this planet and for future generations.

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"Science affects the way we think together."
Lewis Thomas

Colossal Carbon! Disturbance and Biomass Dynamics in Alaska's National Forests

Walter Foss

Sitka spruce forests in the Prince William Sound region of south-central Alaska have been increasing in biomass and numbers of trees.

IN SUMMARY

The Chugach and Tongass National Forests are changing, possibly in response to global warming. Forested areas within Alaska's temperate rain forests are creeping into areas that were previously too cold or too wet. These forests are also becoming denser. As biomass increases, the amount of carbon stored in the forest also increases.

Tara Barrett, a research forester with the U.S. Forest Service, Pacific Northwest Research Station, recently measured these changes. She and her colleagues compared Forest Inventory and Analysis survey data collected from 1995 to 2003 with follow-up inventories taken from 2004 to 2010. The comparison showed that carbon mass increased 4.5 percent in live trees in the Chugach. Carbon storage remained about the same in the Tongass; however, tree species there changed slightly. These observed changes in the Chugach and Tongass National Forests may be related to warmer temperatures and higher levels of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.

This research is being used by the U.S. Forest Service and other government agencies to assess the vulnerability of Alaska's forests and to plan for their future. The Chugach National Forest, for example, used it to establish a baseline assessment of carbon stocks in accordance with 2012 forest planning rules.

"Planning is bringing the future into the present so that you can do something about it now."
—Alan Lakein, author

Trees in Alaska's Chugach National Forest are thriving. This vast, wild, temperate rain forest first set root after the last ice age, and because of its northern latitude—about six degrees below the Arctic Circle—it has been competing with the ice ever since. The Chugach is the northernmost of all the U.S. national forests, an area of glaciers and steep mountains surrounding Prince William Sound. About 30 percent of the forest is covered in ice. In recent years, the glaciers have retreated somewhat and the forest is filling in behind them, not only spreading laterally, but creeping up to higher elevations where the cold used to keep tree growth in check.

Meanwhile, in the Tongass National Forest to the southeast, most tree species are thriving too. Recent inventories showed increases of western redcedar and red alder, but a decrease of shore pine, a subspecies of lodgepole pine. The two national forests are the largest in the United States, comprising nearly 24 million acres–an area larger than the state of Indiana. Tara Barrett, a research forester with the U.S.

Forest Service, Pacific Northwest Research Station, has been studying these changes as they relate to disturbance dynamics and carbon storage.

Trees are living storage vessels of carbon. Greenhouse gases—such as carbon dioxide (CO_2)—released into the atmosphere are causing the earth's climate to gradually warm. During photosynthesis, trees and other plants pull CO_2 from the atmosphere and convert it to carbohydrates that fuel growth. The carbon remains stored in the cellulose of the tree's cell walls. When a tree dies and the wood begins to decay, carbon is slowly released back to the atmosphere.

Because increasing levels of CO_2 are contributing to global climate change, there is growing interest in managing forests to sequester and store carbon. The Forest Service established a forest planning rule in 2012 that requires new assessments for each national forest to include a baseline of carbon stocks. Managers are required to monitor changes in those baselines as they relate to management, climate change, and other stressors. To do so, forest managers need data-driven methods for conducting baseline assessments of current carbon stocks and to monitor change.

KEY FINDINGS

- Regionally patterned changes are ocurring in the unmanaged portions of Alaska's temperate rain forests. They are marked by many fine-scale (<1000 m^2) gains and losses in forest cover.
- The Tongass National Forest stores more carbon than any other national forest in the United States, and its forest area is increasing. However, forest biomass increases are highest in the Chugach National Forest and forest around Prince William Sound in south-central Alaska.
- Gains in forest cover are concentrated on northerly aspects, lower elevations, and higher latitudes. Naturally occurring disturbances that have removed some of the forest cover are skewed toward southerly aspects and lower latitudes.
- Tree species shifts have occurred in both the Chugach and Tongass National Forests.
- On the Tongass National Forest, areas managed for timber had substantially different carbon storage and flux than unmanaged areas. Managed forests had much higher growth, recruitment, and down-wood mass; they had much lower mortality and less mass of live and standing dead trees.

A LIVING LABORATORY

Barrett and her colleagues recently completed studies to measure the amount of carbon stored in the Chugach and Tongass National Forests, and to see how those amounts had changed over 10 years.

The Chugach and Tongass offer unique opportunities to study carbon storage because relatively small portions have been harvested and fire is a rare occurrence. In forests with a history of timber production, replanting, and fire suppression—that is, most forests in the lower 48 states—assessing the reasons for changes in carbon stores is trickier.

Barrett has conducted numerous studies about the changing conditions of the Chugach and

Ray Koleser

With few roads in southeast Alaska, FIA field crew reach forest plots by skiff, float plane, boat, or helicopter and finally, by foot.

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Tongass. Recently she joined forces with Brian Buma at the University of Alaska Southeast to expand on earlier studies by assessing disturbance dynamics along with forest regrowth and ongoing changes in biomass and carbon. By focusing on the effects of insects, windstorms, landslides, and other natural events—they gained understanding of the roles these disturbances play in relation to shifts in forest cover and biomass.

Assessing Alaska's forests is complicated by a lack of previous research and relative scarcity of remote sensing and field-based information, Barrett explains. To find the information she wanted, Barrett and her colleagues used three very different approaches to understanding biomass dynamics in the forests: a field-based inventory assessment of recent change, a mathematical matrix modeling approach to predict short-term change, and a remote sensing-based assessment of how the shape of the forests was changing.

"I didn't do any of the field work, but I know what the field crew have to go through to collect data, and it's pretty amazing," Barrett says. Forest Inventory and Analysis data collection crews were stationed in a boat off the shore of the forests, living in very cramped quarters with no luxuries. Helicopters and small boats transported them each day into the forest, leaving early each morning and returning late in the evening. Crews faced daily challenges ranging from bears to steep terrain to snow and sleet. Three different shifts of personnel were continually rotated so that the work could continue every day of the week during Alaska's very short field season.

The crews inventoried forest plots in the Chugach and Tongass from 1995 to 2003, and then remeasured them from 2004 to 2010. Barrett and her colleagues used these data from the two time periods to determine how the forests were changing.

CHANGE IN THE CHUGACH

Nearly all of the Chugach National Forest was covered by ice during the peak of the last ice age, about 23,000 years ago. Pollen studies suggest that migration of coastal tree species into what is now the Chugach has been a long, slow process. Mountain hemlock and Sitka spruce moved into the Prince William Sound area about 3,000 years ago, which is just a few generations for these long-lived tree species.

Climate warming and CO_2 increases could be affecting forest changes in the Chugach in a variety of ways. Growth rates usually increase with increasing CO_2 or with warmer temperatures as long as the trees have enough water, Barrett explains. The same conditions could cause more dominant species such as Sitka spruce and western hemlock to displace lower biomass hardwoods and white spruce. They also could make trees grow larger and spread into more marginal habitats.

Biomass is increasing in the Chugach National Forest and around Prince William Sound—areas where the climate historically has made tree growth more difficult. In the Chugach, Barrett found a 4.5-percent increase in the carbon mass of live trees (a measurement that represents roughly half of their total biomass), largely driven by an increase in Sitka spruce.

It's not unusual for a national forest to experience increase in live tree biomass over time, Barrett explains, but usually it's the result of fire suppression or recovery from past timber harvests. That was not the case with the Chugach. The growth of carbon storage in these northern latitudes is due not only to the establishment of new trees where once there were none, but also because more trees are growing in existing stands and they're getting bigger.

A spruce-beetle outbreak that culminated in the 1990s caused extensive forest mortality throughout nearly 3 million acres of south-central Alaska. The Kenai Peninsula was hardest hit, but that outbreak area mostly falls to the west of the Chugach National Forest. This makes it less likely that the observed increase in biomass was recovery from the beetle outbreak and points back to climate change and higher atmospheric CO_2 levels as likely causes.

TONGASS TRENDS

The changes in the Tongass—which stores substantially more forest carbon than any other national forest in the United States—are more in the realm of species changes. Otherwise, the total carbon storage in the Tongass today in terms of live trees, snags, and logs is about what it was 20 years ago.

In the Tongass, Barrett and her colleagues found that multiple small-scale gains and losses of forest cover are adding up to a gradual movement of trees into areas that were previously too cold, such as higher latitudes and areas on the north slopes of mountains. They were surprised to find gains in the lower elevations, too, often in areas where it had been too wet for trees to grow well. Those wet, marshy areas, called muskegs, are shrinking in places, probably because of changes in precipitation and temperature, Barrett says. Most small-scale losses of forest area in unmanaged forest are likely caused by disturbances such as windthrow, avalanches, and landslides. "Even

Robin Mulvey

Shore pine, a subspecies of lodgepole pine found in southeast Alaska, has been decreasing, with slower growth associated with cool cloudy days and warmer nights.

though we're not seeing big differences overall, we're seeing shifts," she says.

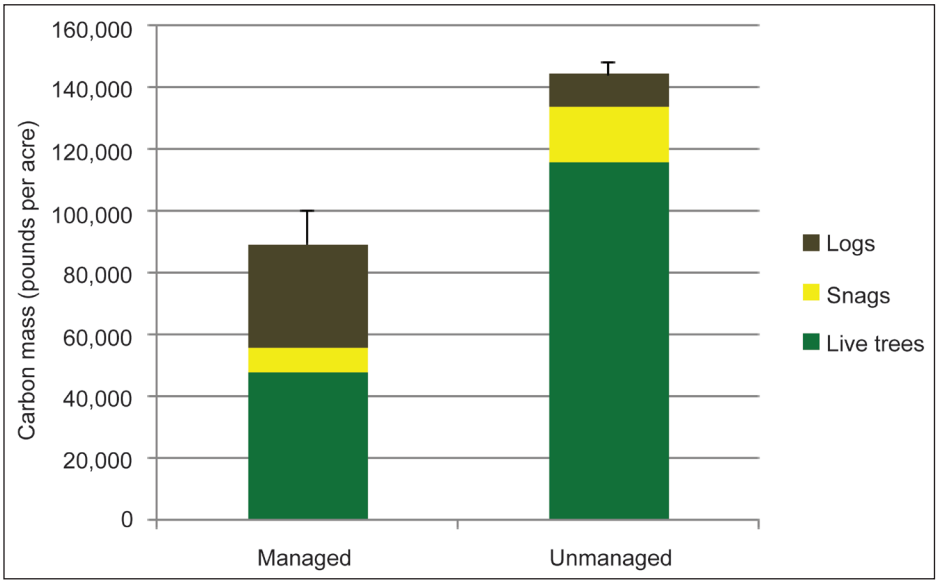
On one hand, it's hard to argue against expanding forests when it means more trees absorbing and storing atmospheric carbon. The flip side, however, is that global warming is the likely factor leading to expansion in these temperate rain forests. And the expansion comes at the expense of meadow, alpine, and muskeg habitats.

About 5 percent of the nearly 10 million forested acres on the Tongass National Forest have had timber harvest in the past. Separating out these two types of forest—managed and unmanaged—showed substantially different patterns of carbon storage and flux. Managed forest had much higher growth, recruitment, and down-wood mass and much lower mortality and live and standing dead-tree mass.

On the unmanaged forests, carbon is constantly being shifted among the pools—from the atmosphere to live trees, from live trees into snags and fallen logs, and then from the snags and woody debris back into the atmosphere as the wood decays. Barrett's research shows that the overall amounts stored in the different pools are pretty stable over time, and those amounts are very high in the Chugach and Tongass compared to most other forests in the United States.

On the managed forests, the picture is very different. When a stand of trees is harvested, some of the carbon is pulled out of the forest in the form of forest products, but a lot of it also moves into the snag and fallen log pool. Over time the woody debris decays. New trees become established and grow, gradually increasing the carbon in the live tree pool. "Given the very dynamic nature of carbon pools in harvested areas, I was expecting to see overall changes occurring in the managed forest," said Barrett. But as it turned out, the carbon in the managed forest was stable between inventories of the forest as a whole, just like the unmanaged forest. The reasons have to do with the timing of past harvests.

Most of the past clearcutting on the Tongass occurred between 1960 and 1995, resulting in second-growth stands that ranged from 9 to 50 years old at the time of the second inventory measurement. Those young stands hadn't reached their peak growth rate in terms of live-tree carbon accumulation. So while average growth per acre was shown to be higher in the managed forest than in the unmanaged forest, it hasn't yet peaked. At the same time, although the area harvested between the two inventories (from 1995 to 2010) was much smaller than in earlier decades, it was primarily in very dense old-growth forest. The net result—moderate growth on most of the half-million acres of managed forest and harvest on a relatively small area of dense old forest—meant that the total aboveground carbon in managed forest stayed about the same between the two inventories.



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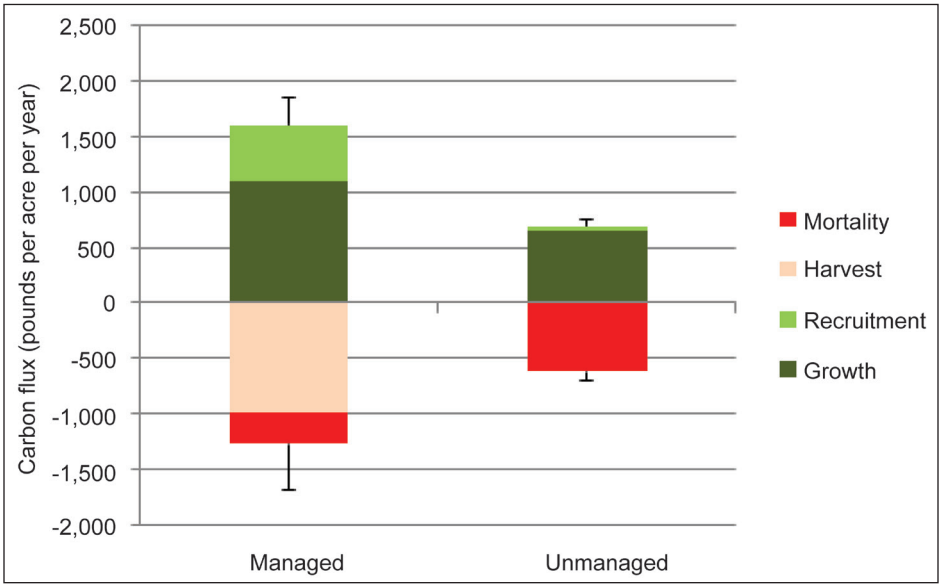

Although carbon mass in the Tongass National Forest's live tree pool was relatively stable between inventories for both unmanaged and managed forest, carbon flux in and out of the live tree pool differed. Managed forest had greater recruitment, greater growth, and lower mortality than unmanaged forest.

USING THE DATA

"Managing for carbon is a relatively new thing," says Barrett. "Because it's a new area, there's quite a bit of debate on the topic. For example, competing interest groups have made contradictory claims about carbon dynamics and storage in old-growth vs. second-growth forests."

For example, she says, people point to second-growth forest as proof that forest management is positive. Those new trees, after all, are storing carbon. A competing claim is, yes, but you're harvesting old growth and transferring carbon to the atmosphere.

"With our research, we can attach numbers to what's actually happening," Barrett says.

Barrett's research is being put to work. The Chugach National Forest used Barrett's information on carbon stocks in its forest planning assessment. The carbon report for the Chugach and Tongass National Forests may serve as a model for how other national forests can use data to assess aboveground carbon stocks and their fluctuation.

And a multi-agency effort that includes the Forest Service, U.S. Geological Survey, National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the University of Alaska, and others is using some of the information on species change in a climate vulnerability assessment of the Chugach, a larger effort that may influence decisions ranging from what kinds of trees to plant in the region to the size of culverts to use in roaded areas.

"After years of both studying forests and managing them, we tend to think we understand forest system dynamics," says Greg Hayward, a wildlife ecologist with the Forest Service's Alaska Region. "Tara's analysis of change in live tree biomass, like her modeling of spruce tree distributions, forces us to look at the forests in the region differently."

He continues: "As managers on the Chugach and throughout south-central Alaska contemplate management under climate change, Tara's results, combined with the other evaluations in our assessment, demonstrate that climate change is a global phenomenon. But the specific outcomes for ecological and social systems differ dramatically among regions—geographic, ecological, and social context is important."

"The future is already here-it's just not evenly distributed."
—William Gibson, author

LAND MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

- Because fire is exceedingly rare in the temperate rain forests of Alaska, and large areas have never had any kind of vegetation management, these forests are an ideal laboratory for studying climate-related impacts on forest expansion, growth, and mortality.
- Detection of early changes helps land managers anticipate how a warming climate will affect forest dynamics in both managed and unmanaged forest in Alaska.
- This research provides straightforward carbon estimates for the Chugach and Tongass National Forests that can be used to develop baseline assessments of carbon stocks.

Kathleen Galloway

Most second-growth stands in southeast Alaska are young, so regionally the live-tree carbon accumulation rate in managed forests has not yet peaked.

FOR FURTHER READING

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Organization:
Title:
Comments:
I'm against rescinding the national roadless rule on Tongass

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Norma
Last name: Phillips
Organization:
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Comments:
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First name: Patricia
Last name: Phillips
Organization:
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Comments:
The Roadless Rule Draft EIS (1-7) says, "This proposal does not make site specific decisions or authorize any ground-disturbing activities." "As a rule", it does not take into account the broad ramifications and potential significant impacts caused by ground-disturbing activities what will be allowed once an exemption of the roadless rule is in place, this exemption has the potential to scale up and intensify the level of commercial logging on the Tongass National Forest (TNF), in the interest of short-term economic gain. This intensification of timber harvest is to the detriment of sustainable local community based economies, including tourism and commercial fishing, small-scale business entities that rely on existing intact ecosystems in now in place. Industrial scale timber harvest into old growth reserves will result in irreparable ecological and socio-economic harm to rural communities in Southeast Alaska. The economy of the SE region has now stabilized after years of previous clear cutting timber harvest.

In recent years, ranger districts in the TNF have completed road closure assessments, and while roads have been closed; more fish culverts are needed to improve fish passage and flood control for increased protections for essential fish/salmon habitat. The termination of the long-term timber contracts demonstrates the short-term economic gains to the region; a region that than gets left with the high costs of remediation which has proven underfunded or unfunded; and further adding to an extensive deferred maintenance quandary. Improved fish culverts standards are needed to improve fish passage and flood control.

(2-22) Rural Subsistence Activities, "The action alternatives are expected to have minimal effects on rural subsistence." - What is the basis for this statement, where is the analysis to support this statement? The statement is not holistic to ecosystem and biodiversity effects. "The slight difference in road miles is expected to result in little to no difference to rural subsistence activities between alternatives." What about the long-term stem exclusion effects with the cumulative effects of past, current and future effects that will reduce productivity necessary for sustainable deer populations, a highly valued subsistence resource. There needs to be true studies of subsistence effects to rural communities in SE Alaska/Tongass National Forest.

(2-23) Key Issue 3 "long-term POG (productive old growth) harvest and road densities are not expected to differ significantly among alternatives."

(2-24) Fish Habitat "Localized effects on fish habitat may occur, but these are expected to be minimal overall."

Specie - Specific Effects "identical to those predicted by the 2016 Forest Plan.

These statements of "minimal" effects are duplicative and is an oblique way of avoiding the work of a more direct analysis that is obliged to do in depth research and study.

(2-28) Likelihood of maintaining viable, well distributed populations after 100 years -"very high"' - Research of various wildlife species report that species are in fact adversely affected by human caused disturbance. Wolf studies on Prince of Wales Island report human disturbance causes wolves to move there den sites to areas away from human disturbance and wolves are very sensitive to human activities.

I protest the agency action DEIS October 2019 because it has insufficient analysis. Decisions should be based on an understanding of environmental consequences, my protest is to protect, restore, and enhance the biodiversity of the environment, including protecting old-growth reserves, avoiding further fragmentation of old-growth reserves.

NEPA handbook H-1790-1; you must prepare NEPA analyses using an interdisciplinary approach, and the disciplines of the preparers mst be appropriate to the scope of the analysis and to the issues identified in the scoping process. (40 CFR 1502.6). The requirement for an interdisciplinary approach is met when preparer(s) consult with all appropriate sources for the analysis of affected resources. ~ Staff needs to provide a rational basis for decision-making.

Analysis must "focus on significant environmental issues and alternatives" and be useful to the decision-maker and the public (40 CFR 1500.0).

Discussions of impacts are to be proportionate to their significance (40 CFR 1502.2(b)). "Most important, NEPA documents must concentrate on the issues that are truly significant to the action in questions[hellip] (40 CFR 1500.0) ~To me the most significant issue is that the full exemption alternative will open up vast areas of the Tongass to commercial timber harvest, clearcutting large swaths of the Tongass National Forest which will have significant adverse impacts of the ecology and biodiversity of this vital temperate forest.

The Draft EIS (DEIS) does not make a finding on subsistence as required be ANILCA 810.

Not enough effort has been made to invest in second growth timber industry retooling.

The Preferred Alternative in the DEIS is a major Federal action the will significantly and negatively affect the environmental quality of the Tongass National Forest. The DEIS is deficient of the substantial cumulative effects that intensified logging under the preferred alternative scenario. The DEIS does not take into consideration the Central Tongass Project nor the Prince of Wales Tongass project. These projects are community based and community oriented. The DEIS does not fully analyze the proposed actions, alternatives and effects. There are new circumstances and information that have developed since the 2016 Forest Plan FEIS.

The 2001 Roadless Rule characteristics should remain in place as they better protect the biodiversity of the region. The State of Alaska working group dilutes the roadless rule characteristics, State of Alaska institutional interests were favored by its working group.

The distribution of impacts of the proposed alternatives, benefits and costs of the alternatives, especially on rural communities that will be affected by the alternatives is not adequately analyzed in the DEIS for decision-making. The costs and benefits are difficult to quantify, but are nonetheless essential to consider.

I support the no action alternative, it maximizes net benefits (including potential economic activities, environmental protections, public health because of intact eco-systems, and environmental justice removes any disparate social and economic impacts under consideration in the full exemption alternative.

The DEIS as written is incomplete. The USFS, amongst other topics, must conduct a thorough analysis of the climate impacts of the preferred alternative in the DEIS; this would provide for rational discussions for the public in their comments to decision-makers. The capacity of the public demands further analysis. The DEIA must complete an 810 analysis to better assess impacts to subsistence resources; it would benefit the process to suspend the DEIS process until further analysis is conducted.

As written now, the DEIS uses the rulemaking process to get stakeholders out of the way, it should instead be informing and involving rural residents in this major land planning effort.

The Tongass National Forest must be managed holistically and on evidence based policy actions. Leave the old-growth reserves as unfragmented as possible to support healthy subsistence resources. Old growth reserves help maintain the health of the overall forest ecosystem.

The DEIS preferred alternative, full exemption, will lay a development alternative that allows old growth timber harvest and deplete old growth reserves; this will significantly and adversely impact subsistence and the biodiversity of the Tongass National Forest.

Salmon are critical to subsistence and the Southeast Alaska mixed cash/subsistence lifeways and socio-economic vitality. Old-growth reserves keep riparian systems clean and cool; as proven with Yukon River salmon die-offs due to high temperatures, salmon lose their ability to reproduce as water temperatures warm.

Old growth reserves prevent warm temperatures impacting salmon spawning/rearing habitat, old growth reserves build ecological resiliency and biodiversity within the ecosystem as a whole. Environmental stability is near a tipping point in Southeast Alaska; further fragmenting old growth reserves is likely to threaten salmon/fish critical to subsistence ad rural way of living. Old growth reserves have ecosystem capacity to adjust and adapt to climate change effects as long as these old growth reserves are left roadless and intact. Continued exploitation of old growth reserves under the auspices of the USFS responsibility is of significant adverse impact on subsistence and healthy lifeways in rural Southeast Alaska.

It is appropriate to acknowledge and give legitimacy to the Alaska Natives and rural residents of Southeast Alaska. Respecting and recognizing the knowledge of the forest they can bring to the DEIS process. The USFS needs to do some outreach and integrate indigenous world views and perspectives and knowledge into the work being undertaken. The DEIS is not easily digestible or understandable to the general public.

Secretary of Agriculture Purdue must exercise his existing authority to uphold and protect ANILCA Title VIII Subsistence provisions "least adverse impact" to subsistence. I expect the Secretary to take action necessary to protect the subsistence needs of Alaska Natives and rural residents of Southeast Alaska.

The Tongass National Forest is federal lands subject to subsistence management under ANILCA. THE USFS/USDA must adhere to ANILCA Title VIII.

[POSITION]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Patricia
Last name: Phillips
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Patricia Phillips

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Paul
Last name: Phillips
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Paul Phillips and I live in Marblehead, Massachusetts.
Who is the United States to squawk about Brasil's destruction of their forests? Yet another hypercritical American policy.
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First name: R
Last name: Phillips
Organization:
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Comments:
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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, R Phillips

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/11/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Regina
Last name: Phillips
Organization:
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Comments:
My name is Regina Phillips and I live in Los Angeles, California.

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First name: Richard
Last name: Phillips
Organization:
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First name: Robyn
Last name: Phillips
Organization:
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My name is Robyn Phillips and I live in Raymond, New Hampshire.

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Regards, Scott Phillips

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/22/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Sione
Last name: Phillips
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Hello,

I do not agree with the opening up of additional acreage in the Tongass for logging and potentially development. I think we need to preserve this land, the irreplaceable old growth, and the environment therein and protect it from development and logging. There are definitely places to log, but we should preserve what we can of the natural ecosystems we have!

[Position]

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Stuart
Last name: Phillips
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, Stuart Phillips

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Regards, Susan Phillips

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First name: Teresa
Last name: Phillips
Organization:
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Comments:
My name is Teresa Phillips and I live in Fort Collins, Colorado.

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Regards, Teresa Phillips

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Todd
Last name: Phillips
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Exempting Tongas NF from roadless rule

I am writing to express my strong opposition to any exemption to the "roadless rule" for the Tongas National Forest.

Opening areas of the Tongas to logging and clear cutting will benefit very few people in the logging industry at the expense of the American people who own this national forest, the tourism and fishing industries in Alaska that employ many more people and contribute much more to the economy, and the natural environment which will need hundreds of years to recover - if ever. Logging can be sustainable, but cutting old growth forests is not sustainable, only greedy. No one is entitled to use the natural resources of the nation for their personal benefit, and it should not be up to local regulation to log this area any more than it would be up to Texas to strip mine Big Bend National Park.

Please oppose & do not authorize the exemption of Tongas NF from the "roadless rule". Thank you.

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Todd Phillips, DVM

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Vicky
Last name: Phillips
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC917

Dear Secretary Perdue,

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.

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Organization:
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First name: Mary
Last name: Phillps-Burke
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Last name: Philpot
Organization:
Title:
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Organization:
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HC3320

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Salmon, ID 83467

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First name: Bill
Last name: Phipps
Organization:
Title:
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HC3069

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[Signature]

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Organization:
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Last name: Phipps
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Organization:
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First name: Chris
Last name: Phoenix
Organization:
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Comments:
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First name: Lauren
Last name: Piacentini
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Ezio
Last name: Piaggi
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Ezio Piaggi and I live in Los Angeles, California.

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Last name: Pianalto
Organization:
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Last name: Piascik
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Last name: Piasecka
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Last name: Piatigorski
Organization:
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Last name: Piatigorski
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Last name: Piazza
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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First name: June
Last name: Picard
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is June Picard and I live in Bay City, Michigan.

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First name: Gloria
Last name: Picchetti
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Gloria Picchetti and I live in Chicago, Illinois.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: laureen
Last name: picciani
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, laureen picciani

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/17/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Michelle
Last name: Picciano
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Michelle Picciano and I live in Queens, New York.

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First name: Maryann
Last name: Piccione
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Maryann Piccione and I live in New Port Richey, Florida.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Sara
Last name: Piccoiomini
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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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]

Sincerely,

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

Yes *No*[Text circled]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
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Last name: Piccolo
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Last name: Piche
Organization:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/12/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: amy
Last name: pick
Organization:
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Comments:
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Regards, amy pick

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/1/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Genevieve
Last name: Pickard
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Please leave nature alone. Take no action to harm any of it or any indigenous people. No projects, no removals no deforestation no murder.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: George
Last name: Pickel
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: Picker
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/22/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Bradley
Last name: Pickerel
Organization: None
Title:
Comments:
I oppose logging into the tongass national forest for the main reason of one-third of the planet's virgin temperate rainforest- the largest remaining single expanse- is the tongass national forest on the se coast of Alaska. The tongass which shelters the world's largest concentration of bald Eagles, grizzly bears is seriously threatened by logging. This area is habitat to major salmon spawning as well. ONLY <1% of temperate rainforest remain in the world. Enough is enough with destroyed coastal rainforest. Over 430,000 miles of roads, more than 8 times the miles in interstate highway system, cut through US National forests. NO MORE ROADS.....

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: DEBORAH
Last name: PICKERING
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is DEBORAH PICKERING and I live in Concord, New Hampshire.

Our climate is wreaking havoc enough as it is and cutting more trees isn't going to fix it. Wake up you idiots!

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, DEBORAH PICKERING

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Evelyn Pickering

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As a supporter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers and our wild public lands, waters and wildlife, I am very concerned with the 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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Comment for the Daft EIS for the Alaska Roadless Rule

Hello,

We are submitted the attached comment to be considered for the Draft EIS for the Alaska Roadless Rule.

Thank you for taking the time to read and consider our comment.

Best,

Katrina and Kelly

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I. Executive Summary

Pursuant to section 6(d) of the National Forest Management Act of 1976 (NFMA)1 and section 1503.1(a)(4) of the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) rules,2 we submit the following comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS) for Alaska Roadless Areas. We request that our comment be considered by the United States Forest Service (USFS) as it develops land use plans pursuant to section 6 of NFMA and develops a final environmental impact statement (EIS) per the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

The act of public commenting addresses the democratic ideals of ensuring that a wide variety of opinions and concerns are included in the record and incorporated into final management decisions. Allowing comments for this Draft EIS for the Alaska Roadless Rule helps to ensure an excellent decision will be made for the future management plan for the Tongass National Forest. We submit the following public comment to provide information and discussion regarding the management alternatives in the Draft EIS directly impacting the Tongass National Forest.

A. Background of Commenters

We are graduate students at the University of Colorado - Boulder with the Masters of the Environment Program and are actively interested in public land policy and management, natural resource conservation, and cultural resource preservation. Katrina Pickering has a background in natural resources and visits national forests at

1 16 U.S.C. [sect] 1600 ("6(d) The Secretary shall provide for public participation in the development, review, and revision of land management plans").

2 40 C.F.R. [sect] 1503.1 ("(a) After preparing a draft environmental impact statement and before preparing a final environmental impact statement the agency shall:... (4) Request comments from the public, affirmatively soliciting comments from those persons or organizations who may be interested or affected.").

least three times a year, including a visit to the Tongass National Forest in 2015. She is an outdoor enthusiast, and enjoys hiking, backpacking, and climbing on public lands and educating others about nature. Following completion of her masters degree, Katrina aspires to work in natural resource management, especially creating resilient public lands to handle future uncertainty.3 Kelly Ann Bates has a background in film production and photography. She earned her Masters of Fine Arts degree in Film Production from the University of Southern California and is pursuing a career in merging her film skillsets with wildlife conservation awareness. Considering our passion and reliance on public lands academically, professionally, and personally, actions resulting from the Draft EIS will directly impact our future careers and livelihoods. It is our hope that the following comment reveals our passion and lifelong dedication to the management and celebration of public lands.

B. Purpose of this Comment

The following comment discusses the unique attributes of the Tongass National Forest and explains why Alternative 6 fails to protect these resources. The comment begins by discussing the differences between the proposed Alaska state-specific roadless rule and the state specific rules for Colorado and Idaho: This comment specifically brings up how the Colorado and Idaho rules establish more stringent forest regulations while the proposed Alaska rule would decrease regulations and conflict with the current forest management plan.

3 Pickering has held two professional and academic positions to create land planning documents: one with Stantec Consulting, Inc for Fairfax County, Virginia and the other with Jefferson County Open Space in Colorado.

This comment will then proceed to discuss both the economic and environmental impacts. For the economic sector, we believe the USFS failed to fully consider the impact changing the Roadless Rule will have on major industries including tourism and fishing and adequate calculate the ecosystem services associated with carbon sequestration. Furthermore, economic opportunities are limited within the Tongass National Forest and the economic viability of expanding logging in the Tongass is likely to be unprofitable.

After discussing the economic issues, this comment progresses to a discussion of how the three Key Issues fail to explain why Alternative 6 is the best management strategy. Alternative 6 actively harms roadless values, hinders the local economies and communities, and disproportionately works to harm ecological resources. However, other alternatives better help balance the biological, social, and economic situations while creating a more resilient ecosystem. Furthermore, all three Key Issues are best met by Alternative 1, the no impact alternative.

Finally, the comment discusses how the United States Forest Service (USFS) failed to comply with the Endangered Species Act (ESA), specifically by failing to ask the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) if there are any endangered or threatened species present in the Tongass National Forest. Historically, the Tongass National Forest does not contain any listed species;4 However, we argue that with proposed changes to the management of the forest, many species will need to be reevaluated to determine if detrimental impacts will occur. The Tongass National Forest needs to adopt and commit to an adaptive

4 United States Forest Service. (2019). Tongass National Forest. (https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/r10/about-region/overview/?cid=fsbdev2_038671

management plan to meet it's "unique biological, social, and economic situation" 5 and maintain this beautiful forest for future generations.

We conclude that Alternative 1 is the best alternative to meet the local economic and ecological needs of the Tongass National Forest. This management strategy best ensures future agency actions continue to support the ecological, social, and economic communities surrounding the Tongass.

C. The USFS should choose Alternative 1 because it, unlike the other proposed Alternatives, does not violate the ESA and best supports local economics and natural resources.

We persuade the USFS to make a decision that will help preserve and protect the Tongass National Forest for current and future generations. The Tongass National Forest is a unique, vast ecosystem, the likes of which are rapidly depleting across the world. Destroying environmental resources for economic gain, although necessary in some circumstances for human survival, is not the best use of the resources in the Tongass National Forest. We are deeply concerned that destroying native populations and habitats while obtaining minimal economic profits is not the best use of these public lands. We hope this comment will help the USFS make excellent decisions to manage the Tongass National Forest and its unique natural resources. We request the USFS select Alternative 1 regarding the management of the Tongass National Forest for the following reasons:

- The Tongass Land Management Plan (TLMP) of 2016 should be updated prior to changing the roadless designation. Alternative 1 follows and honors the current

5 Draft EIS, Chapter 1, Purpose and Need at 1-4.

land and resource management plan and does not attempt to force a forest management change.

- The USFS failed to fully consider the adverse impacts the elimination of the Roadless Rule will have on local economies, existing industries, and ecosystem services including carbon sequestration. Alternative 1 best promotes these values as it would not allow for the destruction of livelihoods while profits remain static.

- The USFS needs to complete a cost benefit analysis to adequately analyze the ecological, social, and economic impacts of eliminating the Roadless Rule. Alternative 1 best protects the existing resources for current and future generations.

- The USFS did not adequately address why Alternative 6 is the preferred choice when addressing the three key issues. Alternative 1 best ensures that roadless values are upheld, economic opportunities remain viable, and natural resources are adequately protected, thus supporting all three Key Issues. The preservation of roadless areas is vital for the continued vitality of the Tongass National Forest, and the final EIS should not endorse the eliminating of the Roadless Rule.

- The USFS violated section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) by not asking the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) if any threatened or endangered species are present in the Tongass National Forest. Alternative 1 protects all sensitive species and does not trigger the activation of the ESA.

Overall, we support the adoption of Alternative 1 as it best protects ecological and cultural resources and ensures that economic resources are not wasted on areas with minimal profit opportunities. If Alternative 2-6 are selected, roadless values will not be achieved for the Tongass National Forest and, especially considering changing climatic conditions, will create a less resilient and more at-risk ecosystem.

II. Creating a state-specific roadless rule that loosens regulations and conflicts with the current forest management plan has no president. A. Why is the Tongass Important?

At 17 million acres6, the Tongass National Forest is one of the largest remaining and intact temperate rainforests forests in the world7 and is inhabited by a diverse array of fish, mammals, birds, plants, and other organisms.8 The Tongass is also home to a variety of Native Tribes, including the Tlingit and Haida tribes, who have inhabited the region for thousands of years.9 These unique ecological and cultural resources make the Tongass National Forest one of the few remaining wild places in the world. If we want to ensure the ecosystem and culture continue to thrive despite changing climatic conditions, we will need to protect the Tongass from unnecessary and uneconomical uses.

6 Prince William Network. (2019). Tongass National Forest. Retrieved from https://rainforests.pwnet.org/americas_rainforests/tongass.php

7 United States Forest Service. (2019). About the Forest. Retrieved from https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/tongass/about-forest

8 Alaska Wild. (2019). Animals of the Tongass National Forest. Retrieved from http://www.alaskawild.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/Animals-of-the-Tongass-FINAL.pdf

9 Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska. (2019). Our History. Retrieved from http://www.ccthita.org/about/history/

B. The Tongass Land Management Plan (TLMP) of 2016 should be changed prior to considering a change in roadless designation.

The 2001 Roadless Rule "establishes prohibitions on road construction, road reconstruction, and timber harvesting... of inventoried roadless areas on National Forest System lands...in the context of multiple-use management."10 This rule was established "to protect the social and ecological values and characteristics of inventoried roadless areas,"11 and since inception states such as Colorado and Idaho have established state-specific rules to better help manage their forest resources. Idaho was the first state to establish a state-specific rule in 2008 which "designates 250 Idaho Roadless Areas (IRAs) and establishes five management themes that provide prohibitions with exceptions or conditioned permission governing road construction, timber cutting, and discretionary mineral development."12 The main premise of the Idaho Roadless Rule was to expand protections from the 2001 Roadless Rule to better protect the natural resources of the state. Colorado followed suit in 2011 to create a state-specific Roadless Rule which also "provides a management direction to conserve roadless values across 4.2 million acres of National Forest System lands within the state."13

Alaska has been fighting for a state-specific roadless rule which exempts the Tongass National Forest from roadless designation since the establishment of the 2001

10 United States Department of Agriculture. (2019). Retrieved from fs.uda.gov/roadmain/roadless/2001rule

11 United States Department of Agriculture. (16 April 2019).

12 Special Areas; Roadless Area Conservation; Applicability to the National Forests in Idaho, 73 Federal Register 201 (16 October 2008)) (to be codified at 36 CFR pt. 294).

13 United States Department of Agriculture. (2019). Colorado Roadless Rule. Retrieved from https://www.fs.usda.gov/roadmain/roadless/coloradoroadlessrules

Roadless Rule. Recently Alaska Governor Mike Dunleavy and Alaska's congressional delegation asked President Trump to restore the exemption for the Tongass National Forest from the Roadless Rule.14 However, the Draft EIS preferred alternative proposes to remove all roadless designations within the Tongass National Forest. Unlike the other state-specific rules, the Draft EIS's preferred alternative proposes to eliminate roadless designations. Changing the regulations for the state-specific rules to decrease regulations lacks precedent as the other two state-specific roadless rules increase protections to conserve roadless values. Furthermore, Alternative 6 in the Draft EIS is in direct conflict with the existing land management plan for the Tongass National Forest and attempts to bypasses creating an updated forest management plan.15 By not changing the existing TLMP plan prior to changing the roadless designation, a plan change is forced to occur. The forest management plan should be updated prior to considering a roadless designation.

III. The USFS failed to fully consider the extent of the economic impacts for changing the protections under the 2001 Roadless Rule

The Tongass National Forest contains unique ecological and cultural attributes which offer a variety of economic opportunities. However, harming the ecological and cultural resources of the region is likely to have major adverse impacts to both profitability and longevity of pursuits. The section below discusses how changing the

14 Murkowdki, F. H. (4 September 2019). A logging exemption makes sense in Alaska. The Washington Post. Retrieved from https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/a-logging-exemption-makes-sense-in-alaska/2019/09/04/44254756-ce62-11e9-a620-0a91656d7db6_story.html

15 United States Department of Agriculture. (2019). Tongass National Forest - Land and Resource Management Plan Amendment. Retrieved from

https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/tongass/landmanagement/?cid=stelprd3801708

Roadless Rule designation will harm existing industries both economically and ecologically.

A. Logging the Tongass National Forest would be arbitrary and capricious since it fails to consider the negative impact on the major industries located in the Tongass, primarily fishing and tourism.

The Draft EIS fails to address how the Tongass as a whole ecosystem will be analyzed for any cumulative effects associated with the proposed Roadless Rule exemption. The Draft EIS does not specifically call for any projects that directly change the Tongass National Forest. Exemptions to the Roadless Rule are associated with access for logging the now inaccessible areas of the Tongass National Forest, including old growth forests.

The Draft EIS calls for the Tongass to be exempted from the 2001 Roadless Rule. The document states several times that proper studies will be completed on a case by case basis as the projects arise. Therefore when future roads are built, an EIS and other appropriate documents will be produced at a point in the future for that project.

Roughly 40% of wild salmon that swim along the West Coast spawn in the Tongass, generating a fishery that the USFS estimates is worth $986 million a year.16 Much of the past logging activity required roads that crisscrossed the spawning streams. In many of these cases, the silt from runoff clogs the streams and prevents

16 Eilperin, J. (October 15, 2019). Trump administration proposes expanding logging in Alaska's Tongass National Forest, The Washington Post

Retrieved from https://www.washingtonpost.com/climate-environment/trump-administration-proposes-expanding-logging-in-alaskas-tongass-national-forest/2019/10/15/92e47db8-ef77-11e9-8693-f487e46784aa_story.html

salmon from spawning.17 The USFS failed to adequately study the adverse impacts changing the Roadless Rule will have on salmon spawning and the associated logging of old forest growth. By failing to study these impacts, the Roadless Rule exemption is arbitrary and capricious because the USFS "offer[s] an explanation for its decision that runs counter to the evidence before the agency."18

The Draft EIS states that "[t]he application of Forest-wide standards and guidelines and Best Management Practices developed to meet soil protection, water quality standards, and fish habitat protection will help protect [essential fish habitat (EFH)] on the Tongass and adjacent estuarine and marine waters. Adoption of any of the alternatives would not specifically result in any actions that could affect EFH."19 However, any road-building constructed in the Tongass will change water from the runoff with a probable detrimental effect to the spawning streams which could be a significant economic negative; therefore, an EIS is required on this subject. Without analyzing the key question of how the fishing industry will be impacted, the Tongas should not be exempted from the Roadless Rule. Furthermore, an EIS is needed to determine the full impact new logging roads will have on the spawning of salmon.

In the section Salmon Harvesting and Processing of the Draft EIS it is stated: "None of the alternatives are expected to have a significant change to the commercial fishing or fish processing industries. Riparian Management standards and guidelines established in the 2016 Tongass Land Management Plan (TLMP) would remain in place

17 Hunt, C. (September 18 2019). At home on the Tongass. Retrieved from https://www.tu.org/blog/

18 Motor Vehicles Mfrs. Ass'n of U.S., Inc. v. State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co., 463 U.S. 29,43 (1983).

19 Draft Environmental Impact Statement Rulemaking for Alaska Roadless Areas, United States Department of Agriculture, (October, 2019), Retrieved at https://www.fs.usda.gov/nfs/11558/www/nepa/109834_FSPLT3_4876629.pdf

under all of the alternatives. While there would be some variation in the level of protection, these variations are not expected to affect the fishing industry. The future of the fishing industry in Southeast Alaska depends upon occurrences outside of the Tongass National Forest such as hatchery production, offshore harvest levels, and changes in ocean conditions."20

The Draft EIS failed to fully consider the impact of Alternative 6 on the salmon fishery, especially considering that the health of the salmon fishery may have adverse impacts outside the Tongass National Forest. Therefore, this logic is "rel[ying] on factors which Congress had not intended it to consider," thus this argument is arbitrary and capricious.21

B. The Draft EIS fails to consider the value of the Tongass National Forest as a carbon sink, which is a significant component in mitigating climate warming.

Southeast Alaska is one of the most dynamic environments relative to the carbon cycle, with nearly nine times the amount of carbon dissolving in its streams as in the Amazon River basin per unit area.22 This is a substantial amount of earth's sequestered carbon. Concrete financial values cannot be placed on the Tongass; therefore financial comparisons are not feasible. In terms of mitigating the climate change problems, the Tongass is priceless. Old growth forests are more effective carbon sinks than tropical rainforests. The Tongass holds approximately 8% of the lower 48's sequestered

20 Draft Environmental Impact Statement Rulemaking for Alaska Roadless Areas, United States Department of Agriculture, (October, 2019), pp E-13, Retrieved at https://www.fs.usda.gov/nfs/11558/www/nepa/109834_FSPLT3_4876629.pdf

21 Motor Vehicles Mfrs. Ass'n of U.S., Inc. v. State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co., 463 U.S. 29,43 (1983).

22 Addressing Climate Change on the Tongass (June 2010). US Department of Agriculture Forest Services. p2, Retrieved from https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb5252603.pdf

carbon.23 The carbon sequestered by the Tongass National Forest is a significant component of total atmospheric and biospheric carbon. The vast majority of scientists say we are rapidly approaching a cliff after which we will not be able to halt and reverse the effects of global warming. Increased carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gasses will reach a tipping point where the effect can no longer be reversed.24

The USFS needs to seriously analyze the impact of further logging in the Tongass National Forest on climate change in the Draft EIS. Alternative 2-6 may augment atmospheric carbon and sequestered carbon lower. The USFS " entirely failed to consider an important aspect of the problem, " indicating an arbitrary and capricious decision.25 Only Alternative 1, the no impact alternative, is justifiable.

C. The USFS failed to complete a clear cost benefit for exempting the Tongass from the 2001 Roadless Rule. This exemption will not bring a significant amount of new jobs; however, it will harm existing industries such as hunting, tourism, and fishing businesses which are currently providing significant economic activity for the area.

The Tongass National Forest has minimal profitability for logging and the negative impacts of logging are far greater than the economic profits. SOUTHEAST ALASKA by the Numbers states "Timber available for sale is often uneconomic, thereby constraining supply to mills; and the poor outlook for future economic timber is a

23 Shankman S. (2019, October 16) Trump Wants to Erase Protections in Alaska's Tongass National Forest, a Storehouse of Carbon Retrieved from https://insideclimatenews.org/news/16102019/tongass-national-forest-trump-roadless-rule-logging-climate-change

24 Regan, H. (2019, November 28). Climate crisis pushing Earth to a 'global tipping point,' researchers say, CNN Health Retrieved fromhttps://www.cnn.com/2019/11/28/health/climate-crisis-global-tipping-point-intl-hnk/index.html

25 MotorVehicle Mfrs. Ass'n of U.S., Inc. v. State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co.,463 U.S. 29, 43 (1983)

disincentive for continued participation in the Southeast timber industry".26 The Draft EIS is focused on getting timber to markets. The Draft EIS even states that the "proposed rule is focused on the exemptions of the prohibitions for timber harvest and road construction/reconstruction within designated roadless areas on the Tongass."27

To expand logging in the Tongass is, at best, a dubious business venture, which at the same time risks the health of the local tourism and fishing economy and the stability of the Earth's biosphere. By failing to consider these risks, the USFS "entirely failed to consider an important aspect of the problem;"28 therefore expanding logging in the Tongass forest would be arbitrary and capricious. Not only does the evidence suggest that USFS resources are used in the wrong areas to support the Tongass, it also ignores the need for the Tongass to be kept as a fully functional rainforest to mitigate the carbon dioxide levels in the atmosphere that most scientists say is hurtling humankind toward an existential climate crisis.29

The Draft EIS is not a complete evaluation of changes in value due to segmenting the Tongass National Forest ecology. Nor does it represent a thorough cost benefit result of any of the six alternatives. For each Alternative the USFS notes that this Draft EIS is not proposing any immediate action such as the building of a road or the harvesting of timber. In each of these cases, the Draft EIS states that an analysis

26 Southeast Timber Industry, (September 2017) (pp8) Retrieved at

http://www.seconference.org/sites/default/files/Southeast%20Alaska%20by%20the%20numbers%202017%20FINAL.pdf

27Draft Environmental Impact Statement Rulemaking for Alaska Roadless Areas, United States Department of Agriculture, pp 46, (October, 2010), retrieved at https://www.fs.usda.gov/nfs/11558/www/nepa/109834_FSPLT3_4876629.pdf

28 MotorVehicle Mfrs. Ass'n of U.S., Inc. v. State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co.,463 U.S. 29, 43 (1983)

29 Regan, H. (2019, November 28). Climate crisis pushing Earth to a 'global tipping point,' researchers say, CNN Health Retrieved fromhttps://www.cnn.com/2019/11/28/health/climate-crisis-global-tipping-point-intl-hnk/index.html

will be done in the future at the time the action is being proposed.30 As such, the Draft EIS does not take into account what happens in a final state.31 If newly allowed road building and timber harvesting takes place at a maximum rate, the Tongass National Forest, a majority uninterrupted ecological entity, would be broken up into smaller ecological territories with possibly profound implications. In the words of the Draft EIS; "It is reasonable and efficient to limit detailed site-specific impact analyses to when specific proposals are brought before the agency."32

The Draft EIS needs to do a Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA). While the USFS failed to complete a CBA, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) successfully completed a CBA which concluded that no new timber jobs will be created and that the "lost revenue to the Guide / Outfitter / Recreation and Tourism sectors will be in excess of $310,000 per year."33 The USFS should use OMB's CBA in its analysis of the Tongass National Forest.

The Draft EIS fails to do a thorough review of the effects of other uses of the Tongass. To disregard these other multiple uses is arbitrary and capricious because it fails "to consider an important aspect of the problem."34 The Draft EIS does not ensure the impact multiple uses has on the Tongass National Forest; it sets in motion a

removal of the Tongass from Federal oversight based on change of authority over the Tongass National Forest. At the end of this process, an impediment will be reduced for

30 Draft Environmental Impact Statement Rulemaking for Alaska Roadless Areas, United States

Department of Agriculture,p1-2 (October, 2010), Retrieved from

https://www.fs.usda.gov/nfs/11558/www/nepa/109834_FSPLT3_4876629.pdf

31Id.

32 Id.

33Call to Action, Flywater Travel Call to Action - Roadless Rule - Tongass National Forest, AK, (October 2019), Retrieved from https://www.flywatertravel.com/blog/2019/10/30/call-to-action-roadless-rule-tongass-national-forest-ak/

34 MotorVehicle Mfrs. Ass'n of U.S., Inc. v. State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co.,463 U.S. 29, 43 (1983)

dividing the Tongass into smaller sections without taking into effect the ecological and financial cost to the existing Tongass National Forest in its entirety. The Draft EIS does not consider the inevitable changes to the surrounding environment that the proposed roads will inevitably cause.

Costs and benefits have not been portrayed in this Draft EIS, making this subject impossible to discuss thoroughly. In a 2014 study, support for timber sales and harvests comprised at least 34% of the annual budget for the Tongass National Forest between fiscal years 2009 and 2013.35 This disproportionate amount of the USFS budget applied to timber shows a distorted view of their responsibilities. The timber-centric approach neglects the opportunities that the Tongass creates for other industries, namely commercial fisheries, hunting and tourism. A much larger percentage of the USFS resources are dedicated to logging than to other services, in spite of the fact that logging activities were a much smaller percentage of USFS revenue than the other services provided.36

IV. The preferred rule (Alternative 6) and Alternatives 2-5 in the Draft EIS will harm ecological resources within the Tongass National Forest.

The Tongass National Forest is the largest intact temperate rainforest in the world and the largest national forest within the United States. This expansive forest nurtures diverse habitats including streams, mountains, old-growth forests, and deep

35 Richards R (October 3, 2018) Fraud in the Tongass, Center for American Progress Retrieved from https://www.americanprogress.org/issues/green/reports/2018/10/03/458961/fraud-in-the-tongass/

36 Richards, R., Fraud in the Tongass, (October 3, 2018), Center for American Progress, Found at https://www.americanprogress.org/issues/green/reports/2018/10/03/458961/fraud-in-the-tongass/

fjords.37 Despite the presence of so many known species, recent biological studies have found species previously unknown to inhabitat the Tongass National Forest.38 These discoveries of increased range reveal more undiscovered species or critical habitat within the Tongass exist. By preventing continued development

within the Tongass, populations of currently unknown species could be preserved for future scientific discovery and enjoyment of future generations.

The purpose of this comment is not to stifle the economic opportunities in the region, but rather to limit the human impacts on this unique ecosystem. Logging under Alternatives 2-6 degrades the natural ecosystem and destroys old-growth forests that will take centuries to regrow and even longer for some ecosystem services39 to fully recover.40 Without these ecosystem services, the ecological uniqueness and splendor of the Tongass will be unnecessarily damaged and disrupted.

In this section, we will address the three Key Issues, the unique ecological species the ESA intends to protect, the USFS's violation of section 7 of the ESA,41 and an analysis why Alternatives 2-6 are unsuitable for continuing to protect these ecological resources.

37 United States Forest Service. (2019). About the Forest. Retrieved from https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/tongass/about-forest

38 Smith, W. P., Stotts, M. J., Andres, B. A., Melton, J. M., Garibaldi, A., & Boggs, K. (2001). Bird, mammal, and vegetation community surveys of research natural areas in the Tongass National Forest. Res. Pap. PNW-RP-535. Portland, OR: US Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Pacific Northwest Research Station. 44 p, 535.

39 Ecosystem services: benefits that humans and animals freely gain from the environment. These services help ensure the continued survival for many organisms and that an ecosystem is functioning well.

40 Save the Redwoods League. (2018 December 4). How long it takes for a forest to recover after clear-cutting. Retrieved from https://www.savetheredwoods.org/grant/how-long-it-takes-for-a-forest-to-recover-after-clear-cutting/

41 16 U.S.C 1531 [sect]7

A. The discussion of the three Key Issues in the Draft EIS fails to explain the rationale for selecting Alternative 6, and the choosing of Alternative 6 is arbitrary and capricious because the offered explanation runs counter to the evidence before the agency.

The Draft EIS for the Alaska Roadless Rule describes three Key Issues: "Roadless area conservation,"42 "Supporting local and regional socioeconomic well-being, Alaska Native culture, rural subsistence activities, and economic opportunity across multiple economic sectors,"43 and "Conserve terrestrial habitat, aquatic habitat, and biological diversity."44 Alternative 1 will provide the most robust protection of these resources while Alternative 6 will remove protections.

Alternative 6 allows the greatest quantity of road development within the Tongass National Forest by exempting the state of Alaska from the 2001 Roadless Rule. This alternative has the least restrictions on wildlife habitat by permitting road-building and logging in a greater physical extent of the Tongass National Forest.45 Key Issue 1 strives to protect "unfragmented wildlife habitats, undeveloped or natural areas and opportunities for primitive recreation and/or solitude."46 While Alternative 1 ensures that the "existing management direction would provide the highest degree of protection,"47 Alternative 6 "remov[es] all acres from regulatory roadless designation."48 The connection between why Alternative 6 was chosen and the blatant disregard of the

42 Draft EIS at 2-18.

43 Draft EIS at 2-20.

44 Draft EIS at 2-23.

45 Id.

46 Draft EIS at 1-5.

47 Draft EIS at 2-19.

48 Id.

resources it destroys is not clear. Alternative 6 clearly would fragment wildlife habitats with increased logging and road-building, more developed natural areas, and reduced opportunities for solitude and primitive recreation, directly conflicting with the issues Key Issue 1 attempts to mitigate. As the Supreme Court held in Motor Vehicles Manufacturers Association v. State Farm, "an agency would be arbitrary and capricious if the agency...offered an explanation for its decision that runs counter to the evidence before the agency."49 The preservation of roadless areas is vital for the continued vitality of the Tongass National Forest, the final EIS should not endorse the eliminating of the Roadless Rule.

Key Issue 2 aims to "suppor[t the] local and regional economy, promot[e] economic diversification, and ...enhanc[e the] rural community well-being."50 Although none of the alternatives "would result in changes to the [quantity of]... timber,"51 Alternatives 2-6 increase the amount of "suitable land" open to timber harvesting. However, Alternatives 4 through 6 are located "further from existing infrastructure and thus less likely to be economic to harvest."52 In a region where timber harvesting has minimal economic viability, obstacles such as increased distance from existing roadways will only augment the price of timber harvesting and other extraction industries.53 The change in Roadless Rule designation under Alternatives 2-6 will not significantly enhance economic opportunities and will disproportionately impact the

49 Motor Vehicles Mfrs. Ass'n of U.S., Inc. v. State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co., 463 U.S. 29,43 (1983).

50 Draft EIS at 1-6.

51 Draft EIS at 2-20.

52 Draft EIS at 2-21.

53 Southeast Timber Industry, (September 2017) (pp8) Retrieved at

http://www.seconference.org/sites/default/files/Southeast%20Alaska%20by%20the%20numbers%202017%20FINAL.pdf

natural resources that support many of the local, rural communities. Choosing Alternatives 2-6 to help support the local economy "runs counter to the evidence before the agency"54 and thus is arbitrary and capricious.

Key Issue 3 aims to conserve "large, undeveloped, and natural land areas... [that are] not available elsewhere in the [National Forest System] outside of Alaska."55 By recommending Alternative 6, logging within the Tongass opens more forested areas to habitat disturbance directly "alter[ing the] general wildlife habitat."56 Alternative 6 is thus in direct conflict with the goal of Key Issue 3 and "offer[s] an explanation... that runs counter to the evidence before the agency,"57 resulting in an arbitrary and capricious argument. Furthermore, selecting Alternatives 2- 6 will impact habitats differently. A summary of how specific habitats are impacted by these Alternatives are below:

a. Old-Growth Habitat

The Draft EIS argues that "[a]ll of the alternatives would have old-growth harvest levels similar to the level authorized by the 2016 Forest Plan."58 Although harvest levels may remain the same, the disturbed areas will drastically increase, causing more widespread harm. The areas opened to timber harvesting will increase from 230,000 acres in Alternative 1 to 247,000 acres for alternative 2 (7% increase); 305,000 acres for alternative 3 (33% increase); 388,000 acres for alternative 4 (69% increase); and to 395,000 acres for alternatives 5 and 6 (72% increase).59,60 Since alternatives 2-6 are all

54 Motor Vehicles Mfrs. Ass'n of U.S., Inc. v. State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co., 463 U.S. 29,43 (1983).

55 Draft EIS at 1-7.

56 Draft EIS at 1-9.

57 Motor Vehicles Mfrs. Ass'n of U.S., Inc. v. State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co., 463 U.S. 29,43 (1983).

58 Id.

59 Draft EIS at ES-10.

60 All calculations completed by Pickering using the following formula to obtain percent difference: (Alternative X acreage - Alternative 1 acreage)/ Alternative 1 acreage.

above the 5% threshold, the indicator for statistical significance, there will be greater impacts for the increased areas allowing harvest and the resulting ecological disturbance.61

1. Young Growth in Special Habitats

The Forest Plan allows timer harvest in "a number of special habitats...including Riparian Management Areas, Beach and Estuary Fringe, and Old-growth Habitat LUD."62 Research has shown that logging near some of these special habitats such as riparian buffers and near bodies of water has adverse impacts on ecosystems. Since the presence or absence of certain aquatic invertebrates indicate healthy or poor water quality, regions where logging occurred near riparian buffers and aquatic ecosystems resulted in the absence of many sensitive invertebrate species, lower species diversity, and lower species abundance, thus indicating poor water quality. Aquatic insects including Ephemeroptera (common name mayfly), Plecoptera (common name stonefly), and Trichoptera (common name caddisfly) are especially at risk for lower populations. Without a buffer between logging activities and these sensitive areas, these invertebrate populations will suffer.63

1. Road Density

Roads are expected to increase under alternatives 3-6 "to add more remote

suitable timber area."64 The construction of new roads causes habitat fragmentation and

61 Sauro, J. (21 October 2014). What Does Statistically Significant Mean?. Measuring U. Retrieved from https://measuringu.com/statistically-significant/

62 Draft EIS at 2-23.

63 Quinn, J. M., Boothroyd, I. K., & Smith, B. J. (2004). Riparian buffers mitigate effects of pine plantation logging on New Zealand streams: 2. Invertebrate communities. Forest Ecology and Management, 191(1[shy]3), 129-146.

64 Draft EIS at 2-24.

erosion. The increase of road networks can also lead to biological invasions, air pollution, increased hunting pressure, illegal poaching, and forest conversion. These direct and indirect impacts can severely impact wildlife and influence the type and extent organisms can travel and proliferate within their habitats.65 Alternatives 1 and 2 limit this amount of disturbance, and therefore promote biological diversity and ecological habitats.

1. Fish Habitat and Species-Specific Effects

Although Alternative 3 provides additional restrictions to special habitats, including riparian management areas66, the remaining Alternatives 2 and 4-6 put fish and other organisms at risk of decreased populations.67 Precaution and monitoring must be taken to ensure that these existing populations are protected. Restricting roads

within the Tongass will allow these populations to more easily thrive.

1. LUD II areas

The 2016 Forest Plan was written under the pretense that the 2001 Roadless Rule was in place and has a goal to "[m]anage [LUD II] areas in a roadless state to retain their wildland character."68 Alternatives 3 and 6 eliminate this distinction, opening up these sensitive areas and habitats to hazardous disturbances directly conflicts with the Tongass Land Management Plan (TLMP) of 2016.69 The USFS should amend the TLMP prior to changing the Roadless Rule designation.

65 Kleinschroth, F., & Healey, J. R. (2017). Impacts of logging roads on tropical forests. Biotropica, 49(5), 620-635.

66 Draft EIS at 2-24.

67 Kleinschroth, F., & Healey, J. R. (2017). Impacts of logging roads on tropical forests. Biotropica, 49(5), 620-635.

68 United States Department of Agriculture. (December 2016). Land and Resource Management Plan: Tongass National Forest. Federal Register, pp. 3-70. Retrieved from https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd527907.pdf

69 Draft EIS at ES-10.

Alternatives 3 and 6 completely eliminate the LUD II land use designation, directly while alternatives 2, 4, and 5 significantly reduce these wild areas. Although the quantity remains the same, the greater impact on the entire forest will expand due to allowing greater road development in Alternatives 2-6.

The Draft EIS reveals evidence that Alternatives 2-6 will cause adverse impacts for all three Key Issues. Alternatively, Alternative 1,the no impact alternative, ensures that roadless values are upheld, economic opportunities remain viable, and natural resources are adequately protected, thus supported all three Key Issues. Alternatives 2[shy]5 and especially 6 are arbitrary and capricious because they offer an explanation that "runs counter to the evidence before the agency,"70 as the Supreme Court held in Motor Vehicles

Manufacturers Association v. State Farm.71 The preservation of roadless areas is vital for the continued vitality of the Tongass National Forest, and the final EIS should not endorse the eliminating of the Roadless Rule.

B. The USFS violated section 7 in the Endangered Species Act (ESA) for the

Draft EIS by failing to ask the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) if threatened and endangered species were present.

The Endangered Species Act (ESA) was established to help conserve

threatened and endangered species and their habitats throughout the United States.72Under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), the United States Forest Service

70 Motor Vehicles Mfrs. Ass'n of U.S., Inc. v. State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co., 463 U.S. 29,43 (1983).

71 Motor Vehicles Mfrs. Ass'n of U.S., Inc. v. State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co., 463 U.S. 29,43 (1983).

72 16 U.S.C. [sect]1531. (2(b): "The purposes of this Act are to provide a means whereby the ecosystems upon which endangered species and threatened species depend may be conserved, to provide a program for the conservation of such endangered species and threatened species...")

(USFS) "shall...insure that any action authorized, funded, or carried out by such agency...is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of any endangered species or threatened species..."73 The first step of this process, is to ask the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) if there are any endangered species or threatened species present. However, a close review of the Federal Register reveals the USFS never asked if any endangered species or threatened species were present in the Tongass National Forest, thus not complying with the ESA.74

The Tongass National Forest is a unique ecosystem, as the forest is the largest intact national forest within the United States. Disruptions to this fragile ecosystem can cause severe adverse impacts. For example, recent studies have shown that increasing road networks within forests have major impacts on forest resilience. Opening up and expanding road networks can lead to habitat fragmentation, severe erosion, biological invasions, air pollution, increased hunting pressure, illegal poaching, and forest conversion. These direct and indirect impacts can severely impact wildlife and influence the type and extent organisms can travel and proliferate within their habitats.75 Furthermore, we lack information regarding the expansiveness of existing species within the Tongass. Recent biological studies have found species previously unknown to inhabitat the Tongass National Forest.76 By disrupting this ecosystem, we may lose species that offer scientific and human health benefits.

73 16 U.S.C 1531 [sect]7(a)2

74 National Archives. (21 November 2019). Federal Register. Retrieved from https://www.federalregister.gov/agencies/forest-service

75 Kleinschroth, F., & Healey, J. R. (2017). Impacts of logging roads on tropical forests. Biotropica, 49(5), 620-635.

76 Smith, W. P., Stotts, M. J., Andres, B. A., Melton, J. M., Garibaldi, A., & Boggs, K. (2001). Bird, mammal, and vegetation community surveys of research natural areas in the Tongass National Forest. Res. Pap. PNW-RP-535. Portland, OR: US Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Pacific Northwest Research Station. 44 p, 535.

The Draft EIS claims no threatened or endangered species live within the Tongass.77 However, since the USFS never asked the FWS, this claim is invalid, and moving forward, the USFS needs to comply with ESA protocols.

A variety of concerns exist for the potential changes for the Tongass National Forest under Alternatives 2-6, which permit increased road development.78 Additionally, the impacts of deforestation from logging within the Tongass National Forest were not considered to the fullest extent. Species that are not attuned to development and disturbances may lose critical habitat, hampering their survival, and thus increasing their potential to become endangered or threatened.

Logging and development as proposed under Alternative 6 within the Tongass will impact a variety of sensitive species, including the Queen Elizabeth Goshawk, which may become ripe for listing.79 The Queen Charlotte Goshawk was identified as a sensitive species in 2001 but was never listed under the ESA partly because of "the commitment by the USDA Forest Service to address the issue in the [Tongass Land Management Plan (TLMP)] process." The Draft EIS conflicts with the TLMP in many circumstances, especially with how to handle LUD II areas, which are prime Queen Charlotte Goshawk habitat. The TLMP states that LUD II areas are "[m]anage[d]...in a roadless state to retain their wildland character."80 Alternatives 3 and 6 eliminate this distinction, opening up these pristine and sensitive areas and habitats to hazardous

77 United States Forest Service. (2019). Tongass National Forest. (https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/r10/about-region/overview/?cid=fsbdev2_038671

78 Draft EIS at ES-10.

79 Draft EIS at 3-71 to 3-83

80 United States Department of Agriculture. (December 2016). Land and Resource Management Plan: Tongass National Forest. Federal Register, pp. 3-70. Retrieved from https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd527907.pdf

disturbances.81 Additionally, prior research indicates goshawk habitat is adversely affected by logging activity in southeast Alaska.82 With more disturbances allowed on the habitat of sensitive animals, the Queen Charlotte Goshawk and its critical habitat will be at increased risk of adverse impacts and listing as an endangered or threatened species.

Furthermore, the Draft EIS indicates the "Queen Charlotte goshawk (Accpiter gentiles laingi) is a wide-ranging species that seems to prefer mature and old-growth forest habitats for nesting and foraging. This species would be affected ...higher for Alternatives 4,5, and 6 because of longer road developments and associated fragmentation."83 Despite knowing the Queen Charlotte goshawk populations will be adversely impacted by Alternatives 4, 5, and 6, the USFS both determined that Alternative 6 is the best plan of action and that the Queen Charlotte goshawk has a "very high" likelihood to maintain viable populations within 100 years. This determination is in direct conflict with the understanding that the population will be severely impacted by further development under Alternatives 4, 5, and 684, and this decision is arbitrary and capricious as the "explanation for its decision ...runs counter to the evidence before the agency."85

81 Draft EIS at ES-10.

82 Swanston, D. N., Shaw, C. G., Smith, W. P., Julin, K. R., Cellier, G. A., & Everest, F. H. (1996). Scientific information and the Tongass land management plan: key findings derived from the scientific literature, species assessments, resource analyses, workshops, and risk assessment panels. Gen. Tech. Rep. PNW-GTR-386. Portland, OR: US Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Pacific Northwest Research Station. 30 p.(Shaw,

Charles G., III, tech. coord.; Conservation and resource assessments for the Tongass land management plan revision), 386.

83 Draft EIS at 3-9.

84 5 U.S.C. [sect] 706.

85 Motor Vehicles Mfrs. Ass'n of U.S., Inc. v. State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co., 463 U.S. 29,43 (1983).

Despite knowing that adverse impacts will cause significant disruptions to species including the Queen Charlotte goshawk, the USFS failed to comply with ESA requirements. Since the USFS failed to ask the FWS if threatened species or endangered species exist within the Tongass National Forest, a biological evaluation was not performed. The USFS needs to first ask for a list of species to know what to evaluate and then conduct a biological evaluation for species that should be listed under the ESA for species such as the Queen Elizabeth Goshawk and the subsequent consultation with the FWS for any potential listed species that may be adversely affected.86

Finally, many of the species listed in the draft EIS are marine species which will be impacted by the change in land use on the bordering lands. However, the Draft EIS fails to comply with the ESA for marine species since the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) was not asked if there are endangered or threatened species present. By disregarding the impacts logging, road-building, and other disturbances have on marine organisms and ecosystems, the Draft EIS's argument is arbitrary and capricious under as the USFS "entirely failed to consider an important aspect of the problem.87

C. The USFS should accept Alternative 1 because it does not violate the ESA and best protects the existing natural resources within the Tongass National Forest.

Due to constantly changing conditions, environments are best managed through adaptive management to account for future uncertain conditions. Under the Council of Environmental Quality (CEQ) rules [sect]1505.2(c), "all practicable means [must be taken] to

86 16 U.S.C 1531 [sect]7(a)2

87 Motor Vehicles Mfrs. Ass'n of U.S., Inc. v. State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co., 463 U.S. 29,43 (1983).

avoid or minimize environmental harm from the alternative selected... and if not, why they were not. A monitoring and enforcement program shall be adopted and summarized where applicable for any mitigation."88

Whatever the USFS decides, it should establish and commit to an extensive monitoring plan to ensure future adverse impacts to the environment are mitigated. Nonetheless, we recommend the adoption of Alternative 1, which retains the 2001 Roadless Rule, and provides the best protection for ecological resources while producing positive profits. By establishing an adaptive management plan, the Tongass National Forest will constantly improve management and correct for mistakes to support the local economic, social, cultural, and ecological communities. If the USFS is serious about adaptive management, then a robust monitoring program that covers all resources is in order. Furthermore, the USFS needs to commit to adhering to the listed established adaptive management plan. Further requests include:

1. Monitoring of existing conditions within the Tongass National Forest including

exact locations of all roaded areas, present species, poaching areas, logging areas, sensitive areas, critical habitat for sensitive species, riparian and aquatic areas, and Tribal sacred lands. Knowing the specifics on where disturbances are located can help the USFS best manage their national forest.

1. Reinventory the Tongass National Forest to determine the location of all roaded areas within the Tongass and restore these areas to natural conditions, if possible.

88 Council on Environmental Quality Regulation - [sect]505.2(a) Record of decision in cases requiring environmental impact statements.

1. The USFS also needs to establish specific metrics and measurement of success for the adaptive management of the Tongass National Forest.
2. The USFS needs to commit to adaptive management and monitoring per CEQ rule 1505.3(c).89 Failure to commit to this type of management strategy will be viewed as arbitrary and capricious for at least one of four claims as the Supreme Court held in Motor Vehicles Manufacturers Association v. State Farm: "the agency has relied on factors which Congress has not intended it to consider, entirely failed to consider an important aspect of the problem, offered an explanation for its decision that runs counter to the evidence before the agency, or is so implausible that it could not be ascribed to a difference in view or the product of agency expertise."90

V. Conclusion

We persuade the USFS to make a decision that will help preserve and protect the Tongass National Forest for current and future generations. The Tongass National Forest is a unique, vast ecosystem, the likes of which are rapidly depleting across the world. Destroying environmental resources for economic gain, although necessary in some circumstances for human survival, is not the best use of the resources in the Tongass National Forest. We are deeply concerned that destroying native populations and habitats while obtaining minimal economic profits is not the best use of these public lands. We hope this comment will help the USFS make excellent decisions to manage the Tongass National Forest and its unique natural resources. We request the USFS

89 40 C.F.R. [sect]1505.3 Implementing the decision.

90 Motor Vehicles Mfrs. Ass'n of U.S., Inc. v. State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co., 463 U.S. 29,43 (1983).

select Alternative 1 regarding the management of the Tongass National Forest for the following reasons:

- The Tongass Land Management Plan (TLMP) of 2016 should be updated prior to changing the roadless designation. Alternative 1 follows and honors the current land and resource management plan and does not attempt to force a forest management change.

- The USFS failed to fully consider the adverse impacts the elimination of the Roadless Rule will have on local economies, existing industries, and ecosystem services including carbon sequestration. Alternative 1 best promotes these values as it would not allow for the destruction of livelihoods while profits remain static.

- The USFS needs to complete a cost benefit analysis to adequately analyze the ecological, social, and economic impacts of eliminating the Roadless Rule. Alternative 1 best protects the existing resources for current and future generations.

- The USFS did not adequately address why Alternative 6 is the preferred choice when addressing the three key issues. Alternative 1 best ensures that roadless values are upheld, economic opportunities remain viable, and natural resources are adequately protected, thus supporting all three Key Issues. The preservation of

roadless areas is vital for the continued vitality of the Tongass National Forest, and the final EIS should not endorse the eliminating of the Roadless Rule.

- The USFS violated section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) by not asking

the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and the National Marine

Fisheries Service (NMFS) if any threatened or endangered species are present in the Tongass National Forest. Alternative 1 protects all sensitive species and does not trigger the activation of the ESA.

Overall, we support the adoption of Alternative 1 as it best protects ecological

and cultural resources and ensures that economic resources are not wasted on areas with minimal profit opportunities. If Alternative 2-6 are selected, roadless values will not be achieved for the Tongass National Forest and, especially considering changing climatic conditions, will create a less resilient and more at-risk ecosystem.

Thank you for taking the time to read and consider our comment. If you have any questions or require additional information, feel free to contact us with the information provided below.

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Comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Alaska Roadless Areas

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I. Executive Summary

Pursuant to section 6(d) of the National Forest Management Act of 1976 (NFMA)[1] and section 1503.1(a)(4) of the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) rules,[2] we submit the following comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS) for Alaska Roadless Areas. We request that our comment be considered by the United States Forest Service (USFS) as it develops land use plans pursuant to section 6 of NFMA and develops a final environmental impact statement (EIS) per the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

The act of public commenting addresses the democratic ideals of ensuring that a wide variety of opinions and concerns are included in the record and incorporated into final management decisions. Allowing comments for this Draft EIS for the Alaska Roadless Rule helps to ensure an excellent decision will be made for the future management plan for the Tongass National Forest. We submit the following public comment to provide information and discussion regarding the management alternatives in the Draft EIS directly impacting the Tongass National Forest.

A. Background of Commenters

We are graduate students at the University of Colorado - Boulder with the Masters of the Environment Program and are actively interested in public land policy and management, natural resource conservation, and cultural resource preservation. Katrina Pickering has a background in natural resources and visits national forests at

[1] 16 U.S.C. § 1600 ("6(d) The Secretary shall provide for public participation in the development, review, and revision of land management plans").
[2] 40 C.F.R. § 1503.1 ("(a) After preparing a draft environmental impact statement and before preparing a final environmental impact statement the agency shall:... (4) Request comments from the public, affirmatively soliciting comments from those persons or organizations who may be interested or affected.").

least three times a year, including a visit to the Tongass National Forest in 2015. She is an outdoor enthusiast, and enjoys hiking, backpacking, and climbing on public lands and educating others about nature. Following completion of her masters degree, Katrina aspires to work in natural resource management, especially creating resilient public lands to handle future uncertainty.[3] Kelly Ann Bates has a background in film production and photography. She earned her Masters of Fine Arts degree in Film Production from the University of Southern California and is pursuing a career in merging her film skillsets with wildlife conservation awareness. Considering our passion and reliance on public lands academically, professionally, and personally, actions resulting from the Draft EIS will directly impact our future careers and livelihoods. It is our hope that the following comment reveals our passion and lifelong dedication to the management and celebration of public lands.

B. Purpose of this Comment

The following comment discusses the unique attributes of the Tongass National Forest and explains why Alternative 6 fails to protect these resources. The comment begins by discussing the differences between the proposed Alaska state-specific roadless rule and the state specific rules for Colorado and Idaho: This comment specifically brings up how the Colorado and Idaho rules establish more stringent forest regulations while the proposed Alaska rule would decrease regulations and conflict with the current forest management plan.

[3] Pickering has held two professional and academic positions to create land planning documents: one with Stantec Consulting, Inc for Fairfax County, Virginia and the other with Jefferson County Open Space in Colorado.

This comment will then proceed to discuss both the economic and environmental impacts. For the economic sector, we believe the USFS failed to fully consider the impact changing the Roadless Rule will have on major industries including tourism and fishing and adequate calculate the ecosystem services associated with carbon sequestration. Furthermore, economic opportunities are limited within the Tongass National Forest and the economic viability of expanding logging in the Tongass is likely to be unprofitable.

After discussing the economic issues, this comment progresses to a discussion of how the three Key Issues fail to explain why Alternative 6 is the best management strategy. Alternative 6 actively harms roadless values, hinders the local economies and communities, and disproportionately works to harm ecological resources. However, other alternatives better help balance the biological, social, and economic situations while creating a more resilient ecosystem. Furthermore, all three Key Issues are best met by Alternative 1, the no impact alternative.

Finally, the comment discusses how the United States Forest Service (USFS) failed to comply with the Endangered Species Act (ESA), specifically by failing to ask the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) if there are any endangered or threatened species present in the Tongass National Forest. Historically, the Tongass National Forest does not contain any listed species;[4] However, we argue that with proposed changes to the management of the forest, many species will need to be reevaluated to determine if detrimental impacts will occur. The Tongass National Forest needs to adopt and commit to an adaptive

[4] United States Forest Service. (2019). Tongass National Forest. (https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/r10/about-region/overview/?cid=fsbdev2_038671

management plan to meet it's "unique biological, social, and economic situation" [5] and maintain this beautiful forest for future generations.

We conclude that Alternative 1 is the best alternative to meet the local economic and ecological needs of the Tongass National Forest. This management strategy best ensures future agency actions continue to support the ecological, social, and economic communities surrounding the Tongass.

C. The USFS should choose Alternative 1 because it, unlike the other proposed Alternatives, does not violate the ESA and best supports local economics and natural resources.

We persuade the USFS to make a decision that will help preserve and protect the Tongass National Forest for current and future generations. The Tongass National Forest is a unique, vast ecosystem, the likes of which are rapidly depleting across the world. Destroying environmental resources for economic gain, although necessary in some circumstances for human survival, is not the best use of the resources in the Tongass National Forest. We are deeply concerned that destroying native populations and habitats while obtaining minimal economic profits is not the best use of these public lands. We hope this comment will help the USFS make excellent decisions to manage the Tongass National Forest and its unique natural resources. We request the USFS select Alternative 1 regarding the management of the Tongass National Forest for the following reasons:

- The Tongass Land Management Plan (TLMP) of 2016 should be updated prior to changing the roadless designation. Alternative 1 follows and honors the current

[5] Draft EIS, Chapter 1, Purpose and Need at 1-4.

land and resource management plan and does not attempt to force a forest management change.

- The USFS failed to fully consider the adverse impacts the elimination of the Roadless Rule will have on local economies, existing industries, and ecosystem services including carbon sequestration. Alternative 1 best promotes these values as it would not allow for the destruction of livelihoods while profits remain static.
- The USFS needs to complete a cost benefit analysis to adequately analyze the ecological, social, and economic impacts of eliminating the Roadless Rule. Alternative 1 best protects the existing resources for current and future generations.
- The USFS did not adequately address why Alternative 6 is the preferred choice when addressing the three key issues. Alternative 1 best ensures that roadless values are upheld, economic opportunities remain viable, and natural resources are adequately protected, thus supporting all three Key Issues. The preservation of roadless areas is vital for the continued vitality of the Tongass National Forest, and the final EIS should not endorse the eliminating of the Roadless Rule.
- The USFS violated section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) by not asking the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) if any threatened or endangered species are present in the Tongass National Forest. Alternative 1 protects all sensitive species and does not trigger the activation of the ESA.

Overall, we support the adoption of Alternative 1 as it best protects ecological and cultural resources and ensures that economic resources are not wasted on areas with minimal profit opportunities. If Alternative 2-6 are selected, roadless values will not be achieved for the Tongass National Forest and, especially considering changing climatic conditions, will create a less resilient and more at-risk ecosystem.

II. Creating a state-specific roadless rule that loosens regulations and conflicts with the current forest management plan has no president.

A. Why is the Tongass Important?

At 17 million acres[6], the Tongass National Forest is one of the largest remaining and intact temperate rainforests forests in the world[7] and is inhabited by a diverse array of fish, mammals, birds, plants, and other organisms.[8] The Tongass is also home to a variety of Native Tribes, including the Tlingit and Haida tribes, who have inhabited the region for thousands of years.[9] These unique ecological and cultural resources make the Tongass National Forest one of the few remaining wild places in the world. If we want to ensure the ecosystem and culture continue to thrive despite changing climatic conditions, we will need to protect the Tongass from unnecessary and uneconomical uses.

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[6] Prince William Network. (2019). Tongass National Forest. Retrieved from https://rainforests.pwnet.org/americas_rainforests/tongass.php
[7] United States Forest Service. (2019). About the Forest. Retrieved from https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/tongass/about-forest
[8] Alaska Wild. (2019). Animals of the Tongass National Forest. Retrieved from http://www.alaskawild.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/Animals-of-the-Tongass-FINAL.pdf
[9] Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska. (2019). Our History. Retrieved from http://www.ccthita.org/about/history/

B. *The* Tongass Land Management Plan (TLMP) of 2016 *should be changed prior to considering a change in roadless designation.*

The 2001 Roadless Rule "establishes prohibitions on road construction, road reconstruction, and timber harvesting… of inventoried roadless areas on National Forest System lands...in the context of multiple-use management."[10] This rule was established "to protect the social and ecological values and characteristics of inventoried roadless areas,"[11] and since inception states such as Colorado and Idaho have established state-specific rules to better help manage their forest resources. Idaho was the first state to establish a state-specific rule in 2008 which "designates 250 Idaho Roadless Areas (IRAs) and establishes five management themes that provide prohibitions with exceptions or conditioned permission governing road construction, timber cutting, and discretionary mineral development."[12] The main premise of the Idaho Roadless Rule was to expand protections from the 2001 Roadless Rule to better protect the natural resources of the state. Colorado followed suit in 2011 to create a state-specific Roadless Rule which also "provides a management direction to conserve roadless values across 4.2 million acres of National Forest System lands within the state."[13]

Alaska has been fighting for a state-specific roadless rule which exempts the Tongass National Forest from roadless designation since the establishment of the 2001

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[10] United States Department of Agriculture. (2019). Retrieved from fs.uda.gov/roadmain/roadless/2001rule
[11] United States Department of Agriculture. (16 April 2019).
[12] Special Areas; Roadless Area Conservation; Applicability to the National Forests in Idaho, 73 Federal Register 201 (16 October 2008)) (to be codified at 36 CFR pt. 294).
[13] United States Department of Agriculture. (2019). Colorado Roadless Rule. Retrieved from https://www.fs.usda.gov/roadmain/roadless/coloradoroadlessrules

Roadless Rule. Recently Alaska Governor Mike Dunleavy and Alaska's congressional delegation asked President Trump to restore the exemption for the Tongass National Forest from the Roadless Rule.[14] However, the Draft EIS preferred alternative proposes to remove all roadless designations within the Tongass National Forest. Unlike the other state-specific rules, the Draft EIS's preferred alternative proposes to eliminate roadless designations. Changing the regulations for the state-specific rules to decrease regulations lacks precedent as the other two state-specific roadless rules increase protections to conserve roadless values. Furthermore, Alternative 6 in the Draft EIS is in direct conflict with the existing land management plan for the Tongass National Forest and attempts to bypasses creating an updated forest management plan.[15] By not changing the existing TLMP plan prior to changing the roadless designation, a plan change is forced to occur. The forest management plan should be updated prior to considering a roadless designation.

III. The USFS failed to fully consider the extent of the economic impacts for changing the protections under the 2001 Roadless Rule

The Tongass National Forest contains unique ecological and cultural attributes which offer a variety of economic opportunities. However, harming the ecological and cultural resources of the region is likely to have major adverse impacts to both profitability and longevity of pursuits. The section below discusses how changing the

[14] Murkowdki, F. H. (4 September 2019). A logging exemption makes sense in Alaska. The Washington Post. Retrieved from https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/a-logging-exemption-makes-sense-in-alaska/2019/09/04/44254756-ce62-11e9-a620-0a91656d7db6_story.html

[15] United States Department of Agriculture. (2019). Tongass National Forest - Land and Resource Management Plan Amendment. Retrieved from https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/tongass/landmanagement/?cid=stelprd3801708

Roadless Rule designation will harm existing industries both economically and ecologically.

A. *Logging the Tongass National Forest would be arbitrary and capricious since it fails to consider the negative impact on the major industries located in the Tongass, primarily fishing and tourism.*

The Draft EIS fails to address how the Tongass as a whole ecosystem will be analyzed for any cumulative effects associated with the proposed Roadless Rule exemption. The Draft EIS does not specifically call for any projects that directly change the Tongass National Forest. Exemptions to the Roadless Rule are associated with access for logging the now inaccessible areas of the Tongass National Forest, including old growth forests.

The Draft EIS calls for the Tongass to be exempted from the 2001 Roadless Rule. The document states several times that proper studies will be completed on a case by case basis as the projects arise. Therefore when future roads are built, an EIS and other appropriate documents will be produced at a point in the future for that project.

Roughly 40% of wild salmon that swim along the West Coast spawn in the Tongass, generating a fishery that the USFS estimates is worth $986 million a year.[16] Much of the past logging activity required roads that crisscrossed the spawning streams. In many of these cases, the silt from runoff clogs the streams and prevents

[16] Eilperin, J. (October 15, 2019). Trump administration proposes expanding logging in Alaska's Tongass National Forest, *The Washington Post*
Retrieved from https://www.washingtonpost.com/climate-environment/trump-administration-proposes-expanding-logging-in-alaskas-tongass-national-forest/2019/10/15/92e47db8-ef77-11e9-8693-f487e46784aa_story.html

salmon from spawning.[17] The USFS failed to adequately study the adverse impacts changing the Roadless Rule will have on salmon spawning and the associated logging of old forest growth. By failing to study these impacts, the Roadless Rule exemption is arbitrary and capricious because the USFS "offer[s] an explanation for its decision that runs counter to the evidence before the agency."[18]

The Draft EIS states that "[t]he application of Forest-wide standards and guidelines and Best Management Practices developed to meet soil protection, water quality standards, and fish habitat protection will help protect [essential fish habitat (EFH)] on the Tongass and adjacent estuarine and marine waters. Adoption of any of the alternatives would not specifically result in any actions that could affect EFH."[19] However, any road-building constructed in the Tongass will change water from the runoff with a probable detrimental effect to the spawning streams which could be a significant economic negative; therefore, an EIS is required on this subject. Without analyzing the key question of how the fishing industry will be impacted, the Tongas should not be exempted from the Roadless Rule. Furthermore, an EIS is needed to determine the full impact new logging roads will have on the spawning of salmon.

In the section *Salmon Harvesting and Processing* of the Draft EIS it is stated: "None of the alternatives are expected to have a significant change to the commercial fishing or fish processing industries. Riparian Management standards and guidelines established in the 2016 Tongass Land Management Plan (TLMP) would remain in place

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[17] Hunt, C. (September 18 2019). At home on the Tongass. Retrieved from https://www.tu.org/blog/
[18] Motor Vehicles Mfrs. Ass'n of U.S., Inc. v. State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co., 463 U.S. 29,43 (1983).
[19] Draft Environmental Impact Statement Rulemaking for Alaska Roadless Areas, *United States Department of Agriculture,* (October, 2019), Retrieved at https://www.fs.usda.gov/nfs/11558/www/nepa/109834_FSPLT3_4876629.pdf

under all of the alternatives. While there would be some variation in the level of protection, these variations are not expected to affect the fishing industry. The future of the fishing industry in Southeast Alaska depends upon occurrences outside of the Tongass National Forest such as hatchery production, offshore harvest levels, and changes in ocean conditions."[20]

The Draft EIS failed to fully consider the impact of Alternative 6 on the salmon fishery, especially considering that the health of the salmon fishery may have adverse impacts outside the Tongass National Forest. Therefore, this logic is "rel[ying] on factors which Congress had not intended it to consider," thus this argument is arbitrary and capricious.[21]

B. The Draft EIS fails to consider the value of the Tongass National Forest as a carbon sink, which is a significant component in mitigating climate warming.

Southeast Alaska is one of the most dynamic environments relative to the carbon cycle, with nearly nine times the amount of carbon dissolving in its streams as in the Amazon River basin per unit area.[22] This is a substantial amount of earth's sequestered carbon. Concrete financial values cannot be placed on the Tongass; therefore financial comparisons are not feasible. In terms of mitigating the climate change problems, the Tongass is priceless. Old growth forests are more effective carbon sinks than tropical rainforests. The Tongass holds approximately 8% of the lower 48's sequestered

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[20] Draft Environmental Impact Statement Rulemaking for Alaska Roadless Areas, *United States Department of Agriculture,* (October, 2019), pp E-13, Retrieved at https://www.fs.usda.gov/nfs/11558/www/nepa/109834_FSPLT3_4876629.pdf

[21] Motor Vehicles Mfrs. Ass'n of U.S., Inc. v. State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co., 463 U.S. 29,43 (1983).

[22] Addressing Climate Change on the Tongass (June 2010). *US Department of Agriculture Forest Services*. p2, Retrieved from https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb5252603.pdf

carbon.[23] The carbon sequestered by the Tongass National Forest is a significant component of total atmospheric and biospheric carbon. The vast majority of scientists say we are rapidly approaching a cliff after which we will not be able to halt and reverse the effects of global warming. Increased carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gasses will reach a tipping point where the effect can no longer be reversed.[24]

The USFS needs to seriously analyze the impact of further logging in the Tongass National Forest on climate change in the Draft EIS. Alternative 2-6 may augment atmospheric carbon and sequestered carbon lower. The USFS " entirely failed to consider an important aspect of the problem, " indicating an arbitrary and capricious decision.[25] Only Alternative 1, the no impact alternative, is justifiable.

C. *The USFS failed to complete a clear cost benefit for exempting the Tongass from the 2001 Roadless Rule. This exemption will not bring a significant amount of new jobs; however, it will harm existing industries such as hunting, tourism, and fishing businesses which are currently providing significant economic activity for the area.*

The Tongass National Forest has minimal profitability for logging and the negative impacts of logging are far greater than the economic profits. *SOUTHEAST ALASKA by the Numbers* states "Timber available for sale is often uneconomic, thereby constraining supply to mills; and the poor outlook for future economic timber is a

[23] Shankman S. (2019, October 16) *Trump Wants to Erase Protections in Alaska's Tongass National Forest, a Storehouse of Carbon* Retrieved from https://insideclimatenews.org/news/16102019/tongass-national-forest-trump-roadless-rule-logging-climate-change

[24] Regan, H. (2019, November 28). Climate crisis pushing Earth to a 'global tipping point,' researchers say, *CNN Health* Retrieved fromhttps://www.cnn.com/2019/11/28/health/climate-crisis-global-tipping-point-intl-hnk/index.html

[25] MotorVehicle Mfrs. Ass'n of U.S., Inc. v. State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co.,463 U.S. 29, 43 (1983)

disincentive for continued participation in the Southeast timber industry".[26] The Draft EIS is focused on getting timber to markets. The Draft EIS even states that the "proposed rule is focused on the exemptions of the prohibitions for timber harvest and road construction/reconstruction within designated roadless areas on the Tongass."[27]

To expand logging in the Tongass is, at best, a dubious business venture, which at the same time risks the health of the local tourism and fishing economy and the stability of the Earth's biosphere. By failing to consider these risks, the USFS "entirely failed to consider an important aspect of the problem;"[28] therefore expanding logging in the Tongass forest would be arbitrary and capricious. Not only does the evidence suggest that USFS resources are used in the wrong areas to support the Tongass, it also ignores the need for the Tongass to be kept as a fully functional rainforest to mitigate the carbon dioxide levels in the atmosphere that most scientists say is hurtling humankind toward an existential climate crisis.[29]

The Draft EIS is not a complete evaluation of changes in value due to segmenting the Tongass National Forest ecology. Nor does it represent a thorough cost benefit result of any of the six alternatives. For each Alternative the USFS notes that this Draft EIS is not proposing any immediate action such as the building of a road or the harvesting of timber. In each of these cases, the Draft EIS states that an analysis

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[26] Southeast Timber Industry, (September 2017) (pp8) Retrieved at http://www.seconference.org/sites/default/files/Southeast%20Alaska%20by%20the%20numbers%202017%20FINAL.pdf

[27] Draft Environmental Impact Statement Rulemaking for Alaska Roadless Areas, *United States Department of Agriculture,* pp 46, (October, 2010), retrieved at https://www.fs.usda.gov/nfs/11558/www/nepa/109834_FSPLT3_4876629.pdf

[28] MotorVehicle Mfrs. Ass'n of U.S., Inc. v. State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co.,463 U.S. 29, 43 (1983)

[29] Regan, H. (2019, November 28). Climate crisis pushing Earth to a 'global tipping point,' researchers say, *CNN Health* Retrieved fromhttps://www.cnn.com/2019/11/28/health/climate-crisis-global-tipping-point-intl-hnk/index.html

will be done in the future at the time the action is being proposed.[30] As such, the Draft EIS does not take into account what happens in a final state.[31] If newly allowed road building and timber harvesting takes place at a maximum rate, the Tongass National Forest, a majority uninterrupted ecological entity, would be broken up into smaller ecological territories with possibly profound implications. In the words of the Draft EIS; "It is reasonable and efficient to limit detailed site-specific impact analyses to when specific proposals are brought before the agency."[32]

The Draft EIS needs to do a Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA). While the USFS failed to complete a CBA, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) successfully completed a CBA which concluded that no new timber jobs will be created and that the "lost revenue to the Guide / Outfitter / Recreation and Tourism sectors will be in excess of $310,000 per year."[33] The USFS should use OMB's CBA in its analysis of the Tongass National Forest.

The Draft EIS fails to do a thorough review of the effects of other uses of the Tongass. To disregard these other multiple uses is arbitrary and capricious because it fails "to consider an important aspect of the problem."[34] The Draft EIS does not ensure the impact multiple uses has on the Tongass National Forest; it sets in motion a removal of the Tongass from Federal oversight based on change of authority over the Tongass National Forest. At the end of this process, an impediment will be reduced for

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[30] Draft Environmental Impact Statement Rulemaking for Alaska Roadless Areas, *United States Department of Agriculture,*p1-2 (October, 2010), Retrieved from https://www.fs.usda.gov/nfs/11558/www/nepa/109834_FSPLT3_4876629.pdf

[31]*Id.*

[32] *Id.*

[33]Call *to Action, Flywater Travel Call to Action – Roadless Rule – Tongass National Forest, AK,* (October 2019), Retrieved from https://www.flywatertravel.com/blog/2019/10/30/call-to-action-roadless-rule-tongass-national-forest-ak/

[34] MotorVehicle Mfrs. Ass'n of U.S., Inc. v. State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co.,463 U.S. 29, 43 (1983)

dividing the Tongass into smaller sections without taking into effect the ecological and financial cost to the existing Tongass National Forest in its entirety. The Draft EIS does not consider the inevitable changes to the surrounding environment that the proposed roads will inevitably cause.

Costs and benefits have not been portrayed in this Draft EIS, making this subject impossible to discuss thoroughly. In a 2014 study, support for timber sales and harvests comprised at least 34% of the annual budget for the Tongass National Forest between fiscal years 2009 and 2013.[35] This disproportionate amount of the USFS budget applied to timber shows a distorted view of their responsibilities. The timber-centric approach neglects the opportunities that the Tongass creates for other industries, namely commercial fisheries, hunting and tourism. A much larger percentage of the USFS resources are dedicated to logging than to other services, in spite of the fact that logging activities were a much smaller percentage of USFS revenue than the other services provided.[36]

IV. The preferred rule (Alternative 6) and Alternatives 2-5 in the Draft EIS will harm ecological resources within the Tongass National Forest.

The Tongass National Forest is the largest intact temperate rainforest in the world and the largest national forest within the United States. This expansive forest nurtures diverse habitats including streams, mountains, old-growth forests, and deep

[35] Richards R (October 3, 2018) Fraud in the Tongass, Center for American Progress Retrieved from https://www.americanprogress.org/issues/green/reports/2018/10/03/458961/fraud-in-the-tongass/
[36] Richards, R., Fraud in the Tongass, (October 3, 2018), *Center for American Progress*, Found at https://www.americanprogress.org/issues/green/reports/2018/10/03/458961/fraud-in-the-tongass/

fjords.[37] Despite the presence of so many known species, recent biological studies have found species previously unknown to inhabitat the Tongass National Forest.[38] These discoveries of increased range reveal more undiscovered species or critical habitat within the Tongass exist. By preventing continued development within the Tongass, populations of currently unknown species could be preserved for future scientific discovery and enjoyment of future generations.

The purpose of this comment is not to stifle the economic opportunities in the region, but rather to limit the human impacts on this unique ecosystem. Logging under Alternatives 2-6 degrades the natural ecosystem and destroys old-growth forests that will take centuries to regrow and even longer for some ecosystem services[39] to fully recover.[40] Without these ecosystem services, the ecological uniqueness and splendor of the Tongass will be unnecessarily damaged and disrupted.

In this section, we will address the three Key Issues, the unique ecological species the ESA intends to protect, the USFS's violation of section 7 of the ESA,[41] and an analysis why Alternatives 2-6 are unsuitable for continuing to protect these ecological resources.

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[37] United States Forest Service. (2019). About the Forest. Retrieved from https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/tongass/about-forest

[38] Smith, W. P., Stotts, M. J., Andres, B. A., Melton, J. M., Garibaldi, A., & Boggs, K. (2001). Bird, mammal, and vegetation community surveys of research natural areas in the Tongass National Forest. Res. Pap. PNW-RP-535. Portland, OR: US Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Pacific Northwest Research Station. 44 p, 535.

[39] Ecosystem services: benefits that humans and animals freely gain from the environment. These services help ensure the continued survival for many organisms and that an ecosystem is functioning well.

[40] Save the Redwoods League. (2018 December 4). How long it takes for a forest to recover after clear-cutting. Retrieved from https://www.savetheredwoods.org/grant/how-long-it-takes-for-a-forest-to-recover-after-clear-cutting/

[41] 16 U.S.C 1531 §7

A. The discussion of the three Key Issues in the Draft EIS fails to explain the rationale for selecting Alternative 6, and the choosing of Alternative 6 is arbitrary and capricious because the offered explanation runs counter to the evidence before the agency.

The Draft EIS for the Alaska Roadless Rule describes three Key Issues: "Roadless area conservation,"[42] "Supporting local and regional socioeconomic well-being, Alaska Native culture, rural subsistence activities, and economic opportunity across multiple economic sectors,"[43] and "Conserve terrestrial habitat, aquatic habitat, and biological diversity."[44] Alternative 1 will provide the most robust protection of these resources while Alternative 6 will remove protections.

Alternative 6 allows the greatest quantity of road development within the Tongass National Forest by exempting the state of Alaska from the 2001 Roadless Rule. This alternative has the least restrictions on wildlife habitat by permitting road-building and logging in a greater physical extent of the Tongass National Forest.[45] Key Issue 1 strives to protect "unfragmented wildlife habitats, undeveloped or natural areas and opportunities for primitive recreation and/or solitude."[46] While Alternative 1 ensures that the "existing management direction would provide the highest degree of protection,"[47] Alternative 6 "remov[es] all acres from regulatory roadless designation."[48] The connection between why Alternative 6 was chosen and the blatant disregard of the

[42] Draft EIS at 2-18.
[43] Draft EIS at 2-20.
[44] Draft EIS at 2-23.
[45] *Id.*
[46] Draft EIS at 1-5.
[47] Draft EIS at 2-19.
[48] *Id.*

resources it destroys is not clear. Alternative 6 clearly would fragment wildlife habitats with increased logging and road-building, more developed natural areas, and reduced opportunities for solitude and primitive recreation, directly conflicting with the issues Key Issue 1 attempts to mitigate. As the Supreme Court held in Motor Vehicles Manufacturers Association v. State Farm, "an agency would be arbitrary and capricious if the agency...offered an explanation for its decision that runs counter to the evidence before the agency."[49] The preservation of roadless areas is vital for the continued vitality of the Tongass National Forest, the final EIS should not endorse the eliminating of the Roadless Rule.

Key Issue 2 aims to "suppor[t the] local and regional economy, promot[e] economic diversification, and ...enhanc[e the] rural community well-being."[50] Although none of the alternatives "would result in changes to the [quantity of]... timber,"[51] Alternatives 2-6 increase the amount of "suitable land" open to timber harvesting. However, Alternatives 4 through 6 are located "further from existing infrastructure and thus less likely to be economic to harvest."[52] In a region where timber harvesting has minimal economic viability, obstacles such as increased distance from existing roadways will only augment the price of timber harvesting and other extraction industries.[53] The change in Roadless Rule designation under Alternatives 2-6 will not significantly enhance economic opportunities and will disproportionately impact the

[49] Motor Vehicles Mfrs. Ass'n of U.S., Inc. v. State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co., 463 U.S. 29,43 (1983).
[50] Draft EIS at 1-6.
[51] Draft EIS at 2-20.
[52] Draft EIS at 2-21.
[53] Southeast Timber Industry, (September 2017) (pp8) Retrieved at http://www.seconference.org/sites/default/files/Southeast%20Alaska%20by%20the%20numbers%202017%20FINAL.pdf

natural resources that support many of the local, rural communities. Choosing Alternatives 2-6 to help support the local economy "runs counter to the evidence before the agency"[54] and thus is arbitrary and capricious.

Key Issue 3 aims to conserve "large, undeveloped, and natural land areas… [that are] not available elsewhere in the [National Forest System] outside of Alaska."[55] By recommending Alternative 6, logging within the Tongass opens more forested areas to habitat disturbance directly "alter[ing the] general wildlife habitat."[56] Alternative 6 is thus in direct conflict with the goal of Key Issue 3 and "offer[s] an explanation... that runs counter to the evidence before the agency,"[57] resulting in an arbitrary and capricious argument. Furthermore, selecting Alternatives 2- 6 will impact habitats differently. A summary of how specific habitats are impacted by these Alternatives are below:

a. Old-Growth Habitat

The Draft EIS argues that "[a]ll of the alternatives would have old-growth harvest levels similar to the level authorized by the 2016 Forest Plan."[58] Although harvest levels may remain the same, the disturbed areas will drastically increase, causing more widespread harm. The areas opened to timber harvesting will increase from 230,000 acres in Alternative 1 to 247,000 acres for alternative 2 (7% increase); 305,000 acres for alternative 3 (33% increase); 388,000 acres for alternative 4 (69% increase); and to 395,000 acres for alternatives 5 and 6 (72% increase).[59,60] Since alternatives 2-6 are all

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[54] Motor Vehicles Mfrs. Ass'n of U.S., Inc. v. State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co., 463 U.S. 29,43 (1983).
[55] Draft EIS at 1-7.
[56] Draft EIS at 1-9.
[57] Motor Vehicles Mfrs. Ass'n of U.S., Inc. v. State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co., 463 U.S. 29,43 (1983).
[58] *Id.*
[59] Draft EIS at ES-10.
[60] All calculations completed by Pickering using the following formula to obtain percent difference: (Alternative X acreage - Alternative 1 acreage)/ Alternative 1 acreage.

above the 5% threshold, the indicator for statistical significance, there will be greater impacts for the increased areas allowing harvest and the resulting ecological disturbance.[61]

b. Young Growth in Special Habitats

The Forest Plan allows timer harvest in "a number of special habitats...including Riparian Management Areas, Beach and Estuary Fringe, and Old-growth Habitat LUD."[62] Research has shown that logging near some of these special habitats such as riparian buffers and near bodies of water has adverse impacts on ecosystems. Since the presence or absence of certain aquatic invertebrates indicate healthy or poor water quality, regions where logging occurred near riparian buffers and aquatic ecosystems resulted in the absence of many sensitive invertebrate species, lower species diversity, and lower species abundance, thus indicating poor water quality. Aquatic insects including Ephemeroptera (common name mayfly), Plecoptera (common name stonefly), and Trichoptera (common name caddisfly) are especially at risk for lower populations. Without a buffer between logging activities and these sensitive areas, these invertebrate populations will suffer.[63]

c. Road Density

Roads are expected to increase under alternatives 3-6 "to add more remote suitable timber area."[64] The construction of new roads causes habitat fragmentation and

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[61] Sauro, J. (21 October 2014). What Does Statistically Significant Mean?. Measuring U. Retrieved from https://measuringu.com/statistically-significant/
[62] Draft EIS at 2-23.
[63] Quinn, J. M., Boothroyd, I. K., & Smith, B. J. (2004). Riparian buffers mitigate effects of pine plantation logging on New Zealand streams: 2. Invertebrate communities. Forest Ecology and Management, 191(1-3), 129-146.
[64] Draft EIS at 2-24.

erosion. The increase of road networks can also lead to biological invasions, air pollution, increased hunting pressure, illegal poaching, and forest conversion. These direct and indirect impacts can severely impact wildlife and influence the type and extent organisms can travel and proliferate within their habitats.[65] Alternatives 1 and 2 limit this amount of disturbance, and therefore promote biological diversity and ecological habitats.

d. Fish Habitat and Species-Specific Effects

Although Alternative 3 provides additional restrictions to special habitats, including riparian management areas[66], the remaining Alternatives 2 and 4-6 put fish and other organisms at risk of decreased populations.[67] Precaution and monitoring must be taken to ensure that these existing populations are protected. Restricting roads within the Tongass will allow these populations to more easily thrive.

e. LUD II areas

The 2016 Forest Plan was written under the pretense that the 2001 Roadless Rule was in place and has a goal to "[m]anage [LUD II] areas in a roadless state to retain their wildland character."[68] Alternatives 3 and 6 eliminate this distinction, opening up these sensitive areas and habitats to hazardous disturbances directly conflicts with the Tongass Land Management Plan (TLMP) of 2016.[69] The USFS should amend the TLMP prior to changing the Roadless Rule designation.

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[65] Kleinschroth, F., & Healey, J. R. (2017). Impacts of logging roads on tropical forests. *Biotropica*, *49*(5), 620-635.
[66] Draft EIS at 2-24.
[67] Kleinschroth, F., & Healey, J. R. (2017). Impacts of logging roads on tropical forests. *Biotropica*, *49*(5), 620-635.
[68] United States Department of Agriculture. (December 2016). Land and Resource Management Plan: Tongass National Forest. Federal Register, pp. 3-70. Retrieved from https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd527907.pdf
[69] Draft EIS at ES-10.

Alternatives 3 and 6 completely eliminate the LUD II land use designation, directly while alternatives 2, 4, and 5 significantly reduce these wild areas. Although the quantity remains the same, the greater impact on the entire forest will expand due to allowing greater road development in Alternatives 2-6.

The Draft EIS reveals evidence that Alternatives 2-6 will cause adverse impacts for all three Key Issues. Alternatively, Alternative 1,the no impact alternative, ensures that roadless values are upheld, economic opportunities remain viable, and natural resources are adequately protected, thus supported all three Key Issues. Alternatives 2-5 and especially 6 are arbitrary and capricious because they offer an explanation that "runs counter to the evidence before the agency,"[70] as the Supreme Court held in Motor Vehicles Manufacturers Association v. State Farm.[71] The preservation of roadless areas is vital for the continued vitality of the Tongass National Forest, and the final EIS should not endorse the eliminating of the Roadless Rule.

B. The USFS violated section 7 in the Endangered Species Act (ESA) for the Draft EIS by failing to ask the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) if threatened and endangered species were present.

The Endangered Species Act (ESA) was established to help conserve threatened and endangered species and their habitats throughout the United States.[72]Under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), the United States Forest Service

[70] Motor Vehicles Mfrs. Ass'n of U.S., Inc. v. State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co., 463 U.S. 29,43 (1983).
[71] Motor Vehicles Mfrs. Ass'n of U.S., Inc. v. State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co., 463 U.S. 29,43 (1983).
[72] 16 U.S.C. §1531. (2(b): "The purposes of this Act are to provide a means whereby the ecosystems upon which endangered species and threatened species depend may be conserved, to provide a program for the conservation of such endangered species and threatened species…")

(USFS) “shall...insure that any action authorized, funded, or carried out by such agency...is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of any endangered species or threatened species…”[73] The first step of this process, is to ask the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) if there are any endangered species or threatened species present. However, a close review of the Federal Register reveals the USFS never asked if any endangered species or threatened species were present in the Tongass National Forest, thus not complying with the ESA.[74]

The Tongass National Forest is a unique ecosystem, as the forest is the largest intact national forest within the United States. Disruptions to this fragile ecosystem can cause severe adverse impacts. For example, recent studies have shown that increasing road networks within forests have major impacts on forest resilience. Opening up and expanding road networks can lead to habitat fragmentation, severe erosion, biological invasions, air pollution, increased hunting pressure, illegal poaching, and forest conversion. These direct and indirect impacts can severely impact wildlife and influence the type and extent organisms can travel and proliferate within their habitats.[75] Furthermore, we lack information regarding the expansiveness of existing species within the Tongass. Recent biological studies have found species previously unknown to inhabitat the Tongass National Forest.[76] By disrupting this ecosystem, we may lose species that offer scientific and human health benefits.

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[73] 16 U.S.C 1531 §7(a)2

[74] National Archives. (21 November 2019). Federal Register. Retrieved from https://www.federalregister.gov/agencies/forest-service

[75] Kleinschroth, F., & Healey, J. R. (2017). Impacts of logging roads on tropical forests. *Biotropica*, *49*(5), 620-635.

[76] Smith, W. P., Stotts, M. J., Andres, B. A., Melton, J. M., Garibaldi, A., & Boggs, K. (2001). Bird, mammal, and vegetation community surveys of research natural areas in the Tongass National Forest. Res. Pap. PNW-RP-535. Portland, OR: US Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Pacific Northwest Research Station. 44 p, 535.

The Draft EIS claims no threatened or endangered species live within the Tongass.[77] However, since the USFS never asked the FWS, this claim is invalid, and moving forward, the USFS needs to comply with ESA protocols.

A variety of concerns exist for the potential changes for the Tongass National Forest under Alternatives 2-6, which permit increased road development.[78] Additionally, the impacts of deforestation from logging within the Tongass National Forest were not considered to the fullest extent. Species that are not attuned to development and disturbances may lose critical habitat, hampering their survival, and thus increasing their potential to become endangered or threatened.

Logging and development as proposed under Alternative 6 within the Tongass will impact a variety of sensitive species, including the Queen Elizabeth Goshawk, which may become ripe for listing.[79] The Queen Charlotte Goshawk was identified as a sensitive species in 2001 but was never listed under the ESA partly because of "the commitment by the USDA Forest Service to address the issue in the [Tongass Land Management Plan (TLMP)] process." The Draft EIS conflicts with the TLMP in many circumstances, especially with how to handle LUD II areas, which are prime Queen Charlotte Goshawk habitat. The TLMP states that LUD II areas are "[m]anage[d]...in a roadless state to retain their wildland character."[80] Alternatives 3 and 6 eliminate this distinction, opening up these pristine and sensitive areas and habitats to hazardous

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[77] United States Forest Service. (2019). Tongass National Forest. (https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/r10/about-region/overview/?cid=fsbdev2_038671

[78] Draft EIS at ES-10.

[79] Draft EIS at 3-71 to 3-83

[80] United States Department of Agriculture. (December 2016). Land and Resource Management Plan: Tongass National Forest. Federal Register, pp. 3-70. Retrieved from https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd527907.pdf

disturbances.[81] Additionally, prior research indicates goshawk habitat is adversely affected by logging activity in southeast Alaska.[82] With more disturbances allowed on the habitat of sensitive animals, the Queen Charlotte Goshawk and its critical habitat will be at increased risk of adverse impacts and listing as an endangered or threatened species.

Furthermore, the Draft EIS indicates the "Queen Charlotte goshawk (*Accpiter gentiles laingi)* is a wide-ranging species that seems to prefer mature and old-growth forest habitats for nesting and foraging. This species would be affected ...higher for Alternatives 4,5, and 6 because of longer road developments and associated fragmentation."[83] Despite knowing the Queen Charlotte goshawk populations will be adversely impacted by Alternatives 4, 5, and 6, the USFS both determined that Alternative 6 is the best plan of action and that the Queen Charlotte goshawk has a "very high" likelihood to maintain viable populations within 100 years. This determination is in direct conflict with the understanding that the population will be severely impacted by further development under Alternatives 4, 5, and 6[84], and this decision is arbitrary and capricious as the "explanation for its decision ...runs counter to the evidence before the agency."[85]

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[81] Draft EIS at ES-10.
[82] Swanston, D. N., Shaw, C. G., Smith, W. P., Julin, K. R., Cellier, G. A., & Everest, F. H. (1996). Scientific information and the Tongass land management plan: key findings derived from the scientific literature, species assessments, resource analyses, workshops, and risk assessment panels. Gen. Tech. Rep. PNW-GTR-386. Portland, OR: US Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Pacific Northwest Research Station. 30 p.(Shaw, Charles G., III, tech. coord.; Conservation and resource assessments for the Tongass land management plan revision), 386.
[83] Draft EIS at 3-9.
[84] 5 U.S.C. § 706.
[85] Motor Vehicles Mfrs. Ass'n of U.S., Inc. v. State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co., 463 U.S. 29,43 (1983).

Despite knowing that adverse impacts will cause significant disruptions to species including the Queen Charlotte goshawk, the USFS failed to comply with ESA requirements. Since the USFS failed to ask the FWS if threatened species or endangered species exist within the Tongass National Forest, a biological evaluation was not performed. The USFS needs to first ask for a list of species to know what to evaluate and then conduct a biological evaluation for species that should be listed under the ESA for species such as the Queen Elizabeth Goshawk and the subsequent consultation with the FWS for any potential listed species that may be adversely affected.[86]

Finally, many of the species listed in the draft EIS are marine species which will be impacted by the change in land use on the bordering lands. However, the Draft EIS fails to comply with the ESA for marine species since the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) was not asked if there are endangered or threatened species present. By disregarding the impacts logging, road-building, and other disturbances have on marine organisms and ecosystems, the Draft EIS's argument is arbitrary and capricious under as the USFS "entirely failed to consider an important aspect of the problem.[87]

C. *The USFS should accept Alternative 1 because it does not violate the ESA and best protects the existing natural resources within the Tongass National Forest.*

Due to constantly changing conditions, environments are best managed through adaptive management to account for future uncertain conditions. Under the Council of Environmental Quality (CEQ) rules §1505.2(c), "all practicable means [must be taken] to

[86] 16 U.S.C 1531 §7(a)2
[87] Motor Vehicles Mfrs. Ass'n of U.S., Inc. v. State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co., 463 U.S. 29,43 (1983).

avoid or minimize environmental harm from the alternative selected... and if not, why they were not. A monitoring and enforcement program shall be adopted and summarized where applicable for any mitigation."[88]

Whatever the USFS decides, it should establish and commit to an extensive monitoring plan to ensure future adverse impacts to the environment are mitigated. Nonetheless, we recommend the adoption of Alternative 1, which retains the 2001 Roadless Rule, and provides the best protection for ecological resources while producing positive profits. By establishing an adaptive management plan, the Tongass National Forest will constantly improve management and correct for mistakes to support the local economic, social, cultural, and ecological communities. If the USFS is serious about adaptive management, then a robust monitoring program that covers all resources is in order. Furthermore, the USFS needs to commit to adhering to the listed established adaptive management plan. Further requests include:

A. Monitoring of existing conditions within the Tongass National Forest including exact locations of all roaded areas, present species, poaching areas, logging areas, sensitive areas, critical habitat for sensitive species, riparian and aquatic areas, and Tribal sacred lands. Knowing the specifics on where disturbances are located can help the USFS best manage their national forest.
B. Reinventory the Tongass National Forest to determine the location of all roaded areas within the Tongass and restore these areas to natural conditions, if possible.

[88] Council on Environmental Quality Regulation - §505.2(a) Record of decision in cases requiring environmental impact statements.

C. The USFS also needs to establish specific metrics and measurement of success for the adaptive management of the Tongass National Forest.

D. The USFS needs to commit to adaptive management and monitoring per CEQ rule 1505.3(c).[89] Failure to commit to this type of management strategy will be viewed as arbitrary and capricious for at least one of four claims as the Supreme Court held in Motor Vehicles Manufacturers Association v. State Farm: "the agency has relied on factors which Congress has not intended it to consider, entirely failed to consider an important aspect of the problem, offered an explanation for its decision that runs counter to the evidence before the agency, or is so implausible that it could not be ascribed to a difference in view or the product of agency expertise."[90]

V. Conclusion

We persuade the USFS to make a decision that will help preserve and protect the Tongass National Forest for current and future generations. The Tongass National Forest is a unique, vast ecosystem, the likes of which are rapidly depleting across the world. Destroying environmental resources for economic gain, although necessary in some circumstances for human survival, is not the best use of the resources in the Tongass National Forest. We are deeply concerned that destroying native populations and habitats while obtaining minimal economic profits is not the best use of these public lands. We hope this comment will help the USFS make excellent decisions to manage the Tongass National Forest and its unique natural resources. We request the USFS

[89] 40 C.F.R. §1505.3 Implementing the decision.
[90] Motor Vehicles Mfrs. Ass'n of U.S., Inc. v. State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co., 463 U.S. 29,43 (1983).

select Alternative 1 regarding the management of the Tongass National Forest for the following reasons:

- The Tongass Land Management Plan (TLMP) of 2016 should be updated prior to changing the roadless designation. Alternative 1 follows and honors the current land and resource management plan and does not attempt to force a forest management change.
- The USFS failed to fully consider the adverse impacts the elimination of the Roadless Rule will have on local economies, existing industries, and ecosystem services including carbon sequestration. Alternative 1 best promotes these values as it would not allow for the destruction of livelihoods while profits remain static.
- The USFS needs to complete a cost benefit analysis to adequately analyze the ecological, social, and economic impacts of eliminating the Roadless Rule. Alternative 1 best protects the existing resources for current and future generations.
- The USFS did not adequately address why Alternative 6 is the preferred choice when addressing the three key issues. Alternative 1 best ensures that roadless values are upheld, economic opportunities remain viable, and natural resources are adequately protected, thus supporting all three Key Issues. The preservation of roadless areas is vital for the continued vitality of the Tongass National Forest, and the final EIS should not endorse the eliminating of the Roadless Rule.
- The USFS violated section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) by not asking the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and the National Marine

Fisheries Service (NMFS) if any threatened or endangered species are present in the Tongass National Forest. Alternative 1 protects all sensitive species and does not trigger the activation of the ESA.

Overall, we support the adoption of Alternative 1 as it best protects ecological and cultural resources and ensures that economic resources are not wasted on areas with minimal profit opportunities. If Alternative 2-6 are selected, roadless values will not be achieved for the Tongass National Forest and, especially considering changing climatic conditions, will create a less resilient and more at-risk ecosystem.

Thank you for taking the time to read and consider our comment. If you have any questions or require additional information, feel free to contact us with the information provided below.

Best,

Ms. Katrina Pickering
Candidate for Master's Degree
University of Colorado

Ms. Kelly Ann Bates
Candidate for Master's Degree
University of Colorado

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: PATRICIA
Last name: PICKERING
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, Doug Pickert

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Last name: Pickett-Harner
Organization:
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Regards, Molly Pickett-Harner

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Sarah
Last name: Pickman
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Sarah Pickman

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: phillip
Last name: Picone
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is phillip Picone and I live in Houston, Texas.

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Regards, phillip Picone

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Last name: Pidgeon
Organization:
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Regards, Sandra Pidgeon

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Clara
Last name: Piecuch
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Clara Piecuch and I live in Lake Zurich, Illinois.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Clara Piecuch

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/11/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Anne
Last name: Piehl
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Anne Piehl and I live in Burlington, West Virginia.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Anne Piehl

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Last name: Piekarski
Organization:
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First name: Janet
Last name: Pielke
Organization:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
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Last name: Pieniazek
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Annette Pieniazek

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Amy
Last name: Piepenbrink
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Amy Piepenbrink and I live in Henderson, NV. 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 need clean oxygen, the trees of the Tongass give clean oxygen. The density and age of this forest is unparalleled in its efficacy to provide clean oxygen. The balance between carbon output and clean air production on this planet is in dire need of stabilizing for the health of all. For all life, the Tongass is an essential part of stabilizing this precarious balance.

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 huge swaths of intact ecosystems and all the biodiversity it contains, its status as the largest intact temperate rainforest in the world, to keep public lands wild for future generations, the high density of incredible wildlife it contains, 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]

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Mark
Last name: Pieper
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): 10/21/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Tyler
Last name: Pieper
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
I am writing to express my opinion that the Tongass National Forest remain roadless. In the interests of the plants, animals, native communities and tourism going forward, I implore the USDA to reconsider the placement of roads and always logging in this national treasure.

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Alexandra
Last name: Pierce
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC5660

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]

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/24/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Amy
Last name: Pierce
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Keep the Tongass National Park as it is. Do not build roads or log in the park, it helps to clean the air and it has a unique ecosystem. It is way too beautiful and important to destroy, actually, it should be left alone to become larger naturally.

[Position]

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Angela
Last name: Pierce
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, Angela Pierce

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/14/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Becky
Last name: Pierce
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
public comment

Hi, Forest Service folks---I am a fan of the Forest Service living in Dorchester, MA and a frequent user of national forests in New England, and occasional user of the many wonderful national forests in the western states, and I hope to travel to and enjoy Southeast Alaska some day and see the old-growth forests of Tongass National Forest.

I urge you to adopt Alternative One, no change from the 2001 roadless rule, that currently protects the old growth forests of Southeast Alaska from logging and any other harm that would come from building roads and allowing commercial activity there. Old growth forests are a national treasure, belong to all of us, are not replaceable, and should not be given (or even sold) for short-term corporate or political gain, or any other reason.

I would also like to point out that the idea of allowing the old growth forests to be logged doesn't even make short term or medium term economic sense, since damage to the old growth forests cause run-off that harms the rivers the salmon breed in, and hurt salmon populations and fisheries. Logging provides only 1% of the jobs in Southeast Alaska, but the fishing industry provides 8%, and it would be permanently damaged by destruction of the old growth forest or any substantial part of it, for short-term profit of logging interests unwilling to shift from their current logged out area to new growth and renewable/replanted forests as a response to depleting their current areas.

Thank you for your consideration, and for standing up for the mission of the US Forest Service, which is to protect the forests for posterity and only allow commercial uses that are sustainable and don't cause permanent irreversible collateral damage.

Becky PIerce

Dorchester, MA 02124

I am on line two to five times a week. Please call me if you need a soon response.

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Brad
Last name: Pierce
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC5815

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Sincerely,

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

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Cheri
Last name: Pierce
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, Cheri Pierce

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/12/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Cynthia
Last name: Pierce
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Cynthia Pierce and I live in Louisville, Kentucky.

Please alter your plans and save our forests to help the planet and the joy for future generations.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Cynthia Pierce

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Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, Deborah Pierce

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Diane
Last name: Pierce
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Diane Pierce and I live in Ames, Iowa.

The forests are the world's lungs. We need to protect our forests and plant more and more trees.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Diane Pierce

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Donna
Last name: Pierce
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC5814

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Sincerely,

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Harley
Last name: Pierce
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Harley Pierce and I live in Paw Paw, Michigan.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Harley Pierce

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First name: Jeffery
Last name: Pierce
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, Jeffery Pierce

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First name: Jennifer
Last name: Pierce
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, Jennifer Pierce

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First name: Laurie
Last name: Pierce
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, Laurie Pierce

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Linda
Last name: Pierce
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Linda Pierce and I live in Madison, New Jersey.

This propose rollback is bad for us, bad for the country, and bad for the environment. Please consider them ahead of petroleum producers.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Linda Pierce

[Position]

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Lor
Last name: Pierce
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Lor Pierce and I live in Tucson, Arizona.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Lor Pierce

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Lucinda
Last name: Pierce
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Lucinda Pierce and I live in Hilltop Mall, California.

We need to protect all our rainforest. So we have clean air to breathe.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Lucinda Pierce

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Morgan
Last name: Pierce
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC3297

U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule

Comment Period

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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,

Morgan Pierce

Sausalito, CA 94965

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 1/1/0001 12:00:00 AM
First name: Morgan
Last name: Pierce
Organization:
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Comments:
3297

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Sincerely,
Morgan Pierce
Sausalito, CA 94965

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Myrna
Last name: Pierce
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Myrna Pierce and I live in Arundel, Maine.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Myrna Pierce

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/21/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Nancy
Last name: Pierce
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Alternative one, Take no action in the Tongass National Forest.

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: P
Last name: pierce
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is P pierce and I live in Saco, Maine.

Dirty, poison air threatens life, so clean it up.!

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/21/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Pamela
Last name: Pierce
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Absolutely no logging! We need to keep the forest for ALL of us, not just for greedy people to make money off of and to destroy the beauty.

[Position]

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Last name: Pierce
Organization:
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Regards, Patricia Pierce

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Last name: Pierce
Organization:
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Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Laura
Last name: Piercey
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, Laura Piercey

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Liz
Last name: Piercey
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, Liz Piercey

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Steve
Last name: Piercy
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Helen
Last name: Pierie
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC6129

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]

Sincerely,

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

Yes No

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Amys
Last name: Pieroni
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Amys Pieroni and I live in Monroe, Georgia.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Charles
Last name: Pierre
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC3919

U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule

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Sincerely,

Charles St. Pierre

Tacoma, WA 98407

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 1/1/0001 12:00:00 AM
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Amelie
Last name: Pierre Tatou
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Roadless Rule for the win! Select the "No Action" Alternative!!

Dear US Forest Service,

As you may already be aware, we currently (and very likely in the long run) only have one planet which we may call home.

This home planet of ours is currently on the brink of potentially irreversible collapse, which would inevitably be devastating to much of humanity.

The more senseless ecological destruction that continues annihilating the Earth's pristinely wild, natural places, the worse off we will all be--yes, that includes everyone, not only the poor, marginalized, or socially inferior.

And yes, that even includes you, a member or employee of the USDA Forest Service.

No living thing is immune to the ramifications of a polluted, desecrated, and dying planet.

Not even the people in charge--the big bosses calling all the shots, zealously believing that all their mountains of money will save them in the end.

The Earth's natural places & ecosystems are meant to be cherished, preserved, conserved, and enjoyed--both now and in the future. They are NOT meant to be continuously barraged with ongoing onslaughts of destruction, deforestation, and degradation.

When nothing more is left of this planet apart from barren fields, landfills and concrete, profit will not matter much. In fact, the issue of profit will long be a thing of the past. Your bottom line will mean very little when a verdant Earth is transformed into an uninhabitable, desolate rock, thanks in large part to humanity's reckless actions against it.

It's time to put an end to this recklessness, to this senseless destruction of the natural resources which are most precious and irreplaceable to the only planet humans and wildlife can call home.

Which is why I call on you now to step up and make the decision that is right for our planet, first and foremost.

I sincerely urge you to select the "No Action" Alternative (Alternative 1) to allow the Roadless Rule to remain FULLY INTACT on the Tongass National Forest. Intact ancient forests are powerful strongholds of climate resilience and ecological health, and the Tongass is one of the world's largest and most potent carbon sinks.

Opening roadless areas to more devastating and absolutely SENSELESS logging and road construction will fragment the forest, eliminate millions of valuable trees, critically disrupt wildlife, decimate fragile ecosystems, and pose health risks of paramount proportions to the surrounding environment--both natural and man-made.

By this point, we have already severely undermined the health of our planet enough as it is--& now is the moment when invested individuals like me begin to fight back.

We WILL secure our planet's health to make a positive environmental impact, but we absolutely need you to step up to the challenge and BE ON BOARD WITH US. For our planet, & for everyone who calls it home.

Please choose the planet over profit.

Thank you,

Alina Yemelyanov

[Position]

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
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Last name: Pierro-Greene
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Carly
Last name: Piersol
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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[Position]

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Last name: Pierson
Organization:
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First name: Carolyn
Last name: Pierson
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Carolyn Pierson and I live in Treadwell, New York.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/18/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Carolyn Clark
Last name: Pierson
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Building roads for any reason through this pristine wilderness would be a desecration. At age 65, I may never live to see the natural beauty of the Alaskan wilderness, but its purity holds a special place in my heart. We humans are destroying our own planet, our home, and the only one we've got. At this late hour, is it truly necessary to continue the destruction? We can no longer hide behind denial. If you decide to build these roads, you are knowingly harming an already suffering environment.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Katie
Last name: Pierson
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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First name: Kris
Last name: Pierson
Organization:
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My name is Kris Pierson and I live in Newport Beach, California.

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Organization:
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First name: Neilia
Last name: Pierson
Organization:
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Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Alexandra
Last name: Pierzynski
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Alexandra Pierzynski and I live in St. Louis, MO. 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.

The Tongass National Forest is a unique place that holds many benefits to the people, wildlife and climate of Alaska. I believe it is important to preserve its natural resources and wildlife.

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 wild salmon populations and the world-class fishing opportunities, 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 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). 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, 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 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): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Bonnie
Last name: Piestrak
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Bonnie Piestrak and I live in Yardley, Pennsylvania.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/13/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Cynthia
Last name: Pietras
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Protect old growth Alaskan forests.

Alaska's old growth forest is a public, national resource and national treasure. Old growth forests are NON-RENEWABLE. These forests should not be open to destruction for short term lumber profit. Besides their natural beauty, they support ecosystems and the health of our planet. I strongly oppose rules that allow construction of roads and policies to allow logging of national forests containing old growth trees.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/18/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Michael
Last name: Pietro
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.

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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,

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Evelyn
Last name: Pietrowski-Ciullo
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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First name: Gail
Last name: Pietrzyk
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/5/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Daniel
Last name: Pigeon
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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Last name: Pigg
Organization:
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Comments:
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Last name: Pigott
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Richard
Last name: Pihlgren
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Dale
Last name: Pihlman
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC6396

[Sticky note attached: Received by Paul Robbins, TNF staff, on 12-12]

December 12.2019

US Forest Service:

I am writing to comment on lifting the roadless rule in the Tongass. This act would be very much to the detriment of the environment and the economy. The major industries in S.E. Alaska are commercial fishing and tourism, contributing over a half a billion dollars to the economy. Both are highly dependent on wilderness. The only beneficiary of lifting the roadless rule would be the timber industry, much to the detriment of the other two industries Yet the timber industry generates only 8 million in comparison. The timber industry, in 2018 employed over 10,000 workers, the timber industry 337 according to figures from S.E. Conference.

The numbers dramatically tell the story. Leave the roadless rule as is. It is foolish to do otherwise.

[Signature]

Dale Pihlman

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/20/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Anonymous
Last name: Piimauna
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Fuck you guys. Howsabout we just try growing hemp on an industrial scale.

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
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Last name: Pikala
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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First name: Bauer
Last name: Pike
Organization:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Tanya
Last name: Piker
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Tanya Piker and I live in La Junta, Colorado.

What does the rollback prove? That you can continue to destroy our nation. Senseless tactics. You leave no hope for us and future generations.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Cheri
Last name: Pilant
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Cheri Pilant and I live in Omaha, Nebraska.

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Regards, Cheri Pilant

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/21/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Adam
Last name: Pilarski
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
To who it may concern

Please do not allow logging on Nationa Forest Lands. This will damage the area immensely and the land will be unuasable not just for the immediate time but for the future also for a very long time. The wood is not needed. There are plenty of private wood lots that can supply the wood.

This is a fantastic area and I enjoyed being in the woods a number of years a ago and plan on returning to a beautiful area without logging intruding on my expierence.

Thank You

Adam Pilarski

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Russ
Last name: Pilato
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Russ Pilato and I live in Clifton Springs, New York.

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Regards, Ann Pilch

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Timna
Last name: Pilch
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Timna Pilch and I live in Los Angeles, California.

We must save our oceans and the wildlife living in it. They are dying and so are we.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: maryanne
Last name: pilgram
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is maryanne pilgram and I live in Liberty, New Jersey.

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Regards, maryanne pilgram

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Gloria
Last name: Pilkington
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Gloria Pilkington and I live in Terre Haute, Indiana.

Stop this madness, now. We must protect our land, water and air. Without a planet to live on, there will be nothing left.

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Regards, Gloria Pilkington

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Ina
Last name: Pillar
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Ina Pillar

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/12/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Norman
Last name: Pillen
Organization: Seafood Producers Cooperative
Title: Chairman
Comments:
The following text was copy/pasted from an attached letter. The system cannot display the formatting, graphics, or tables from the attached original.

November 11, 2019The Honorable Sonny Perdue, SecretaryU.S. Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20250Dear Secretary Perdue and Chief Christiansen: Ms. Vicki Christiansen, Chief
U.S. Forest Service1400 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20250

As representatives of Seafood Producers Co-Operative, we would like to address the proposed exemption of the Tongass Roadless Rule and its potential effects on our members. We are the largest and longest operating member-owned seafood cooperative in Alaska, with 539 active members, and a processing plant in Sitka, Alaska employing over 100 workers and staff at peak salman production. We are an organization made up of commercial fishing family operations, many of which are generational, including trollers, gillnetters, seiners and longliners. All are dependent on salmon fisheries to sustain their livelihoods. Salmon is our lifeblood. The future of our Co-op, our membership, and our ability to feed our families and the American consumer, all depends upon the salmon population's continued existence. The importance of healthy, intact watersheds and healthy salmon spawning habitat is paramount to the continued productivity of our fisheries. We urge you to protect the salmon habitat on the Tongass National Forest by including protections for the top salmon producing watersheds as outlined in the 2016 Tongass Land Management Plan in the new Alaska Roadless Rule.

Alaskan salmon populations are an amazing example of nature's ability to provide one of the most natural, bountiful, sustainable, healthy and delicious resources on the planet, given the chance to reproduce in the clean and undisturbed spawning grounds of the Tongass Forest. We all need to recognize the importance of that resource and act on its protection and sustainability for future generations.

Opening up the Tongass to a full exemption alternative would harm one of Southeast Alaska's most important economic drivers - the commercial fishing industry. The commercial seafood harvesting and processing industry is one of the region's two largest private sector economies, with the other being comprised of the visitor industry. One in ten jobs in the region is in the seafood industry, and the industry is responsible for contributing 10% of all regional employment earnings. This means jobs for 13,500 individuals and $321 million in labor income in our region alone, according to a 2013 McDowell

report on the Economic Value of the Alaskan Seafood Industry'. Furthermore, according to the Alaska Sustainable Fisheries Trust's 2019 Seabank Report, economists estimate the total impact of Southeast Alaska's commercial fishing and processing jobs to be in excess of $700 million annually2. In a region of about 70,000 people and limited economic opportunities, these economic contribut ons are extremely significant - and they are extremely threatened by an administration that prioritizes clearcuts over stream restoration. A full-scale exemption from the 2001 Roadless Rule stands to sacrifice the vast economic contributions of the commercial fishing industry and the viability of thousands of small businesses like ours for the short-term gain of a handful of timber jobs. This trade-off does not make fiscal sense.

We at SPC would ask that you please consider the potential for the disastrous effects on the salmon resource the proposed exemption of the 2001 Roadless Rule may have on this resource. We ask you to please protect our livelihoods and Alaska's salmon spawning grounds by choosing an alternative that protects the salmon habitat, continues the phase-out of industrial scale old growth clear-cutting, and prioritizes the restoration of degraded watersheds and streams. This is vital, not only to our company and its membership but to all Alaskans, US, and worldwide consumers who would like the choice of healthy and sustainable wild salmon on their plates.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Norman Pillen Chairman

Lance Preston Secretary

Joe Morelli CEO & President

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[Position]

SEAFOOD PRODUCERS COOPERATIVE

PRODUCERS, PROCESSORS & MARKETERS OF PREMIUM QUALITY SEAFOODS

November 11, 2019

The Honorable Sonny Perdue, Secretary
U.S. Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20250

Ms. Vicki Christiansen, Chief
U.S. Forest Service
1400 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20250

Dear Secretary Perdue and Chief Christiansen:

As representatives of Seafood Producers Co-Operative, we would like to address the proposed exemption of the Tongass Roadless Rule and its potential effects on our members. We are the largest and longest operating member-owned seafood cooperative in Alaska, with 539 active members, and a processing plant in Sitka, Alaska employing over 100 workers and staff at peak salmon production. We are an organization made up of commercial fishing family operations, many of which are generational, including trollers, gillnetters, seiners and longliners. All are dependent on salmon fisheries to sustain their livelihoods. Salmon is our lifeblood. The future of our Co-op, our membership, and our ability to feed our families and the American consumer, all depends upon the salmon population's continued existence. The importance of healthy, intact watersheds and healthy salmon spawning habitat is paramount to the continued productivity of our fisheries. We urge you to protect the salmon habitat on the Tongass National Forest by including protections for the top salmon producing watersheds as outlined in the 2016 Tongass Land Management Plan in the new Alaska Roadless Rule.

Alaskan salmon populations are an amazing example of nature's ability to provide one of the most natural, bountiful, sustainable, healthy and delicious resources on the planet, given the chance to reproduce in the clean and undisturbed spawning grounds of the Tongass Forest. We all need to recognize the importance of that resource and act on its protection and sustainability for future generations.

Opening up the Tongass to a full exemption alternative would harm one of Southeast Alaska's most important economic drivers - the commercial fishing industry. The commercial seafood harvesting and processing industry is one of the region's two largest private sector economies, with the other being comprised of the visitor industry. One in ten jobs in the region is in the seafood industry, and the industry is responsible for contributing 10% of all regional employment earnings. This means jobs for 13,500 individuals and $321 million in labor income in our region alone, according to a 2013 McDowell

report on the Economic Value of the Alaskan Seafood Industry[1]. Furthermore, according to the Alaska Sustainable Fisheries Trust's 2019 Seabank Report, economists estimate the total impact of Southeast Alaska's commercial fishing and processing jobs to be in excess of $700 million annually[2]. In a region of about 70,000 people and limited economic opportunities, these economic contributions are extremely significant - and they are extremely threatened by an administration that prioritizes clearcuts over stream restoration. A full-scale exemption from the 2001 Roadless Rule stands to sacrifice the vast economic contributions of the commercial fishing industry and the viability of thousands of small businesses like ours for the short-term gain of a handful of timber jobs. This trade-off does not make fiscal sense.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/12/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Rafe
Last name: Pilling
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Alaska Roadless Rulemaking #54511

Dear Secretary Perdue,

I am writing to support the No-Action Alternative, #1, for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the proposed Alaska Roadless Rule, and to oppose any reduction of protections for national forest roadless areas.

Living in Oregon, I have seen both the amazing ecological diversity that old growth forests provide as well as the devastation that clear cutting creates. We have such a small amount of old growth forest left, and must protect it to ensure the survival of those species that call it home as well as ensure they continue to act as carbon sinks to help in the fight against climate change. The Forest Service should serve the taxpayers and citizens, not the timber companies.

I support the No-Action alternative to keep the current Roadless Rule protections in place for Alaska's national forests.

Sincerely,

Rafe Pilling

Portland, OR 97215

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Hal
Last name: Pillinger
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Hal Pillinger and I live in Port Chester, New York.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Hal Pillinger

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/18/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Gabrielle
Last name: Pillmann
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Dear US Forest Service,

please ensure the Tongass national forest stays road less. We need it for clean air, water, habitat and life. Giving up our national forest will set precedence to giving up more of our land and forest that need to be so desperately protected. Your children, and mine, will be grateful for leaving it intact.

Thank you

[Position]

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/12/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Myriam
Last name: PILLON
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Myriam PILLON and I live in Torrington, Wyoming.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Myriam PILLON

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/5/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Justin
Last name: Pillow
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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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): 10/22/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Marc
Last name: Pilvinsky
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
We don't need development; we need trees and wild places.

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Donna
Last name: Pimble
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Donna Pimble and I live in Southampton, Pennsylvania.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Donna Pimble

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Karen
Last name: Pimentel
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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. Trumps plan is yet another attack from the Trump administration on Indigenous rights. Alaskan Native communities -- including the Tlingit, Haida, and Tsimshian peoples -- have depended on the Tongass Rainforest for millennia. It is the backbone to their culture, traditions, and communities -- we simply cannot let it disappear.

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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, Karen Pimentel

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/18/2019 5:19:23 PM
First name: Karen
Last name: Pimentel
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,
Karen Pimentel
Paulden, AZ 86334

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Karen
Last name: Pimentel
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Karen Pimentel and I live in Paulden, Arizona.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Karen Pimentel

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Venetia
Last name: Pimley
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Regarding the Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the proposed Alaska Roadless Rule, Alternative #1, I support the No-Action Alternative. We need to save the wild areas that remain, especially the old growth forests.

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.

I ask decision makers to take the long view, provide for sustainable energy sources, and to protect wild lands habitat.

Regards, Venetia Pimley

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/18/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Evelio
Last name: Pina
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Evelio Pina and I live in San Juan, [@advState].

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Evelio Pina

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Chris
Last name: Pincetich
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Chris Pincetich and I live in San Rafael, California.

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Regards, Chris Pincetich

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First name: Rachel
Last name: Pindel
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, Rachel Pindel

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Daniel
Last name: Pine
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC3629

U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

As a kid growing up in Alaska, I spent every summer for 17 years commercial salmon fishing from the age of 9. I am also a life-long Alaskan hunter, and dearly love the pristine beauty of some of the last untouched land on earth. One of my greatest joys has been getting out and exploring different parts of the Alaska wilderness that are unblemished by roads and development.

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 protect this precious land and our natural resources from destruction by leaving the Alaska Roadless Rule in place.

Sincerely,

Daniel Pine

Chesapeake, VA 23323

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Joslyn
Last name: Pine
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Joslyn Pine and I live in Sea Cliff, New York.

The attacks on our clean air AND clean water are grotesque. The US should lead the way toward sound environmental policies, not crush them.

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, Joslyn Pine

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Randall
Last name: Pine
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC6093

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]

Sincerely,

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

Yes *No*[Text circled]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Kaylee
Last name: Pineault
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): 12/1/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Annalee
Last name: Pineda
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Annalee Pineda and I live in San Francisco, California.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Annalee Pineda

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Faye
Last name: Pineda
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Faye Pineda and I live in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Faye Pineda

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Hernan
Last name: Pineda
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Hernan Pineda and I live in Thousand Oaks, California.

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Regards, Hernan Pineda

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Last name: Pineo
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Lisa
Last name: Piner
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Lisa Piner and I live in Costa Mesa, California.

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First name: Michael
Last name: Ping
Organization:
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Regards, Michael Ping

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Micheal
Last name: Ping
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Micheal Ping and I live in Grand Junction, Colorado.

Leave the wilderness alone

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Regards, Micheal Ping

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Phillip
Last name: Ping
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
I have gotten the opportunity to live and work in Southeast Alaska while serving in the Coast Guard operating out of Sitka. Through work I have had the opportunity to fly and access places in the Tongass that are nearly impossible to reach for the general public. From the air, the impact of roads and everything that they bring with them is extremely evident. Although there are not as many recent cuts as there once was, their scars are easily seen on the mountain sides, and it is easy to pick out the outline of the old logging roads as they wind their way through the woods. The impact that we have already left on the Tongass is extremely evident. What makes this place special is the pristine forest and the general lack of human impact. Allowing more new roads in the Tongass seems short sighted. Who benefits from these roads? It doesn't seem to be the people of Southeast AK. Let's take a step back from our usual Alaskan "Cut, Kill, Dig, Drill" mentality and try to preserve this special place for more than just some international logging interests.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Trisha
Last name: Ping
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Please think twice about logging in this pristine natural area. We need to respect our planet and protect the wilderness from development. Trees that have been around for 1000 years shouldnt be razed for short-term profit. Consider future generations and the legacy we will be leaving them if we do this. Thank you.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Scott
Last name: Pingel
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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First name: Ray
Last name: Pingle
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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First name: Kristin
Last name: Pink
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Kristin Pink and I live in Orland Park, Illinois.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Kristin Pink

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Linda
Last name: pink
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Linda pink and I live in Westlake Village, California.

Please be sensible towards our environment. Its you job to keep the air clean by promulgate effective regulations. Thank you.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Linda pink

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Last name: Pinkard
Organization:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/23/2019 3:00:00 PM
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Last name: Pinkerton
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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First name: MR
Last name: PINKHAM
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Last name: Pinkstaff
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Last name: Pinkus
Organization:
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Comments:
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Last name: Pinneo
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Last name: Pino
Organization:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Terree
Last name: Pino
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC5553

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]

We subsistance fish up the Stikkine River. We want to save our salmon to eat.

[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]

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Robin
Last name: Pinsof
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Robin Pinsof and I live in Highland Park, Illinois.

Clean air water and soil are natural rights! Protect them!!!!

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Robin Pinsof

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Luan
Last name: Pinson
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Luan Pinson and I live in Vancouver, Washington.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Luan Pinson

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/29/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Luan
Last name: Pinson
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
This bill would threaten the grizzly bear population and other wildlife. A "Roadless" area should remain ROADLESS.

[Position]

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: mark
Last name: pinter
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is mark pinter and I live in Batavia, Illinois.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, mark pinter

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Anna
Last name: Pinto
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Anna Pinto and I live in Bakersfield, California.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Anna Pinto

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/9/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Carol
Last name: Pinto
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
I just want to say that I am so very disappointed to hear that the Tongass is once again threatened. Thirty years ago one of my good friends worked on the Tongass as a wildlife biologist and I know he was very much in favor of the roadless rule. The value of the natural beauty and abounding life in the forest is greater and more valuable to the people of the US than the profit to a large company which would send our great trees to Asia.

Please choose to retain the Tongass as is.

[Position]

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Juliann
Last name: Pinto
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Juliann Pinto and I live in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Juliann Pinto

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Dr. Bob
Last name: Piorkowski
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
I am a retired Fisheries Scientist with a doctorate in Biology from the University of Alaska Fairbanks. I was recognized by the American Fisheries Society for my work showing that salmon critically connect fresh water ecosystems with the ocean through carbon and nutrient transport. I also did critical work in Alaska looking at stream recovery (or lack of it) due to mining and other stream disturbing activities. Finally, I ran the State invasive species plan and writing it and coordinated permits for all freshwater research in the state for six years.

Science has shown that old growth forest stream systems are stable and highly productive for fisheries. Uncut zones near streams do not protect the hyporheic zone where aquatic insects so important to rearing fish reside and feed. Road building and mining increase sediment transport which is to stream denizens like an avalanche is to humans. Increased human traffic often comes with invasive plant/fish/micro species which can disrupt normal food chains. These are problems that cannot be easily corrected if at all and all will suffer for possibly generations. We need the Tongass wild so that ALL users can get equal use allowing all our lives to continue to be enriched by food and jobs. It would be wrong to give certain groups interests by taking it away from larger groups and then make the larger groups pay for the damage the few have done.

Put me down as highly opposed to ending the road-less rule in the Tongass National Forest and 1000% in support of the no-action alternative

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Jim
Last name: Piotter
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.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Antoinette
Last name: Piotti
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Antoinette Piotti and I live in Caldwell, New Jersey.

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Regards, Antoinette Piotti

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Joan
Last name: Piowaty
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Joan Piowaty and I live in Chicago, Illinois.

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Regards, Joan Piowaty

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Ron
Last name: Pipa
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Last name: Pipe
Organization:
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First name: Cynthia
Last name: Piper
Organization:
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Regards, Cynthia Piper

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Last name: Piper
Organization:
Title:
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Regards, Janet Piper

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Janna
Last name: Piper
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Janna Piper and I live in Portland, Oregon.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Janna Piper

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/11/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Kimberly
Last name: Piper
Organization: NYU Center for Bioethics
Title:
Comments:
The justification for this proposed rule is inappropriate, harmful and outright false. Allowing this would be an injustice to millions. Please, have some decency and protect our land. The voice of the people needs competent leaders and thinkers with moral backbones, not another economic / utilitarian mongrel that seeks to undermine and dictate our future well-being, our relationships with the Earth and our relationship with the United Nations (because this rule defies current climate agreements).

[Position]

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/5/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Micah
Last name: Piper
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Torsten
Last name: Piper
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC5281

U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

Dear Madam/Sir: As nature and outdoors lover, and a fisherman myself, I support Alaska's fish and wildlife and oppose gutting the Roadless Rule in Alaska. Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely, Dr. Torsten Pieper

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,

Torsten Piper

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First name: John
Last name: Piperidis
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, John Piperidis

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/22/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Lynn
Last name: Pique
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Keep 'Roadless Rule' Protections for the Tongass National Forest

Dear U.S. Forest Service,

I strongly oppose the Forest Service's plan to eliminate "Roadless Rule" protections for the Tongass National Forest and urge you to select the "no action" alternative instead.

As you know the Tongass is America's wildest remaining national forest, with more than 9 million acres of roadless areas. It's home to a wide range of wildlife, including Alexander Archipelago wolves, grizzly bears 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 releases most of that carbon into the atmosphere.

Your proposal to open the door to clearcutting and bulldozing is irresponsible and fundamentally threatens these habitats. The Tongass belongs to all Americans and shouldn't be sacrificed to the timber industry. The tourism and fishing industries in Southeast Alaska, which rely on intact forests to thrive, stimulate the local economy to a much greater extent than the timber industry. Protecting these last remaining roadless forests is especially important because our national forests have already been so fragmented by logging, harming wildlife and waters along the way.

Further, 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 and clearcutting for logging. 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 and remote recreation.

Please consider the effects of your actions on future generations. Select the "no action" alternative to maintain "Roadless Rule" protections for the Tongass and Chugach.

Sincerely,

Lynn Pique

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Tina
Last name: Pirazzi
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Tina Pirazzi and I live in Long Beach, California.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Tina Pirazzi

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/4/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Mikel
Last name: Pircey
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
I do not want any roads placed in the Tongass National Forest and Park. I care about the integrity of the environment and this will create irreparable devastation and damage to the ecosystem while displacing species and reducing populations.

[Position]

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/14/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Cynthia
Last name: Pirie
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Cynthia Pirie and I live in Aurora, Ohio.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Cynthia Pirie

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First name: Annette
Last name: Pirrone
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Annette Pirrone and I live in San Anselmo, California.

Every tree counts!!

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Annette Pirrone

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Monty
Last name: Pirtle
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
The intent of the 2001 Roadless Rule is to provide lasting protection for remaining wild and pristine areas within the national forest system in the context of multiple-use management. Having said that, it is inappropriate to road, log and mine this area, as roadless areas and old growth forests are a rarity; once logged they will never return, taking with then the unique flora and fauna that thrive in such and ecosystem. Take the Woodland Caribou that once thrived in northwestern Montana. The last one disappeared last year after decades of logging, never to return, as they depend on old growth forests. Don't let this happen in Alaska!

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/24/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Monty
Last name: Pirtle
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: Claudia
Last name: Pisani
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Claudia Pisani and I live in Farmington Hills, Michigan.

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Regards, Claudia Pisani

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Lisa
Last name: Pisano
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Lisa Pisano and I live in Brooklyn, New York.

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Regards, Lisa Pisano

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Charlotte
Last name: Pisoni
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Charlotte Pisoni and I live in St. Louis, Missouri.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Charlotte Pisoni

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Last name: Pistner
Organization:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Charlie
Last name: Pistocco
Organization:
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Regards, Charlie Pistocco

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First name: Alison
Last name: Pitale
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, Alison Pitale

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: NANCY
Last name: Pitblado
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is NANCY Pitblado and I live in Bloomfield, Connecticut.
Do not eliminate the 23-year EPA policy called Once In, Always In
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Regards, NANCY Pitblado

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Brent
Last name: Pitcher
Organization:
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Comments:
My name is Brent Pitcher and I live in Montague, Massachusetts.

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Regards, Brent Pitcher

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Todd
Last name: Pitcher
Organization:
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Comments:
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Regards, Todd Pitcher

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: JAYNE
Last name: PITCHFORD
Organization:
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Comments:
My name is JAYNE PITCHFORD and I live in Santa Monica, California.

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Regards, JAYNE PITCHFORD

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Last name: Pitlak
Organization:
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Regards, John Pitlak

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Maryann
Last name: Pitman
Organization:
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Comments:
My name is Maryann Pitman and I live in Gatesville, North Carolina.

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Regards, Maryann Pitman

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First name: Emily
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Last name: Pitt
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First name: Jon
Last name: Pitt
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, Raymond Pittam

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Gina
Last name: Pitti
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
I object strenuously to this proposal. Its bad for the planet, and bad for the people. Please reconsider.

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: PHYLLIS
Last name: PITTINSKY
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is PHYLLIS PITTINSKY and I live in Staten Island, New York.

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Regards, PHYLLIS PITTINSKY

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/18/2019 9:53:35 PM
First name: Denise
Last name: Pittluck
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,
Denise Pittluck
Lake In The Hills, IL 60156

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/7/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Barry
Last name: Pittman
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Organization:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/11/2019 11:03:54 PM
First name: Kristenia
Last name: Pittman
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Kristenia Pittman and I live in Jackson, MI. 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.

Our planet is in dire straits. We need to protect our wildlife, land, air, water - our world which God blessed us with.

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 a national and global treasure, 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 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. 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). 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 perform restorative actions that support wildlife populations on previously degraded landscapes that support wildlife populations, restore salmon habitat that was hurt by past logging practices. 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.

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Lisa
Last name: Pittman
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Hello, I am against logging the Tongass National Forest. Trees are the planet's oxygen. Opening logging to over nine million acres puts Alaska and our planet at more risk for climate change. It also puts the salmon industry at risk.

The Tongass is spawning ground for 40 percent of wild salmon along the West Coast.

The Tlingit, Haida and Tsimshian people rely on the land for cultural and traditional practices like hunting and fishing.

We cannot take down these trees.

[Position]

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Teresa
Last name: Pitts
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Teresa Pitts and I live in Morganton, North Carolina.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/27/2019 4:00:00 PM
First name: Tyler
Last name: Pitts
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
I agree 100% with the statement below. I am a resident of southeast and spend time in the Tongass nearly every single day.
The proposed repeal of the Roadless Rule caters to the outdated old-growth, clear-cut logging industry and shows blatant disregard for everyday Alaskans who rely on and enjoy salmon, wildlife, clean water, abundant subsistence resources, and beautiful natural scenery.
The Tongass is all of ours. Repealing the Roadless Rule would cast aside years of collaboration and thriving businesses that depend on healthy forests, and usher in a new era of reckless old-growth clear-cut logging that pollutes our streams, hurts our salmon and deer populations, and spoils the forest and scenery. This proposed rule is a complete about-face from the direction we should be headed and reflects the fact that special interests and not common sense are guiding this decision.
People throughout Alaska and the rest of the country depend on the productive rivers and wild fish of the Tongass for food, jobs, and recreation. We urge anyone who shares these values to comment to the Forest Service and urge them to uphold the Roadless Rule and conserve key areas of the Tongass, including the highest quality salmon-producing watersheds within the Tongass.

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Don
Last name: Pitzen
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Don Pitzen and I live in Chicago, Illinois.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Don Pitzen

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: John
Last name: Pivar
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC5809

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): 10/18/2019 4:19:29 PM
First name: Omar
Last name: Pivaral
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,
Omar Pivaral
Reston, VA 20191

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Omar
Last name: Pivaral
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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First name: Derek
Last name: Piwell
Organization:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 1/1/0001 12:00:00 AM
First name: Anthony
Last name: Piwinski
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
3348

U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule
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Loveland, CO 80538

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CLIFFORD PIXLER
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

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First name: judy
Last name: pizarro
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Organization:
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Regards, Marilyn Pizzardi

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Rosemary
Last name: Pizzullo
Organization:
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Comments:
My name is Rosemary Pizzullo and I live in Hamilton Township, New Jersey.

This land belongs to American Tax people. The U.S. government has no right to sell this land or another public land.

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, Rosemary Pizzullo

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First name: Christopher
Last name: Pizzulo
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Jessica
Last name: Plachta
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HC499

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.

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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?

My name is Jessica Plachta. I live in teh Chikat Valley. I depend on healthy forest to breathe, to feed my family subsistence foods, and for my spirit.

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."

No Action

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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.

Every intact watershed, plus corridors to connect them. Audubon TNC priority areas, too.

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

Hunting, fishing, recreation, subsistence, mushroom pickings, berry pickings, spirituality.

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Carbon banking on behalf of future generations. Salmon priority, cabins, *ecosystem integrity* [text underlined for emphasis].

Additional comments for the Forest Service:

Climate change is a crisis. We must manage our resources to mitigate and adapt for ecosystem resilience. Or face extinction.

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I want to receive a copy of the Draft Environmental Statement

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Which Proposal/Project/Issue? Roadless Rule for Tongass *NO ACTION* [text underlined for emphasis] is best for Alaska

Check one: [X] I am here to offer my own views

[ ] I am here to represent

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USFS should reevaluate cumulative impacts of its deforestation activities in the context of global climate change. This year, a series of court rulings have established that BLM must conduct a thorough analysis of the climate impacts of drilling before it allows development in order to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Nearly a quarter of the nation's carbon dioxide emissions come from fossil fuels developed on federal lands, according to a 2018 government study, and BLM manages the majority of that development.

The USGS publication, "Federal Lands Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Sequestration in the United States: Estimates for 2005–14" attempts to quantify the balance of carbon emissions and sequestration on federal public lands in the U.S. The section entitled, "Terrestrial Ecosystems-Associated Carbon Emissions and Sequestration on Federal Lands" acknowledges, "Ecosystem carbon loss from forest timber harvest," but doesn't quantify the losses due to harvest, only those due to wildfires. Why? "Federal lands in the State of Alaska stored 131,675 MMT CO2 Eq., with 92 percent stored in soils (120,618 MMT CO2 Eq.) and 8 percent stored in live vegetation (11,057 MMT CO2 Eq.). The amount of carbon stored on Federal lands in Alaska was approximately 62 percent of the total carbon stored on Federal lands, indicating Alaska's importance in the overall U.S. carbon balance." Table 6, page 17 of the report shows that Alaska's federal lands consistently show a negative net emissions balance, despite sizable oil and gas production the state, showing that Alaska is a crucial area for national- even global- carbon sequestration. (https://pubs.usgs.gov/sir/2018/5131/sir20185131.pdf)

In this year's ruling, the court found that BLM's EAs and FONSIs failed to take a "hard look" (as required under NEPA) at the cumulative impacts of GHG emissions that would be generated by oil and gas development on the leased parcels. Specifically, the EAs failed to (1) quantify and forecast drilling-related GHG emissions, (2) adequately consider GHG emissions from the downstream use of oil and gas produced on the leased parcels, and (3) compare those GHG

emissions to state, regional, and national GHG emissions forecasts, and other foreseeable BLM projects, rendering BLM's cumulative impact analyses inadequate. (https://www.whitecase.com/publications/alert/judge-orders-government-account-climate-change-impacts-leasing-federal-lands)

LCC requests that the USFS take the "hard look" required by NEPA and thoroughly evaluate the cumulative impacts of GHG emissions that would be generated by planned deforestation activities on USFS lands, including the Tongass. USFS should 1) quantify and forecast deforestation-related emissions, 2) adequately consider GHG emissions from downstream use of forest products removed from National Forests, and 3) compare those GHG emissions to state, regional and national GHG forecasts, and other foreseeable USFS and other federal agency projects. Additionally, because National Forest lands have the potential to be significant carbon banks and to contribute to mitigating climate disruption, USFS should compare planned deforestation activities to "No Action" alternatives nationally, as well as to proactive alternatives which increase reforestation activities above current levels.

USFS needs to address its role in the current climate crisis and reevaluate its outdated operations model in light of the scientific consensus on climate change and biodiversity loss, which are now widely recognized as existential threats to life as we know it on earth.

Biodiversity loss due to deforestation, especially old growth deforestation. Seventy percent of the world's plants and animals live in forests and are losing their habitats to deforestation. The loss of habitat means the loss of species and therefore the loss of biodiversity. A vast body of science supports the understanding that lands maintained in roadless condition are demonstrably better at providing ecosystem services, maintaining biodiversity, and retaining sequestered

carbon. All three of these benefits are directly in the public interest. It is the duty of the USDA to support the continuation of these benefits to the public to the best of your ability. The EIS fails to account, either in metric or narrative form, for the different impacts to biodiversity and carbon sequestration from the different proposed alternatives. A given amount of logging harvest (e.g., 46MBF/year) can actually have widely different impacts to these values depending on whether or not it is accompanied by the increased soil disruption and forest fragmentation caused by additional roadbuilding. Failure to acknowledge and describe these differences renders the EIS scientifically unsound and invalid.

The role of intact forests in moderating climate patterns, including rainfall and temperatures. Forests moderate local climate by keeping their local environments cool. They do this partly by shading the land, but also by releasing moisture from their leaves through transpiration. David Ellison of the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences in Uppsala, reported on "increasingly sophisticated literature" assessing "the potential impact of forest cover on water availability across the broad expanse of continental, terrestrial surface." Doug Sheil of the Norwegian University of Life Sciences, near Oslo. "But the forests cause the rainfall, and if they weren't there the interior of these continental areas would be deserts." When trees are cut down in a forest, it eliminates or decreases the amount of transpiration, which means that the amount of rainfall in that area will decrease. This can lead to droughts in the area.

The role of deforestation in changing climatic patterns, including rainfall amounts and patterns, localized warming, wildfire susceptibility, and regional drought. Deforestation is likely to warm the climate even more than originally thought, scientists warn. A report released in 2018 from University of Leeds found reactive gases emitted by trees and vegetation have an

overall cooling effect on our climate, meaning deforestation would lead to higher temperatures than previously anticipated as less of the gases would be created. Forests release a range of volatile organic compounds that "have an overall cooling effect on our climate," mostly by blocking incoming solar energy, says Dominick Spracklen of Leeds University in England. Removing forests eliminates this cooling effect and adds to warming, he and an international team concluded in a study published earlier this year. Older forests are less prone to widespread damage due to wildfire. Younger forests and deforested areas are more prone to extreme wildfire. Alaska is seeing ever-worsening wildfire seasons, highlighting the need to protect remaining intact forests and their associated ecosystem services.

Roads and deforestation impact fisheries. Every proposed action alternative in the DEIS (except alternative 1, the No-Action alternative) would increase access to old-growth forest and lead to more clearcut logging and costly road building in undeveloped, wild areas of the Tongass. These activities would add to the already 5,100 miles of logging roads which are the primary source of increased sedimentation which lowers water quality. Roads often block salmon migration, and new roads would add to the current $68 million maintenance backlog on the Tongass. More roads threaten wild salmon and the Alaskans who rely on them for subsistence, sport, and commercial fishing. The Tongass is one of the world's largest remaining intact temperate rainforests. The Tongass provides spawning grounds for roughly a quarter of the West Coast's salmon fishery, and provides habitat for apex predators such as bears and wolves, as well as for birds such as the Marbled Murrelet and the Queen Charlotte Goshawk. These species and others rely on healthy, connected old-growth forests for habitat. Southeast communities rely on the ecosystem services and sustainable resources provided by the living Tongass.

The proposed action disproportionately impacts subsistence-dependent communities, including Alaska Native communities. Alaska Native communities should be respected by honoring their right to Government to Government consultation with all governmental agencies, including USFS. Visiting Forest Service representatives reported in Haines this fall that 90% of the 144,000 public comments supported the No Action alternative, which would keep the Roadless Rule intact on the Tongass.

For all of the above reasons, and other reasons detailed by other commenters, Lynn Canal Conservation requests that the USFS respect public opinion, act in service to the public good, and select the No Action alternative, keeping National Roadless Rule protections on the Tongass National Forest.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Carolyn
Last name: Plage
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Carolyn Plage and I live in Shaftsbury, Vermont.

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Any choice but the No Action alternative would also put wildlife and critical habitat at risk, threaten access to clean water, and be a step in the wrong direction on climate change jeopardizing Alaskans at a time when the state already faces severe challenges related to rising temperatures. I urge you not to abandon the Roadless Rule in Alaska and instead to put the public interest above corporate profits by choosing to keep the rule in place unchanged.

Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Carolyn Plage

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: James
Last name: Plagmann
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is James Plagmann and I live in Boulder, Colorado.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Judy
Last name: plambeck
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Judy plambeck and I live in Madison, Wisconsin.

Please. For the planet and all our children and grandchildren.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Judy plambeck

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Melissa
Last name: Plamondon
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Melissa Plamondon and I live in Los Angeles, California.

The right to breath clean air is a must for all communities. We need to push manufacturers to bring electric trucks to the market. And if we need to create that market with legislation than we shall do it. There are so many positives including environmental health and thriving economies.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Melissa Plamondon

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Last name: Plancich
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Regards, Richard Plancich

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Chris
Last name: Plank
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Chris Plank and I live in Big Sky, MT. 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 lived in Skagway and Haines for several years and absolutely adored the Tongass Forest. I spent many days in this Forest and would like to see the Tongass protected as much as possible. Keep the Tongass in the public's hands!

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 medium-impact recreation (FS cabins, trails, mooring buoys, 3-sided shelters), 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, support small-scale, sustainable logging, establish the economic value of the carbon stored in the Tongass, develop more recreational opportunities, like trails and cabins. 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): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Ewan
Last name: Plant
Organization:
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Regards, Ewan Plant

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Mary
Last name: Plant
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Mary Plant and I live in Hoover, Alabama.

This forest, the Tongass, holds a critical place in the world's ecosystem. Uphold the Roadless Rule!

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Mary Plant

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 10:48:27 AM
First name: Osel
Last name: Plante
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Dr. Osel Plante and I live in Portland, OR. 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.

The ramifications and impacts of any additional cutting of old growth and other forest lands are not clearly understood, though the destruction of ecosystems and habitat loss are. These forests should remain in tact and unspoiled.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/7/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Benjamin
Last name: Plass
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
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Tracy
Last name: Platero
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Tracy Platero and I live in Croton-on-hudson, New York.

The world is looking more apocalyptic every year. We must eject those in charge who simply can not do whats right because they are blinded by special interest groups, greed and lack integrity. If you dont stop the destruction then get a job in the sewers because you stink!

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First name: Inara
Last name: Platt
Organization:
Title:
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Regards, Jim Platt

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Last name: Platt
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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First name: Judy
Last name: Platt
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Judy Platt and I live in Seattle, Washington.

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Regards, Judy Platt

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/20/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Larry
Last name: Platt
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
I object to the Forest Service proposed roadless rule change. We need to protect one of the earths last intact temperate rain forests regardless of what a couple rich guys in Washington think. The majority of Americans will agree. Past practices have ended up with selling Alaska logs to Japan for pennies, and damaged landscapes with clearcuts and roads. These roads have been left in place without removal which adversely affects wildlife, watersheds and viewsheds. Alaska is a huge tourist destination now and these visitors don't come here to see logged out hillsides , bridges and roads. Bottom line is that this proposed rule will hurt Alaskas already struggling economy just to please a few greedy politicians. People may boycott this rule by not traveling here.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Sylvia
Last name: Platt
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Sylvia Platt and I live in Port Townsend, Washington.

How can it be that anyone is even having to make this request? With all that is known, all that is being revealed about the state of the planet and the terrible corporate greed at the expense of all the beings on the planet, how is it I am having to sign a petition, ASKING you to do the right thing. And not to do the wrong and stupid and dangerous, short-sighted thing? Stop putting corporate profits ahead of your own and our health and safety and well-being. Protect the Tongass National Forest.

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Regards, Mary Platter-Rieger

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First name: Mary
Last name: Platter-Rieger
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Mary Platter-Rieger and I live in San Diego, California.

We need clean trucks now; climate change is not waiting.

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First name: Beverly
Last name: Plaviak
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Beverly Plaviak and I live in Los Angeles, California.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM
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Last name: Plaza
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, Carmen Plaza

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Kathleen
Last name: Plaza
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Kathleen Plaza and I live in Alsea, Oregon.

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First name: Emil
Last name: Plecko
Organization:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Cliff
Last name: Pleggenkuhle
Organization:
Title:
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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,

Cliff Pleggenkuhle

Huffman, TX 77336

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Regards, Andre Plemmer

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Nora
Last name: Plesofsky
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Nora Plesofsky and I live in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/23/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Donald
Last name: Pless
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
I support the highest level of protection of the Tongass from detrimental human activity especially logging, road building, and mining.

In order to protect the Tongass the entire ecosystem especially the old growth forest should be made a National Park subject to the most stringent rules and regulations to ensure it's protection for future generations.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/18/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Martin
Last name: Plessis
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/13/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Mimi
Last name: Plevin-Foust
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Mimi Plevin-Foust and I live in Cleveland, Ohio.

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First name: Elliot
Last name: Pliner
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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First name: Debbie
Last name: Plishka
Organization:
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Comments:
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Last name: Pliskin
Organization:
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First name: Noah
Last name: Plofker
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Noah Plofker and I live in Holtsville, New York.

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Last name: Ploger
Organization:
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Comments:
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First name: Heidi
Last name: Plonski
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Heidi Plonski and I live in Rancho Mirage, California.

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First name: Norm
Last name: Ploss
Organization:
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Sincerely,
Norm Ploss
Bend, OR 97701

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Last name: Plovnick
Organization:
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Last name: Plovnick
Organization:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Pan
Last name: Plumb
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC5593

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): 10/18/2019 2:38:54 PM
First name: Sonja
Last name: Plumb
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,
Sonja Plumb
Warwick, RI 02886

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Sonja
Last name: Plumb
Organization:
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Comments:
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First name: Meichen
Last name: Plumhoff
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Meichen Plumhoff and I live in Sitka, AK. 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.

Im a commercial fisherman and professional tree-planter with a Bachelors degree in Environmental Science. The coastal temperate rainforest, where the Tongass National forest encompasses, is an incredible ecosystem that supports the livelihoods of commercial fishermen, feeds the people of SE Alaska who hunt, fish and forage their food-and most of us do -(and of course all the tourists sport fishing their summer vacations here), provides vast habitat for birds, wildlife, fish, and native plants. The conservation and careful, thoughtful, and sustainable harvest of timber from the Tongass National Forest is an important issue for SE Alaskans. Removing the roadless rule and exposing the Tongass to substantially more timber harvest and clear-cuts is not a decision that will support the current and long-established use for the local residents.

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 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, 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 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): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: David
Last name: Plummer
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC3428

U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

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Fort Collins, CO 80525

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First name: Donna
Last name: Plummer
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Donna Plummer and I live in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

You are making those of us who have respiratory illnesses sick! Stop attacking our health by allowing pollutants in our air just so you can help out your rich cronies in businesses who basically want to dump their toxic wastes and pollute the air. Shame on you!

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/4/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Patrick
Last name: Plunkett
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Additional access to the diminishing wild places on earth is shortsighted and simply wrong. Please use your resources to expand stewardship over the public land. The United States was lucky to have the forward thought generations ago to apply means of preservation. We are the only nation to have extensive public land preserved for outdoor enthusiasts with any income, skin color, or creed. Please be part of the solution and not part of the problem. Many thanks.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/12/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Patrick
Last name: Plunkett
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: Warren
Last name: Plunkett
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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First name: Jackie
Last name: Pluska
Organization:
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Comments:
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First name: Pamela
Last name: Pluta
Organization:
Title:
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First name: Donna
Last name: Plutschuck
Organization:
Title:
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Last name: Plymale
Organization:
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Organization:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: James
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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule

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Homer, AK 99603

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First name: NATHAN
Last name: POBRE
Organization:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Meredith
Last name: Pochardt
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Alaska Roadless Rule comment

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Please see the attached letter as my public comment on the proposed rule change of the Alaska Roadless Rule.

Thank you for your consideration.

Meredith Pochardt

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Meredith Pochardt

Juneau, AK 99802

December 17, 2019

USDA Forest Service
PO Box 21628

Juneau, AK 99802

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Organization:
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First name: Alan
Last name: Podber
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Alan Podber and I live in Brooklyn, New York.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Patricia
Last name: Podboy
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, Patricia Podboy

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First name: Daniel
Last name: Podell
Organization:
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Comments:
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Last name: Podes
Organization:
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SDP
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/19/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Robert
Last name: Podurgiel
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Comments to oppose modification to the Roadless Rule

Dear U.S. Forest Service,

As a member of the Carnegie Shade Tree Commission, myself and others on our board support preservation of the Roadless Rule in the Tongass National Forest. Much of our work in Carnegie involves restoration of forest cover and planting new trees in our community. The trees make our town cleaner, healthier, and attract birds and other wildlife that is enjoyed by our residents and visitors from out of town. The trees in the Tongass absorb C02, produce oxygen, filter and clean water, and support abundant populations of fish and wildlife. The value of this forest to our nation vastly outweighs the value of the timber that will be clear cut. Most of our forest in Pennsylvania was clear cut, and the state is still trying to recover by planting new trees and is experiencing greater problems with flooding, erosion, and loss of wildlife habit as a result of the deforestation. Please, do not clear cut the Tongass. It is a vital part of our national heritage. Don't let greed, and short-term profits for international logging companies outweigh the best interests of the entire nation.

Sincerely,

Robert Podurgiel

Carnegie, PA 15106

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Mary
Last name: Podzimek
Organization:
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Regards, Sheri Poe

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Sophie
Last name: Poe
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, Sophie Poe

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Gaius
Last name: Poehler
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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First name: chris
Last name: poehlmann
Organization:
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Comments:
My name is chris poehlmann and I live in Annapolis, California.

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Regards, chris poehlmann

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Last name: Poel
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Regards, Mary Poel

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Nancy
Last name: PoeNoil
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Nancy PoeNoil and I live in Raton, New Mexico.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Sharon
Last name: Poessel
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: G
Last name: Pogel
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is G Pogel and I live in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

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Regards, G Pogel

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: GLORIA
Last name: Pogel
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/14/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Ms.
Last name: Pogel
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Ms. Pogel and I live in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Save our planet, stop the destruction. Vote Blue.

Pimping Presidunce is IMMATURE (demonstrated at NATO mtg, et alii.), toxic, CORRUPT, evil, vindictive, amoral, petty, LYING, adulterous, draft dodging, CostCo size sack of stupid. The Moron-in-Chief has only impacted the USA in extremely negative ways, to the point of embarrassment. I feel like apologizing to our WORLD & the UNIVERSE! WE NEED A FUMIGATOR!

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Regards, Ms. Pogel

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Last name: Poggi
Organization:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Kari
Last name: Pohl
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Kari Pohl and I live in Aliquippa, Pennsylvania.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Kari Pohl

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/11/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Debra
Last name: Pohlman
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Debra Pohlman and I live in Sitka, Alaska. I first came to SE Alaska in 1990 to provide family medicine and OB services to Sitkans. My sanity and off work enjoyment has been in hiking or walking daily in the forest behind my home, part of the Tongass National Forest. It has been my playground, source of inspiration for art, place to exercise my dogs and experience solitude and the sharing of space with the animals of the Tongass. 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 subsistence harvesting, foraging for wild foods, the peace and solitude I find in nature, recreating, the forest's ability to sequester carbon and mitigate climate change impacts, the conservation of resources for future generations and the status of the Tongass as a national and global treasure,.

Out of the alternatives described in the AKRR DEIS I support alternative 1: no action. the rule is working fine as it is. I depend on roadless areas in the Tongass National Forest for foraging and gathering wild foods, recreating and enjoying nature, carbon sequestration and local climate change mitigation, viewing wildlife, keeping public lands wild for future generations, fiscal responsibility and saving taxpayer dollars . 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, the central mainland from Hobart Bay to Stikine River, 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 low-impact recreation such as camping, hiking, hunting, and fishing medium-impact recreation development such as Forest Service cabins, trails, mooring buoys, and 3-sided shelters passive or active watershed restoration of salmon streams and wildlife habitat intertie and transmission line contsruction hydroelectric development. 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 ONLY serves corporations primarily logging for export of whole logs to foreign countries (think China primarily). That DOES NOT support local jobs and negatively affects all the other, profitable and sustainable uses of the Tongass Forest that Southeast Alaskans have overwhelmingly supported. 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 transition to second growth logging 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.

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Organization:
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First name: Erast
Last name: Pohorylo
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Last name: Poindexter
Organization:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/26/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Nicole
Last name: Poindexter
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Nicole Poindexter and I live in Santa Rosa, 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.

The Tongass is the epitome of the natural wonders that Jack London and so many others wrote about for hundreds of years. It not only should live on in our imagination of American wilderness but it should thrive as home for wildlife and to catch, not cause, carbon pollution. Leave it be.

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 huge swaths of intact ecosystems and all the biodiversity it contains, 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, 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). 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 establish the economic value of the carbon stored in the Tongass, develop more recreational opportunities, like trails and cabins, perform restorative actions that support wildlife populations on previously degraded landscapes that support wildlife populations, restore salmon habitat that was hurt by past logging practices. 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): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Carolyn
Last name: Poinelli
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Carolyn Poinelli and I live in Boston, Massachusetts.

Only when these companies are made to pay our health care costs will we see something be done to reverse the damage they have done, and are currently doing.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Carolyn Poinelli

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/18/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Peggy
Last name: Point
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Comments to oppose modification to the Roadless Rule

Dear U.S. Forest Service,

All of the action alternatives in the Draft EIS 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 demand that you select the "No Action" Alternative (Alternative 1) and allow the Roadless Rule to remain intact on the Tongass National Forest.

Sincerely,

Peggy La Point

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/21/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Thomas
Last name: Point
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Keep 'Roadless Rule' Protections for the Tongass National Forest

Dear U.S. Forest Service,

I strongly oppose the Forest Service's plan to eliminate "Roadless Rule" protections for the Tongass National Forest and urge you to select the "no action" alternative instead.

Your proposal to open the door to clearcutting and bulldozing is irresponsible and fundamentally threatens the forest. The Tongass belongs to all Americans and shouldn't be sacrificed to the timber industry.

It is even more important to save these last remaining roadless forests because your agency has fragmented and logged so much of our national forests.

I strongly 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 and clearcutting for logging. 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 and remote recreation.

I demand that you select the "no action" alternative to maintain "Roadless Rule" protections for the Tongass and Chugach.

Sincerely,

Thomas La Point

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 1/1/0001 12:00:00 AM
First name: Tasha
Last name: Poirer
Organization:
Title:
Comments:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/12/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Dennis
Last name: Poirier
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.
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Maggie
Last name: Poirier
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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First name: Jane
Last name: poklemba
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Jane poklemba

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Cheryl
Last name: Pokomo
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Cheryl Pokomo and I live in Los Angeles, California.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Tamara
Last name: Pokorny
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Tamara Pokorny and I live in Quilcene, Washington.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Edgar
Last name: Polanco
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Last name: poland
Organization:
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Last name: Polansky
Organization:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Tom
Last name: Polce
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

Please protect the wildlife, salmon and native forest.

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,

Tom Polce

Lone Tree, CO 80124

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/11/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: ERIC
Last name: POLCZYNSKI
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is ERIC POLCZYNSKI and I live in Pagosa Springs, Colorado.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Jerry
Last name: Polder
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Jerry Polder and I live in Eugene, Oregon.

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First name: Aimee
Last name: Polekoff
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Aimee Polekoff and I live in Lansdale, Pennsylvania.

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Regards, Aimee Polekoff

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Suzanne
Last name: Polen
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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[United States Forest Service
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Regards, Suzanne Polen

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Carol
Last name: Poleno
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Logging this area would be devastating to the environment. Stop espousing junk science and protect these trees and our planet.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Carol
Last name: Poleno
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Carol Poleno and I live in New Castle PA.
Roadless Rule
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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Carol Poleno

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/18/2019 3:00:46 PM
First name: Alice
Last name: Polesky
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,
Alice Polesky
San Francisco, CA 94107

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Alice
Last name: Polesky
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Alice Polesky and I live in San Francisco, California.

The Tongass National Forest belongs to the planet and to the American and native people. Screw the logging interests.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Alice Polesky

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Bill
Last name: Polesnak
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Bill Polesnak and I live in Troy, Michigan.

Save something for US.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Bill Polesnak

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Steve
Last name: Poli
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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. Trumps plan is yet another attack from the Trump administration on Indigenous rights. Alaskan Native communities -- including the Tlingit, Haida, and Tsimshian peoples -- have depended on the Tongass Rainforest for millennia. It is the backbone to their culture, traditions, and communities -- we simply cannot let it disappear.

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.

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, Steve Poli

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Scott
Last name: Polich
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC3742

U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule

Comment Period:

Comment Period Alaska Roadless Rule:

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,

Scott Polich

Riverside, IL 6546

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/18/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Sydell
Last name: Polin
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC240

I am writting *in support of the No Action Alternative* [Text underlined for emphasis] for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement on proposed Alaska Roadless Rule. The Tongass contains some of the largest intact old-growth temperate rainforest in the world, and its value to providing clean water for fish and wildlife habitat is *essential* [Text underlined for emphasis] to the *economic* [Text underlined for emphasis] and *ecological* [Text underlined for emphasis] health of Southeast Alaska. I *strongly oppose* [Text underlined for emphasis] any efforts to weaken protection for Roadless areas in the Tongass National Forest.

(Sis) Sydell Polin Apt. 520

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Margaret
Last name: Polino
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Margaret Polino and I live in Queens, New York.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Margaret Polino

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/5/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Ethan
Last name: Polinsky
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): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: ROSE
Last name: POLIS
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is ROSE POLIS and I live in Massapequa Park, New York.

Families need protection and their health is in crisis.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, ROSE POLIS

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Bret
Last name: Polish
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Bret Polish and I live in Los Angeles, California.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Bret Polish

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Jodi
Last name: Polissky
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Jodi Polissky and I live in Ashburn, Virginia.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Jodi Polissky

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Gene
Last name: Polito
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Gene Polito and I live in Sag Harbor, New York.

Please don't wreck the air we breath.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Gene Polito

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/7/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: JARED
Last name: POLITZ
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/16/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Drew
Last name: Politzer
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Drew Politzer and I live in Brookline, Massachusetts.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Drew Politzer

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Eric
Last name: Politzer
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Eric Politzer and I live in Los Angeles, California.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/1/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Lucius
Last name: Polk
Organization:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Nora
Last name: Polk
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Nora Polk and I live in Portland, Oregon.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Nora Polk

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: S
Last name: Polk
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is S Polk and I live in Flemington, New Jersey.

Let's not go back to the dark ages of rampant air pollution! Stand up for public health.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, S Polk

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Barbara
Last name: Polkontch
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC842

Dear Secretary Perdue,

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): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Alan
Last name: Pollack
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Alan Pollack and I live in Los Angeles, California.

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Last name: Pollack
Organization:
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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Bret Pollack

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Jenny
Last name: Pollack
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
[Attached postcard received 12/31/2019. Redacted to protect personally identifiable information. Original is in the project record.]

Text:

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 to 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,

Name:

Address:

City: Zip:

Email:

Phone:

[Position]

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Sincerely,

Name: JENNY POLLACK

Address: [redacted]

City: [redacted]

Email: [redacted]

Phone: [redacted]

Dec. 31, 2019

Ken Tu
ID Team Leader
Alaska Roadless Rule
USDA Forest Service
P.O. Box 2168
Juneau, Alaska 99802-1628

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Linda
Last name: Pollack
Organization:
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Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Michael
Last name: Pollack
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Michael Pollack and I live in Cupertino, California.

I expect government to protect vital cultural and natural resources. This latest plan falls woefully short in doing so.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Michael Pollack

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Sherry
Last name: Pollack
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Sherry Pollack and I live in Kaneohe, Hawaii.

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Regards, Sherry Pollack

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/18/2019 5:07:52 PM
First name: Jeannie
Last name: Pollak
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,
Jeannie Pollak
Oxnard, CA 93036

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Jeannie
Last name: Pollak
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Jeannie Pollak and I live in Oxnard, California.

Please do not weaken our environmental protections. Please do not put our health at risk. Jeannie Pollak

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Jeannie Pollak

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/11/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Henry
Last name: Pollan
Organization: Henry Pollan
Title:
Comments:
I live in Haines Alaska and I support the current Road-less Rules. The Tongass is the last great undeveloped temperate rain forest in the world. Please help preserve these places and don't squander them for a quick buck. Thank you

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Lidice
Last name: Pollan
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Lidice Pollan and I live in Lexington, Kentucky.

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Regards, Lidice Pollan

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Charles
Last name: Pollard
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC3769

U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule

Comment Period:

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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,

Charles Pollard

Ludington, MI 49431

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Jonathan
Last name: Pollard
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC5503

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,

Jonathan Pollard

Juneau, AK 99801

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]

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Last name: Pollauf
Organization:
Title:
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Knock it off!
Regards, Kim Pollauf

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First name: Mary
Last name: Pollett
Organization:
Title:
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Regards, Mary Pollett

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Daniel
Last name: polley
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Daniel polley and I live in Chicago, Illinois.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Rebecca
Last name: Pollinzi
Organization:
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Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Benji
Last name: Pollock
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
We must do all we can to protect the Tongass National Forest. This extremely important old growth forest should be protected and remain wild for ourselves, our wildlife, and our generations to come.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Sarah
Last name: Pollock
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Sarah Pollock

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Sharon
Last name: Pollock
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Sharon Pollock and I live in Santa Rosa, California.

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Regards, Sharon Pollock

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
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Last name: Polonka
Organization:
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Comments:
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Regards, Jack Polonka

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First name: jean
Last name: Polous
Organization:
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Regards, jean Polous

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Last name: Polowski
Organization:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/20/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Micah
Last name: Polson
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: Jordan
Last name: Polycranos
Organization:
Title:
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Thank you for your time and God Bless America.
Regards, Jordan Polycranos

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Diane
Last name: Pomerance
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Diane Pomerance and I live in Krugerville, Texas.

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Last name: Pomerantz
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Last name: Pomerantz
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Kara
Last name: Pomeroy
Organization: Stryker
Title:
Comments:
Dear Decision-Makers.

I live in Washington state, but the decision to gut the roadless rule in Alaska's Tongass National Forest affects me, as much as it affects those in Alaska. I am appalled that gutting the roadless rule in the Tongass National Forest is even being considered.

It would be short sighted and foolish to log the Tongass National Forest for many reasons, not least of which are how this ridiculous policy would affect tourism and climate change - we need to plant more trees, not cut down the ones that are here.

Remember, this is a NATIONAL forest - you are not making a decision in a vacuum.

Please, do not continue down this path. Keep the roadless rules as they are in the Tongass National Forest.

Thank you,

Kara Pomeroy

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Regards, Kathie Pomeroy

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Jackie
Last name: Pomies
Organization:
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Comments:
My name is Jackie Pomies and I live in San Francisco, California.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Jackie Pomies

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Elizabeth
Last name: Pomper
Organization: National Audubon Society
Title: Director of Online Outreach
Comments:
Please find attached an Excel spreadsheet (.xlsx) containing the comments of 1,336 supporters of the National Audubon Society in response to Alaska Roadless Rulemaking #54511. These comments are among the more than 29,250 comments submitted by Audubon supporters, most of which were sent directly from individuals to the email address provided by the U.S. Forest Service in an email dated October 18, 2019 ("USDA Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Update"). Personalized comments can be found on the first worksheet; others signed on to the comments below and can be found in the second worksheet:

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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. Furthermore, intact, ancient forests are strongholds of climate resilience, and the Tongass is one of world's largest.

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If you have any questions about the comments, prefer to receive them in a different format, or need additional information about the individuals submitting comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please accept our thanks for ensuring that the comments of these concerned individuals are considered.

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1,156 Form Letters

180 of the attached submissions included Form Plus letters. Unique substantive formal comment (beyond that submitted in the master form (above) is below. Substantive formal comment is defined as "within the scope of

the proposal, have a direct relationship to the proposal, and include supporting reasons for the responsible official to consider" (36 CFR 219.62).

We will lose a nearly pristine habitat, risk losing many species of animals and birds as well as the thousands of hunting, fishing and exploration jobs now supported by this forest.

Lifting the Roadless Rule after two decades would lead to many negative outcomes: increased costs to taxpayers with no return on the investment, degradation and destruction of irreplaceable temperate rainforest, increased greenhouse gases.

Save the forest roadless rule to protect the salmon fishery. It is profitable! Tourism and hunting also demand good habitat for the wildlife attracting the tourists and hunters.

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10/18/2019	Kristine	Hutchin	Eagle River	AK	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 will upset the balance of the Tongass ecosystem that is needed for the wildlife. We are currently experiencing the 6th mass extinction. We don't want to add species to the extinction list, yet when their habitat is removed, that is what will happen. In addition the timber industry has a history of losses. It cannot sustain itself on its own. Contrary to the timber industry, the current tourist industry is profitable. Tourists don't want to see cleared forest devoid of wildlife. The tourist industry will suffer. I recall that Jay Hammond said we should not trade one industry against another and particular a renewable resource. He also said developement was on the behalf of ALL Alaskans! Please heed the words of a wise man! 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.
10/18/2019	Marybeth	Holleman	Anchorage	AK	As an Alaskan, I have appreciated and enjoyed the Tongass forests for over 30 years. These forests are vital to our economy and our way of life, and are increasingly important to the world as a whole, as we face the challenges of a changing climate. I have long appreciated the Roadless Rule protections that the Tongass National Forest has had, and very strongly support its continuance. 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.
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10/18/2019	Sharen	Oxman	Lillian	AL	Is the Forest Service suppose to protect forests? 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. Shouldn't that be of concern to the Forest Service? 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. Why would the Forest Service want to do that? 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. That is the job of the Forest Service, protect the forests.
10/18/2019	Edward	Markushewski	Huntsville	AL	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 outrageously 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.

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10/18/2019	Marge	Pellegrino	Tucson	AZ	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. You know the science -- 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.
10/18/2019	Kenneth	Van Buren	Phoenix	AZ	Is there no one left in our government agencies with the courage to preserve our environmental resources and say to the greedy, unethical, unscrupulous money-grubbers? It does not look likely. God placed humans on this Earth for the protection and preservation of its resources, not the blatantly unethical destruction. 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.
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10/18/2019	Danae	Michael	Green Valley	AZ	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. Wildlife has only one chance whereas humans have many non-wilderness areas in which to make in roads. Give the animals, birds and fish a step up in life ! Do not eliminate the forests' protections!

10/18/2019	Bella	Romain	Sun City	AZ	The well-thought-out Roadless Rule helps protect precious 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 degrade and fragment the forest and eliminate more of the vital old-growth trees that these animals rely on. All of the action alternatives in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement allow more potentially devastating 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.
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10/18/2019	Melissa	Sanderson	Phoenix	AZ	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. Please do not be deceived by arguments from the logging industry that these old trees are not needed. Science shows that actually, they are crucial to the welfare of the forest. These old trees also draw multitudes of tourists, creating sustainable jobs. This is NOT the zero-sum game portrayed by the logging industry! Please stand with the public and protect the old growth trees! 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.
10/18/2019	Dorothy	Schutte	Tempe	AZ	Our planet is changing too fast due to global warming. We much retain former protections and initiate new to preserve our precious ecosystems, which collapse when we open roadless areas to more logging and roads. Once lost, they will not return. 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.

10/18/2019	Tammy	Park	Tucson	AZ	Building roads fragment one of the last wild places left in this world and disturbs wildlife habitats. I do not in any way support removing protections from Tongass. I'm paying close attention to your actions. Do not disappoint the American people by selling out to a few. 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.
10/18/2019	Joan	Bockman	Oceanside	CA	You can always get more money. You can't get more habitat like this. Some areas just should not be used for profit. 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.
10/18/2019	Kathleen	Tandy	Oakland	CA	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. Modification of the Roadless Rule is absolutely the wrong thing to do! We have very few truly wild places left in the world and we need to protect them, all of them.
10/18/2019	Richard	Payne	Los Gatos	CA	NO NEW ROADS IN OLD-GROWTH FORESTS 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.
10/18/2019	Thomas	Browne	Fremont	CA	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. This incredible forest needs further protection, not exploitation. Please rescind any efforts to seek the wholesale dismemberment of this very special part of our country and keep in place the Roadless rule which protects it so future generations can explore and enjoy it! 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.

10/18/2019	Marilyn	Chilcote	Oakland	CA	I love this place and want it protected for my children. please come up please do not lift this rule! 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.
10/18/2019	Sue	Santoro	Half Moon Bay	CA	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. Ple
10/18/2019	Cynthia	Leeder	San Jose	CA	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 DEMAND you select the "No Action" Alternative (Alternative 1) and allow the Roadless Rule to remain intact on the Tongass National Forest.
10/18/2019	Bonnie	MacRaith	Arcata	CA	Roads disrupt Wilderness in general and specifically they decimate wildlife habitat and the treasured old-growth woods in Alaska. 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.
10/18/2019	Debbie	Colia	West Hills	CA	As a former Alaskan resident and former oil exploration employee who has now learned the impact to the environment is not just what we do to the land being explored, but the cascade effect of those efforts to our planet, I ask you to please be on the right side of peace and health for our planet, our climate, plants and nature. Please use your position of authority to protect our planet. 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.

10/18/2019	Mary	Dederer	Menlo Park	CA	I know you may not be as devoted to forests and wilderness as the founders of the Forest Service were, but it is important now more than ever to preserve wilderness areas from roads and the disturbance they will cause to animals and their habitats, birds and trees and plants. 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. I hope you will see the truth of this and prevent the inevitable destruction of this rare pristine area of the word.
10/18/2019	C	S	San Diego	CA	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. STOP harming our country - leave the Tongass alone with NO modifications to the Roadless Rule!!
10/18/2019	Gladwyn	d'Souza	Belmont	CA	The Roadless Rule is essential for saving us money from the impacts of wildfires, hurricanes, droughts, etc. It 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.
10/18/2019	Melissa	Martinez	Los Angeles	CA	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. Thank you!
10/18/2019	Joseph	Boone	San Luis Obispo	CA	Stop destroying Earth's last wild places for short term profit! 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.
10/18/2019	JL	Angell	Rescue	CA	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--which is inconsistent with intent of the wilderness preservation laws. 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.

10/18/2019	Majda	Jones	Portola Valley	CA	The roadless areas of Tongass National Forest must remain roadless. Here is why: 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.
10/18/2019	Mha Atma S	Khalsa	Los Angeles	CA	As a very concerned and engaged American citizen and taxpayer, I appreciate your carefully considering my comment! 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.
10/18/2019	Dianne	Sullivan	Modesto	CA	OUR CONTINENT & PLANET NEED EVERY HEALTHY FOREST TO ABSORB CARBON/CO2. WE ALSO MUST KEEP HABITATS FOR WILD ANIMALS & BIRDS. CORPORATIONS ARE RUINING/DEVASTATING OUR USA, OUR CONTINENT & OUR WORLD. 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.
10/18/2019	Robin	Kent	Davis	CA	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. There is no need for this new development, and i5 would do more harm than good to Alaska's economy in the area as well.
10/18/2019	Freda	Shen	Los Angeles	CA	Leave the Roadless Rule in place for the protection of the Tongass National Forest! It is insane to allow clearcutting of these magnificent old-growth woods in Alaska. There will be no more of them and they are a jewel of the world of which we are only the caretakers - and the care taking they need is to leave them undisturbed!! STOP YOUR INVASIVE ENVIRONMENTAL DEREGULATION. 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.

10/18/2019	Nan	Singh-Bowman	Ben Lomond	CA	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. No incursions into this pristine wilderness....period!
10/18/2019	John	Maurer	Emeryville	CA	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. How can a government agency reverse an action taken by congtrss? 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.
10/18/2019	Nancy	Caponi	Santa Barbara	CA	Please protect the ancient Tongass national forest. 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.
10/18/2019	Dan	Richman	San Francisco	CA	LOGGING IN TONGASS WOULD BE PARTICULARLY SHORT-SIGHTED. TREES ARE CUT, TURNED INTO INTO 2X4S OR TOILET PAPER, AND SOON USED - ONCE. SO ARE THE SHORT-TERM JOBS CREATED BY LOGGING.BUT AN UNDISTURBED FOREST IS A TREASURE - FOR WILDLIFE, FOR PEOPLE, AND FOR THE WORLD, FOR THE LONG TERM. AND YOU KNOW ALL THIS. SO DOES THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE US PUBLIC. 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 road-less 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.
10/18/2019	Jerami	Prendiville	Santa Rosa Valley	CA	We need to keep SOME land free from human disruption! 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.
10/18/2019	Katherine	Bettis	Eureka	CA	Expand the Roadless Rule everywhere. 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.

10/18/2019	Ann	Wasgatt	Roseville	CA	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. The timber industry in Alaska is no longer profitable. Why spend money ruining the salmon habitat for an industry the simply costs taxpayers? Save the forest roadless rule to protect the salmon fishery. It is profitable! Tourism and hunting also demand good habitat for the wildlife attracting the tourists and hunters.
10/18/2019	David	Doering	San Francisco	CA	I oppose limitation of the Roadless Rule in Tongass National Forest. 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.
10/18/2019	Jane	Forbes	Santa Cruz	CA	Please do not let this happen. Have we learned nothing from past destructive habits? We need the Tongass to stay intact. We need to find alternatives to logging. 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.
10/18/2019	Riley	Neel	Thousand Oaks	CA	Don’t remove the Tongass from the Roadless Rule!
10/18/2019	Ronald	Munson	Fort Bragg	CA	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. We condemn Brazil for destroying the Amazon rainforest, but now the USForest Service proposes to destroy our own temperate rainforest in support of private logging interests. 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.
10/18/2019	Catherine	Burke	San Gabriel	CA	Please remember your job is to protect our forests. 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. This would be an appalling The Tongass National Forest is a national treasure. Please continue to protect it for all of us and all our descendents. 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.

10/18/2019	Mark	Feldman	Santa Rosa	CA	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. WE ARE AWARE THAT THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE IS RUN BY CRONIES/SHILLS OF THE TIMBER INDUSTRY & OF WHOM THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE WORKS FOR=$$$$. PUSHING THROUGH THEIR AGENDAS WITHOUT ANY CONCERNS OR CARING ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENTAL DESTRUCTION CREATED BY YOUR DESPICABLE INSENSITIVE ACTIONS. Yet, all of the action alternatives in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement ALLOWS 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.
10/18/2019	Gail	Brady	Oak Park	CA	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.Common bird species will push out the more fragile ones .The Forest is needed for climate control as well. 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.
10/18/2019	Steve	Bean	Salinas	CA	Keep it wild!! 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.
10/18/2019	Janet	Graham	Grover	CO	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. I think that it is important not to use up all of our assets. We need to leave some pristine areas as they are as a savings account for the future. While some areas may be fine with new roads and logging, but not the Tongass. In keeping it as pure as possible, we ensure a laboratory for future research, a vast untouched area for many species of plants and animals to thrive and an exciting 'time capsule' for the future.
10/18/2019	Mike	Serruto	Aurora	CO	Teddy Roosevelt set-aside the Tongass, the largest temperate rainforest in this world, in 1902. It is named for the Tongass group of the Tlingit people. This place is ancient to their place in this world; this place restores for us in a moment, without words or encouragements - awe. You are logging it with our money, $30M to subsidize the destruction of the irreplaceable. Ending all logging is the one truly human action to be taken; to encourage the expansion of logging is the act of the monstrous aspect of human nature. I urge you to select the “No Action” Alternative (Alternative 1) and allow the Roadless Rule to remain intact on the Tongass National Forest.
10/18/2019	Peggy	La Point	Fort Collins	CO	All of the action alternatives in the Draft EIS 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 demand that you select the “No Action” Alternative (Alternative 1) and allow the Roadless Rule to remain intact on the Tongass National Forest.

10/18/2019	Kathryn	Rose	Denver	CO	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. We need our forests to inhale carbon dioxide so the planet can survive. We need our forests to exhale oxygen so we can survive. 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.
10/18/2019	Paul	Lajeunesse	Boulder	CO	I urge you to select the “No Action” Alternative (Alternative 1) and allow the Roadless Rule to remain intact on the Tongass National Forest. The pramble of our Constitution states among others things that it is intended to "promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity" I can assure you that bending to special extraction oriented interest in this case and others for short term economic gain at the expense of the vast majority of American taxpayers in not promoting our general welfare. The US has already permanently altered the vast majority of its original landscape and providing an exception of the Roadless Rule for Alaska will only have a ripple effect that will jeopardize the future of our other few remaining wild places as well. The logging of old growth timber and the value of creation of a road network is not economically or environmentally sustainable, pales in comparison to the tourism economy and will permanently alter our last great temperate forest. 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.
10/18/2019	Linda	Pohle	Denver	CO	Do not gut forest protections in the wild and roadless areas of the Tongass National Forest! These are public lands and the Alaska politicians who want these protections removed are not speaking for the American public. They are speaking for companies that want to make money by clearcutting these irreplaceable lands--and doing so with American taxpayers' money, my money! 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. 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. 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. You must select the “No Action” Alternative (Alternative 1) and allow the Roadless Rule to remain intact on the Tongass National Forest. Thank you.
10/18/2019	Janet	Shin	Littleton	CO	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. The Tongass National Forest is one of our rare remaining temperate rainforests. It should now be opened by roads which threaten the existence of the birds and animals that need large tracts of contiguous old growth forest to survive. It should be preserved and conserved as the national treasure it is.
10/18/2019	Amy	Masching	Golden	CO	All of your action alternatives in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement regarding the Roadless Rule in the Tongass National Forest allow more roadbuilding and logging across the Tongass National Forest. Opening roadless areas to more logging and roads fragments the forest and eliminates old trees that wildlife rely on. 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 well past 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. Select the “No Action” Alternative (Alternative 1) and allow the Roadless Rule to remain intact on the Tongass National Forest.

10/18/2019	Barbara	Bernhardt	Montrose	CO	As you already know, 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.
10/18/2019	Paula	Denissen	Wolcott	CO	I have visited The Tongass National Forest numerous times on camping trips. It's priceless. You'd really consider logging this old grown forest? Please reconsider and protect this treasure. 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.
10/18/2019	Kathleen	Doyle	Golden	CO	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.
10/18/2019	Teresa	Collins	Louisville	CO	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. Please choose to preserve public lands for the public whose taxpayer dollars have paid for them rather than allow them to exploited by specialized business interests.
10/18/2019	S	Bruzik	Southington	CT	You Know this is environmentally a really lousy idea. Americans are 90% For land and wildlife preservation. You get paid by American taxpayers. Please!!! Do right by us and withdraw this proposal. 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.
10/18/2019	MICHAEL	CASO	Rocky Hill	CT	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. DON'T YOU DARE DISTURB THIS AREA...WE NEED ALL THE TREES WE CAN GET TO COMBAT CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE PEOPLE AND ANIMALS THAT CALL THIS ARE HOME DESERVE BETTER. CUT ALL THE TREES ON TRUMP PROPERTIES INSTEAD.

10/18/2019	Theresa	Fair	Terryville	CT	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. We all know what a road would mean to the Tongass National Forest. The rape and pillage by the logging companies, mining companies, and the oil companies. Destroying the temperate rainforest at a time we need to save every tree in this world. One road will lead to more roads. Then buildings, human waste, and garbage. I cannot believe that you would even think of destroying this precious and sensitive ecosystem. Presidents in the past knew the importance of Tongass to this nation. Are we destroyers or saviors? What will you tell your children and grandchildren at this apex moment? We Do Not Inherit the Earth from Our Ancestors; We Borrow It from Our Children. We have not inherited this earth from our parents to do with it what we will. We have borrowed it from our children and we must be careful to use it in their interests as well as our own. May the reasoning of protecting not using, all our wonders, fill your heart and leave Tongass as a national treasure that it is. Sincerely, Theresa Fair
10/18/2019	Charles	Tavender	Saint Augustine	FL	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. Do your job and protect our wilderness areas instead of caving to big business and special interest groups. STOP STOP STOP!!! Is there no place in the USA that will be safe from this kind of impact? It NEVER ends with one forest; please prevent this change for this forest.
10/18/2019	Leona	Schmit	Orlando	FL	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.
10/18/2019	Rebecca	Cantrell	Jasper	GA	The Roadless Rule helps protect old-growth habitat in the Tongass National Forest 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 clearcutting 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.
10/18/2019	Jono	Knight	Kahului	HI	Let's protect some wilderness and leave some wild places to our children and future generations. Thank you. 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.
10/18/2019	Kathleen	Gordon	Kamuela	HI	It is past time to stop opening more and more acres to the timber industry. Instead protections to the old-growth forests and wild areas on the Tongass must be preserved! Please select the “No Action” Alternative to allow the Roadless Rule to remain intact on the Tongass National Forest. We must preserve the wild places for all creatures; there are enough challenges to wildlife and we must be responsible to all species, especially those who don't vote or have a voice...

10/18/2019	Nancy	Davlantes	Kaneohe	HI	The reasons for the Roadless Rule haven't changed. Old-growth habitat for birds like the Prince of Wales Spruce Grouse and Northern Goshawk, as well as for mammals like wolves and deer still need protection. 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.
10/18/2019	Susan	Benner	Ames	IA	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, and endangers one of the few pristine areas that remain on our earth. 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. This is being proposed just as studies find that wild bird populations have declined by almost 30% since 1970. We need to be protecting wild habitat, not destroying it. 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.
10/18/2019	Nancy	Cordray	Decatur	IL	Please don't disturb this rare pristine rainforest! 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.
10/18/2019	Matthew	Thompson	North Riverside	IL	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, Matthew Thompson
10/18/2019	Patrick	Maloney	Chicago	IL	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.
10/18/2019	Lucretia	Marriott	Chicago	IL	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. We cannot exhaust the earth's natural areas and expect to have a healthy planet to live on. Those sorts of destructive ways must stop.

10/18/2019	DIANE	KASTEL	Wheaton IL	OUR FAMILY IS TELLING THE "U.S. FOREST SERVICE" NOT TO GUT FOREST PROTECTIONS IN THE WIID, "ROADLESS", AREAS OF THE "TONGASS NATIONAL FOREST"! MY FAMILY AND I STRONGLY OPPOSE ANY MODIFICATION TO THE "ROADLESS RULE"! 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"! MY FAMILY AND I URGE, AND, IMPLORE, YOU TO SELECT THE "NO ACTION" ALTERNATIVE (ALTERNATIVE 1) AND, ALLOW THE "ROADLESS RULE" TO REMAIN INTACT ON THE "TONGASS NATIONAL FOREST"! All of the action alternatives in the "Draft Environmental Impact Statement" allow more road building, 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! For nearly two decades, the federal "Roadless Rule" has prohibited road-building, and, logging, on nearly 60 million acres of the country's most pristine national forest land! The "Roadless Rule" currently protects more than half of the nearly 17-million-acre "Tongass National Forest" in Alaska, which is part of the largest remaining temperate rain forest on Earth! Part of the largest remaining temperate rain forest on Earth, the "Tongass" hosts the "Prince of Wales Spruce Grouse", and, the "Queen Charlotte Goshawk", a subspecies of "Northern Goshawk" that hunts, and, breeds, exclusively in old-growth forests! These wild areas are in jeopardy: the "U.S. Forest Service" has proposed a new rule that would open these old-growth woods in Alaska to clear cutting! 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! In 2018, "U.S. Secretary of Agriculture", Sonny Perdue, directed the "U.S. Forest Service" to write an Alaska-specific rule, following the state’s petition to once again drop the "Tongass" from the "Roadless Rule"! The agency is accepting public comments on this misguided, non-conservation plan through December 17! Our family is sending our public comments to the "Forest Service" through the "Audobon Action Center"! Meanwhile, legislation to codify the "Roadless Rule" has been introduced in both chambers of Congress! The "Roadless Area Conservation Act", introduced by Representatives Ruben Gallego (D-AZ), and, Diana DeGette (D-CO), and, Senator Maria Cantwell, (D-WA), would protect "National Forest" land in 39 states from logging, and, road building, including the "Tongass"! Audubon urges swift passage of this bill through Congress! The "Tongass" hosts exceptional birds, including the "Prince of Wales Spruce Grouse" and, the "Queen Charlotte Goshawk", a subspecies of "Northern Goshawk" found in southeast Alaska, and, coastal British Columbia, that hunts, and, breeds, exclusively in old-growth forests! The "Marbled Murrelet"—a seabird that nests in tufts of moss found on massive limbs of large coastal trees, and, is considered endangered on the "International Union for Conservation of Nature's Red List"—also finds refuge here! Cutting the old-growth woods, and, building roads where these creatures live, fragments their habitat, which can affect breeding success for some species!
10/18/2019	Donna	Kos	Orland Park IL	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. This is not just about birds, this is about the future of the planet and human survival on it. We can't be so short-sighted to put corporate profits for a few over the survival of the flora and fauna for generations to come. 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.
10/18/2019	Carol	Hatfield	Indianapolis IN	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. Anything that damages the ecosystem causes harm to us all. We cannot survive without healthy ecosystems! 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 respectfully demand that you select the “No Action” Alternative (Alternative 1) and allow the Roadless Rule to remain intact on the Tongass National Forest. We cannot allow more harm to our wildlife and ecosystems! Thank you.

10/18/2019	Lyn	Berling	Indianapolis	IN	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 without our permission or our agreeing to this cost. Meanwhile, these destructive activities degrade the naturally sustainable wealth of salmon, wildlife watching, and tourism opportunities. This infuriates us. For sure!!! It is time to stop opening more and more acres to the timber industry and instead INCREASE 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. We are paying attention to your not protecting old-growth habitat. If you don't, WHO WILL?????
10/18/2019	Laura	Fuderer	South Bend	IN	I write to you as Conservation Chair of the South Bend-Elkhart Audubon Society, an Audubon chapter of over 700 members. We have been protesting the expansion of roads in the Tongass for years. 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.
10/18/2019	Barb	Michener	Lawrence	KS	It is time to stop opening more and more acres to the timber industry. We need to 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.
10/18/2019	Bev	McDaniel	Leawood	KS	It matters more that you think. We must leave this untouched. 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.
10/18/2019	Michael	Vickers	Jefferson	LA	The problem that we have with our government is that trump is only out make money for himself and his cohorts in crime and corruption. The people of this great nation are trapped between a rock and a hard place by trump and all of his allies. The longer that he is in office the worse it is going to be. We all have to stand together and put them away before it is to late. 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.
10/18/2019	Barbara A	Whitehair	Haverhill	MA	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. This forest is helping to absorb the carbon in our atmosphere is a big way. Please leave it intact for the good of us all. Thank you.

10/18/2019	Judith	Embry	Florida	MA	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. Can't this administration leave any environmental protections in place? I urge you to select the "No Action" Alternative (Alternative 1) and allow the Roadless Rule to remain intact on the Tongass National Forest.
10/18/2019	Andrew	Sanford	Marblehead	MA	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. The old growth forest also stores vast amounts of carbon, which in this time when dire climate change threatens should not be released. It is completely selfish and irresponsible to encourage further destruction of this forest. 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, and will only further contribute to climate change - the biggest threat the country - and planet - faces. 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.
10/18/2019	Shawn	Sargent	West Yarmouth	MA	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. Attention: If the U.S. Forest Service Allows for Logging in The Tongass National Forest, it is Blatantly Ignoring Its Mission To Protect Our Public Lands, which is its sole mission. As A Citizen and Veteran of The Armed Services, I am utterly appalled, and vehemently opposed, to any de-regulation of the 2001 Roadless Rule. As I have stated above; It is the Solemn Duty of Every Government Employee, or Station, to disobey a lawful order, when it is in direct conflict of the government entity's mission and laws, that have precedence and that are in direct conflict with the Majority will of the American People ! Have you visited the Tongass National forest? Have you studied the effects of building roads and destroying an ecosystem that is unique and irreplaceable? And for what purpose? President Roosevelt understood the value of America's resources when he established the National Park system. He also understood that without regulations a capitalist society will exploit its resources and it's people. It is critically important that our government acknowledges the immeasurable value of pristine land and forests. 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.
10/18/2019	Susan	LaScala	Gill	MA	Your plan to destroy this natural treasure is absolutely sinful. You should be protecting, not injuring, our planet. 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.
10/18/2019	Linda	Meech	Milton	MA	

10/18/2019	Sandra	Sales	Baltimore	MD	Managed plantings of forests keeps wood production going NOT LOOTING THE LITTLE, FRAGILE FOREST THAT SUSTAIN SPECIES ON THE BRINK OF EXTINCTION - AND THE HUMAN RACE WITH THEM. CANARIES IN THE COAL MINES SAVED US ONCE. Our feathered friends are telling us something important. HEED the message they bring. 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.
10/18/2019	Helene	Lisy	Chestertown	MD	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. These activities alone bring in millions of dollars to the state. Our forests are also the lungs of our planet. The planet can survive without humans - but we need our Mother Earth and its resources. 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.
10/18/2019	Andrew	Sellman	Rockville	MD	What's the point of preserving old growth national forests if 'exceptions' become commonplace. The result is no national refuge or forest is safe from exploitation by business wanting to make more money. NO EXCEPTIONS to existing Rule, please! 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.
10/18/2019	Warren	Miller	Beltsville	MD	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. You all are a bunch of greedy bastards sucking off trumps dick. Scum of the earth with no regard for life.
10/18/2019	James	malonson	Chesapeake Beach	MD	I am writing you to please stop the biggest mistake we wil make of our lifetimes. Do not let a rpad go through our old growth forest please. If you have ever done anythi8ng in your life please do not let this happen. The only people who want it want it for profit...there is far more to be earned in eco tourism. PLESE DO NOT LET THIS HAPPEN. PROTECT IT! 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.
10/18/2019	Charles	Glatt	Kalamazoo	MI	The Roadless Rule protects the Tongass National forest; vital old-growth habitat for birds as well as for mammals. To open areas to more roads will fragment the forest and eliminate more of the big old trees that these animals rely on. Plus, logging roads cost a lot of taxpayer money and threaten salmon fishing and tourism. It is time to restrict the area available to the timber industry and instead protect the Tongass. I urge you to select the “No Action” Alternative (Alternative 1) and allow the Roadless Rule to remain intact.

10/18/2019	Jeanine	Center	Ann Arbor	MI	The Tongass National Forest is a part of the lungs of the world: it inhales dangerous carbon dioxide and exhales life-giving oxygen. Your irresponsible, reckless plans for it will destroy this natural and vital process. The Roadless Rule helps protect this process and the old-growth habitat for birds like the Prince of Wales Spruce Grouse and Northern Goshawks, 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 we all rely on. Furthermore, this national forest and all of our other public lands are our legacy to future generations of Americans and should be preserved and protected as such, not exploited and plundered for private gain. Yet, all of the action alternatives in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement allow more devastating road building 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 the Tongass. 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.
10/18/2019	Grant	Tiefenbruck	Cottage Grove	MN	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. There aren't enough truly wild areas left on earth. As citizens of the Earth, we should save Tongass for everyone in the future.
10/18/2019	Paula	Kwakenat	Bloomington	MN	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 Leave the Tongass alone.
10/18/2019	Nancy	Robinson	Minneapolis	MN	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. This area is a pristine wilderness, one of the last we have left in the United States. How dare The U.S. Forest Service continue to allow for degradation and destruction of this key American legacy and Earth support?
10/18/2019	Jill	Greer	Stark City	MO	I would like to respectfully remind your agency of its primary purpose for existence, which is the protection of our precious forests. With that sacred duty first and foremost, please remember that 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.

10/18/2019	Tom	Schwegler	Kansas City	MO	I am writing to you as a supporter of the National Audubon Society, the Natural Resources Defense Council, the Environmental Defense Fund, Earth Justice, the World Wildlife Fund, the Sierra Club and other environmental organizations. As you know, the federal 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. I, along with the aforementioned environmental organizations, hope the U.S. Forest Service will 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 please select the "No Action" Alternative (Alternative 1) and allow the Roadless Rule to remain intact on the Tongass National Forest. Thank you for considering this critical environmental issue.
10/18/2019	Chuck	Lindsay	Warrensburg	MO	Keep our public lands pristine. Do not put them into the unbridled capitalistic quagmire. 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.
10/18/2019	Suzanne	Jones	Brevard	NC	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. The Roadless Rule should remain in effect for ALL parts of the Tongass National Forest. To exempt one section will only allow further invasion of these areas.
10/18/2019	Gary	Brookhart	Durham	NC	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. Furthermore, this temperate rain forest sequesters more carbon than the tropical rain forest of the Amazon. At a time when planting more forests is required to combat Climate Change, opening the Tongass to logging is senseless. 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.
10/18/2019	Melissa	Nemeth	Concord	NC	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, and will reduce the positive impacts these forests have on the climate crisis. 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.

10/18/2019	Karen	Hodges	Charlotte	NC	We in the U.S. have a unique and priceless resource in our wilderness areas and old-growth forests. We have this only because we have set in place rules and laws that protect it from exploitation for short-term profit for the few. It is critical that we take a long-term view, especially during this era of climate change and the endangerment of whole species. Once gone, they are gone forever. I therefore urge you to stand by the Roadless Rule that 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.
10/18/2019	Kathryn	Stockdale	Calabash	NC	Please protect the Tonga's National Forest from development! The Roadless Rule helps protect old-growth habitat for birds like the Prince of Wales Spruce Grouse and Northern Goshawk. Opening this area to more logging and roads will fragment the forest and eliminate more of the big old trees that these animals rely on. Tonga's is too unique and precious to squander. 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.
10/18/2019	Alan	Linn	Hickory	NC	I do hope you read this message asking for your compassion for our Tongass National Forest area and see my personal thoughts for our children, wildlife and land. 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. After all the oil has been sucked out of the Tongass Forest by the oil companies and all the wildlife and greenery have been decimated, they will leave the ground polluted and worthless for any wildlife or plants to ever live there again. So then the oil people will just move on to their next pristine lands that our govt has given them to rape. Please think about your final decision for the Tongass Forest. What will we gain except to allow the oil people to get richer ?? What will our future generations inherit from your decision ?? Thank you for your time and considerations in this crucial matter.
10/18/2019	Angela	Uhlich	Bismarck	ND	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. Do the right thing! We only have one planet on which to live and our descendants deserve the same beauty we inherited!
10/18/2019	Renae	McKeon	Bennington	NE	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. I am all for saving wildlife and stopping corporations from making millions by destroying this planet. Alaska is our last wild frontier and it should remain that way. 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.

10/18/2019	Sue	King	Armidale	New South Wales	I found the policies of the current administration so disheartening that I moved overseas, but I still vote and care deeply about the environment! 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. Don't be fools, history will remember you kindly if you move to protect the environment now...a healthy environment is the only thing providing us with a future.
10/18/2019	Diane	Hashem	Thornton	NH	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. We are in a critical time where we need to protect our environment, not destroy it.
10/18/2019	Erika	Towle	Concord	NH	Please keep Tongass free of roads.. 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.
10/18/2019	hilary	Malyon	Oakland	NJ	You cannot allow a moron, even if he is president, to destroy our future with his money grabbind s hemes. 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.
10/18/2019	Nancy	Woodward	Santa Fe	NM	We criticize Brazil for allowing the deforestation of the Amazon, so we must insist on protecting our own temperate rain forest. 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.
10/18/2019	Karen	Blackmore	Sandia Park	NM	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. In particular, Alaska has forest that should definitely be held in reserve considering the recent deforestation of big chunks of Brazil. 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, not to mention forest itself. 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.

10/18/2019	Cynthia	McNamara	Albuquerque	NM	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. Despite the importance of maintaining an intact forest with its old growth trees, 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.
10/18/2019	S.	Kay	Tijeras	NM	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. For Christ's sake, this is our home...our planet. PLEASE...let's NOT let greed take over. There is no place for greed & ignorance. There is only room for kindness & goodness. SGMKJ
10/18/2019	Jim	Boone	Las Vegas	NV	I've visited the Tongass, and it is a spectacular, wild, and special place. I am opposed to changes in the Tongass Roadless Rule 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.
10/18/2019	Carol	Allen	Hartsdale	NY	The Roadless Rule was created to help protect old-growth forest habitat for birds such as the Prince of Wales Spruce Grouse and Northern Goshawk, and mammals such as wolves and deer. Opening areas to logging that are currently without roads will fragment the forest and eliminate more of the big old, irreplaceable trees upon which these animals rely. Given these objectives and concerns, why are all of the action alternatives in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement written to 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 no return on investment. In addition to destroying the existing ecosystem these destructive activities degrade the naturally sustainable wealth of salmon, decrease recreational and scientific wildlife watching, and tourism opportunities for the surrounding communities. It is time to stop opening additional acres to the timber industry. The U.S. Forest Service should be bolstering protections to the old-growth forests and wild areas of the Tongass. I urge you to select the "No Action" Alternative (Alternative 1) of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and allow the Roadless Rule to remain intact on the Tongass National Forest.
10/18/2019	Barbara	Holtz	New York	NY	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. The Tongass Forest is pristine wilderness and old growth rainforest, and WE MUST PROTECT IT.

10/18/2019	wendy	ryden	Oyster Bay	NY	Keep wilderness wild and stop this shameless pillaging of the natural world for greed and spite. 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.
10/18/2019	Jean	Naples	Suffern	NY	I am writing as an American who strongly supports full protection for our endangered wildlife and our Wilderness areas. The significance of the Roadless Rule is that it 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. I very much oppose any opening of roadless areas because it will lead to more logging while these roads fragment the forest and eliminate more of the big old trees that these animals rely on. Unfortunately, all of the action alternatives in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement allow more roadbuilding and logging across the Tongass National Forest. Please be aware that logging roads and timber operations cost tens of millions of taxpayer dollars every year, with zero return on investment. Meanwhile, please do not forget that these destructive activities degrade the naturally sustainable wealth of salmon, wildlife watching, and tourism opportunities. I am writing because 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. Thank you for your consideration of my letter and as an American who strongly supports full protection for our Wilderness areas, I very much urge you to select the "No Action" Alternative (Alternative 1) and allow the Roadless Rule to remain intact on the Tongass National Forest. Sincerely, Jean Marie Naples, MD-Ph.D.
10/18/2019	Karen	Smith	Burdett	NY	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. In addition, increased deforestation contributes to the amount of carbon entering the atmosphere and oceans. It's time to slow down on logging. 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.
10/18/2019	Clara	Bloomfield	Delaware	OH	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 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.
10/18/2019	MARGE	FEAR	Cleveland Hts	OH	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. You must keep the roadless rule, and protect the beautiful Tongass National Forest for generations to come!!! It would be a tragedy if you didn't.

10/18/2019	April	Boyle	Harrison	OH	I am very concerned about protecting old-growth forests due to their priceless contribution to wildlife habitat and to healthy air that all of us breathe. 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.
10/18/2019	Melinda	Roberts	Canton	OH	Please don't allow this to happen we still don't know what impact this will have. Our pristine wild places should are more important than logging income for the few. 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.
10/18/2019	Helen	Moissant	Central Point	OR	The Trump Administration’s war on the environment has to stop. Among others, 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. This has to be stopped. We need to be conserving more land, not opening up more to development. 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.
10/18/2019	Gloria and Bob	Ziller	O Brien	OR	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. We urge you to select the “No Action” Alternative (Alternative 1) and allow the Roadless Rule to remain intact on the Tongass National Forest.
10/18/2019	Terry	Jess	Albany	OR	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: the Roadless Rule exists for a purpose. 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, cease and desist 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.
10/18/2019	Ray	Stout	Portland	OR	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. We visited Alaska this summer and were stunned by the natural beauty and diversity of our 49th state. There is no reason to destroy the Tongass. Greed and political shenanigans have no place in this type of decision-making. I support Alternative 1.

10/18/2019	Betty	Lowman	Scotts Mills	OR	Leave the Tongass National Forest lands alone! We have precious little old-growth forest left. We must cherish and protect it! 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.
10/18/2019	Paul Howard And	Stacy Drake	Corvallis	OR	*** The following message has been pre-written but we fully agree with it's content. A good way to think of this topic and many like it goes like this: "What is this planet going to look like when we're 'through' with it?" Yep, that's the problem. There's way too many humans gobbling up way too much of it. Thanks - Paul Howard and Stacy Drake, Corvallis, Oregon. *** 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.
10/18/2019	Donlon	McGovern	Portland	OR	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. Our government would be committing a crime against humanity if it goes forward with the plan to essentially destroy the ecosystem of the Tongass.
10/18/2019	Charlotte	Campbell	Albany	OR	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. At this time it is more important than ever to preserve all remaining old-growth forest and wilderness. The Tongass belongs to all Americans, not just extractive industries. Once it is degraded and fragmented it is gone forever.
10/18/2019	Grace	Neff	Albany	OR	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. It would be a tragedy for our descendants to have the Tongass ripped apart and destroyed for profit.

10/18/2019	Kathleen	Geist	Lansdale	PA	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. ONCE AN ANCIENT FOREST IS DEGRADED, IT CANNOT BE RESTORED WITHIN A HUMAN LIFETIME. 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.
10/18/2019	Sandra	Edmiston	Allentown	PA	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. This is the time to protect our environment not corporations wanting to make a profit.
10/18/2019	Judith	Shapiro	Bryn Mawr	PA	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. LET US DO SOMETHING RIGHT!!!
10/18/2019	Arlene	Steinberg	Philadelphia	PA	For nearly two decades, the federal Roadless Rule has prohibited road-building and logging on nearly 60 million acres of the country's most pristine national forest land. The Roadless Rule currently protects more than half of the nearly 17-million-acre Tongass National Forest in Alaska. Part of the largest remaining temperate rainforest on Earth, the Tongass hosts the Prince of Wales Spruce Grouse and the Queen Charlotte Goshawk, a subspecies of Northern Goshawk that hunts and breeds exclusively in old-growth forests. The Roadless Rule helps protect old-growth habitat for birds and mammals that live in these unique habitats. 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. Once gone, they are gone forever - we cannot afford to lose precious natural areas like this. 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. As a taxpayer and environmentalist, I want these places preserved, not destroyed. And I certainly do not want my tax dollars paying for this. 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.
10/18/2019	Barbara	Brandom	Pittsburgh	PA	We need to keep our forests alive. Any intervention that that eliminates old growth forest must include an alternative. more powerful method for sequestration of carbon. 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.

10/18/2019	Anne Marie	Smith	Rose Valley	PA	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 strongly urge you to select the “No Action” Alternative (Alternative 1) and allow the Roadless Rule to remain intact on the Tongass National Forest.
10/18/2019	Dorothea	Leicher	Columbia Cross Roads	PA	The Roadless Rule helps protect old-growth habitat for birds 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. We need the full biodiversity of wilderness areas to combat the effects of climate change and protect our biological life support. This has to take priority over commercial interests. 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.
10/18/2019	Vicki	Nosal	Evans City	PA	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. Just leave the Tongass alone!! DO NOT"MODIFY" THE ROADLESS RULE...TO DO SO WOULD BE DEVASTATING BLOW TO THE ENVIRONMENT.
10/18/2019	Louise	Gardner	Spartanburg	SC	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. Trees are important in mitigating the effects of climate change. Tongass National Forest protection should have the highest priority. Present and future generations are counting on you to commit to its protection. Please keep the Roadless Rule intact. Future generations will thank you.
10/18/2019	Connie	Lippert	Seneca	SC	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. We are the gatekeepers. We have a moral obligation to protect life in all its forms. We do not have an obligation to fill the pockets of large campaign contributors. For the sake of the planet and the people you represent, think of the long term. Please don't sacrifice forever, lands and species, for short term highly damaging extractions. What was created over millennia, let's not destroy in the blink of an eye.

10/18/2019	Al	Hansen	Crossville	TN	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. What good is an exempted rule? 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.
10/18/2019	Ann	Leoni	Spring	TX	Please reflect on the short term benefits of logging and the damage that would be done to this ecosystem. We need to protect whatever is left of pristine, legacy habitats as if our lives depend on it, because they do! 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.
10/18/2019	Marie	McMillen	Kerrville	TX	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. We must CEASE destroying our land!! It cannot be replaced. We do NOT need to log the Tongass National Forest. 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.
10/18/2019	Dave and Rita	Cross	Austin	TX	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! Incredible! 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. We urge you to select the "No Action" Alternative (Alternative 1) and allow the Roadless Rule to remain intact on the Tongass National Forest! With our gratitude!
10/18/2019	Phyllis	Burks	Longview	TX	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.
10/18/2019	John	Simpson	Houston	TX	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. We ae living throug a period of great extinctions and must reverse this ghastlly trend. The Trump administration has no conservation and species diversithy; just corporate profits. What a travesty on our future generations!
10/18/2019	Graham	Keever	Austin	TX	What follows is a form letter, but it accurately represents my views on this matter. 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.

10/18/2019	Marce	Walsh	Houston	TX	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. "The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated."-Mahatma Ghandi "We should respect animals because it makes better human beings of us all."-Dr. Jane Goodall
10/18/2019	Candace	Volz	Austin	TX	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 such as 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.
10/18/2019	Paul	Talbot	Springville	UT	To whom it May Concern: I would like to voice my opposition to the proposed new rule amending the roadless rule in the Tongass National Forest. 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.
10/18/2019	David	Skopin	Essex Junction	VT	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. Future generations deserve to have wild places free from human intervention! The thought that nothing is sacred should not be a human value. Do not defile the Tongass National Forest with roads!
10/18/2019	Nancy	Spaulding	Friday Harbor	WA	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. Please keep the protections in place for Tongass. The world is in a fragile state and we stand to loose so very much. It is simply wrong to ignore the wealth that wild lands offer everyone for the sake of havesting trees for the welfare of a few.
10/18/2019	Cheryl	Biale	Olympia	WA	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. Americans want wilderness to stay pristine without greedy corporations grabbing everything in it that has any potential of having any value to them. Leave our wild areas wild for the species that live in it and for future generations.

10/18/2019	elizabeth	johnston	Seattle	WA	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. The action alternatives in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement allow more roadbuilding and logging across the Tongass National Forest. These have zero return on investment and cost tens of millions of taxpayer dollars every year. In addition, these activities degrade the naturally sustainable wealth of salmon, wildlife watching, and tourism opportunities. The Roadless Rule also 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. Untied we stand, divided we fall... and we will fall hard if we continue along this path.
10/18/2019	Caroline	Garland	Anacortes	WA	The Tongass Nat'l Forest already looks like a war zone from logging, putting wildlife and subsistence cultures at risk. Please do NOT allow more logging in the Tongass. 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.
10/18/2019	Andrea	Presler	Roslyn	WA	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. While some selective logging in non-old growth forest may be beneficial to prevent catastrophic wildfires, the wanton destruction caused by roadbuilding and logging to benefit the timber industry at the expense of the environment and our tax dollars is not only short-sighted but extremely greedy and undemocratic. We all know that once roads are built they act as inroads for other industry and interests that are not in line with the protection of OUR resources. Corporate greed is rampant in our government and it needs to stop!
10/18/2019	Anita	Woodruff	Seattle	WA	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. U 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.
10/18/2019	Ramona	Gault	Shoreline	WA	Lifting the Roadless Rule after two decades would lead to many negative outcomes: increased costs to taxpayers with no return on the investment, degradation and destruction of irreplaceable temperate rainforest, increased greenhouse gases. There is no upside to this! Even a child can see that cutting down mature forests is a bad idea in today's world, when we should be preserving trees and wildlife. Once cut, the trees cannot be regrown under current climate conditions. The wildife cannot find new habitat as temperate rainforests shrink worldwide. 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.

10/18/2019	Kerry	Ringer	White Salmon	WA	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. Please Rep Herrera-Butler vote to keep the roadless rule intact and not open up the Tongass. We need this for our future generations!
10/18/2019	Sheryl	Schmeling	Seattle	WA	I support keeping the Roadless Rule. The amount of old-growth forest remaining in the United States is minuscule. We should never be logging any more old growth timber. Of course all the birds and animals in those forests are already impacted by the reduced quantity of old growth. We can not influence other countries that are in the midst of removing their old growth unless we show responsibility to value ours. Keep the Tongass National Forest road free and un-logged.
10/18/2019	Deborah	Stewart	Seattle	WA	I strongly urge that the Tongass National Forest should not be opened to logging and other intrusions. Not only will the ecosystem for animals of many kinds be ruined, but the temperate rainforest is a sink for carbon, which should not be disturbed by cutting, road building, etc. Our earth is already threatened by man-made carbon pollution. Let's keep carbon sequestered in the forest! Don't add it to the pollution that is causing climate change. 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.
10/18/2019	Kathleen	Cook	Shoreline	WA	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 and that we also rely on to help in lowering our CO2 levels. 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.
10/18/2019	Bruce	Wade	Mount Vernon	WA	We don't own public lands, we are stewards of them for our children. There is little to be gained by logging the SE Alaska forests, much to be lost. Yes, old-growth trees are more valuable than farmed, there will be a few jobs created by the logging companies. We will lose a nearly pristine habitat, risk losing many species of animals and birds as well as the thousands of hunting, fishing and exploration jobs now supported by this forest. It will take about ten years to destroy what makes the Tongass the priceless resource that it is, maybe another ten to completely log the rest and then we will be done, no more money. That compared to the endless parade of hunters, fishers, and hikers who come every year to rapture at the pristine forest and its creatures, leaving it as they found it for the next wave of nature-lovers. 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.

10/18/2019	Lauren	Russel	Lynnwood WA	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. Quite simply, this rule change is the action of an ignorant administration hell-bent on destroying the environment, the VALUABLE fish habitat and fisheries industry, and the vital tourism that occurs here, with very little benefit. It is an action based on greed and hatred and ignorance and MUST BE STOPPED. There is no replacing ancient forests of this caliber and benefit to future generations. They will hate you for this, I guarantee, and you will accomplish nothing of benefit to anyone at all. I do not just urge - I demand that you not make this rule change. Do not behave with such ignorance and greed and hatred for the natural environment. We do not need more logging in our pristine old growth forests.
10/18/2019	Janet	Ellis	Port Orchard WA	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. Your Supposed to work for us not a bunch of corporate criminals!! We pay you wages and your job is protecr our public lands!! You should all be FIRED!!!!
10/18/2019	Rose	Lagerberg	Edmonds WA	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.
10/18/2019	Aleks	Kosowicz	Hayward WI	Our few remaining wild places are precious, irreplaceable, and vital to the health of our planet. 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.
10/18/2019	Amy	Haines	Racine WI	No road building. No drilling. What don’t you get about the disaster this will be? Cease such degradation! 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.
10/18/2019	Marya	Bradley	Milwaukee WI	I write to you because I am deeply dismayed by and strongly opposed to your plan to allow the destruction of the old growth forest in the Tongass National Forest and the consequent ruin and death of ecosystems and species. I am appalled and anvwr d and the. To you to reverse this shortsighted and destructive pla . 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.

10/18/2019	Donna	Selquist	Florence	WI	I lived in the Tongass and do not want to see it desecrated, which is exactly what will happen if you exempt it from the Roadless Rule. You need to stop this insane plan and act responsibly for the benefit of the health of the planet and for all the people, animals and fish who call the Tongass home. 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.
10/18/2019	Kelly	Shuppe	Elkins	WV	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. Trump is ridiculous with his move-on for business leaving nothing sacred in this land. You are horrible for what you have done and are continuing to do to nature. How unfortunate you must be never ever to see the good and our God given Nature. Right on with Nature I say. You can never go wrong with keeping nature sound and sacred.

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10/18/2019	Kate	Persons	Nome	AK	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.
10/18/2019	Edith	Crowe	Wasilla	AK	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.

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10/18/2019	David	Mitchell	Denver	CO	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.

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10/18/2019	Georgia	Mattingly	Longmont	CO	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.
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10/18/2019	Diane	Danby	Mead	CO	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.
10/18/2019	Jaye	Duncan	Pagosa Springs	CO	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.

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10/18/2019	Ann	Moureau	Washington Depot	CT	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.
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10/18/2019	Jared	Cornelia	Wilmington	DE	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.
10/18/2019	Diane	Faircloth	Hartly	DE	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.

10/18/2019	Pilar	Barranco	Madrid	España	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.
10/18/2019	Jeff	Omans	West Palm Beach	FL	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.
10/18/2019	Denise	Hosta	Fort Myers	FL	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.
10/18/2019	Marilyn	Dempsey	Jupiter	FL	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.
10/18/2019	Jeanne	Fletcher	Palm Harbor	FL	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.

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10/18/2019	Barbara	Hauck	Largo	FL	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.
10/18/2019	Vivian	K	Jacksonville	FL	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.
10/18/2019	Cora	Luce	Casselberry	FL	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.
10/18/2019	Sarah	Roland	Casselberry	FL	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.

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10/18/2019	Ann Marie	OHara	Ponte Vedra Beach	FL	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.
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10/18/2019	Judy	Moran	Panama City	FL	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.
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10/18/2019	V	Mullins	Naples	FL	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.
10/18/2019	Vincent	Lopez	Oviedo	FL	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.
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10/18/2019	Oscar	Bird	Roswell	GA	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.
10/18/2019	Ted	Odom	Ball Ground	GA	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.

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10/18/2019	Dana	Dodge	Warner Robins	GA	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.
10/18/2019	JoDee	Spratt	Watkinsville	GA	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.
10/18/2019	Valerie	Miller	Mcdonough	GA	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.
10/18/2019	Lisa	Fowlkes	Colbert	GA	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.

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10/18/2019	Barbara	Caton	Peachtree City	GA	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.
10/18/2019	Virginia S	Mayo	Monroe	GA	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.
10/18/2019	Frank	Perkins	Martin	GA	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.
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10/18/2019	Richard	Ambrose	Stone Mountain	GA	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.
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10/18/2019	Stacy	Roberts	Sandy Springs	GA	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.
10/18/2019	Sandy	Crooms	Clarkesville	GA	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.
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10/18/2019	Pete	Wilson	Pahoa	HI	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.

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10/18/2019	Loren	Hansen	Kingsley	IA	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.
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10/18/2019	Diane	Pierce	Ames	IA	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.
10/18/2019	Ann	James	Fort Madison	IA	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.
10/18/2019	John	Tovar	Cedar Falls	IA	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.
10/18/2019	Ann	Hansen	Bergen	IA	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.

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10/18/2019	Margo	Rager	Normal	IL	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.
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10/18/2019	Melodie	Huffman	Danville	IL	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.
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10/18/2019	Rachel	Baum	Raynham	MA	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.

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10/18/2019	Danya	Kuperstein	Lynnfield	MA	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.
10/18/2019	Eric	Bronner	Sudbury	MA	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.
10/18/2019	Sherri	Schon	Holyoke	MA	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.
10/18/2019	Jeff	Schwefel	Allston	MA	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.

10/18/2019	Pilar	Quintana	Methuen	MA	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.
10/18/2019	Tricia	Emerick	Pembroke	MA	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.
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10/18/2019	Robin	Thompson	Littleton	MA	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.

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10/18/2019	Paul and Cynthia	Phillips	Marblehead	MA	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.
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10/18/2019	Natalia	Vieira	South Dartmouth	MA	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.
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10/18/2019	Dr.Tammy	King	Gardner	MA	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.

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10/18/2019	Theresa	DeLuca	Melrose	MA	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.

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10/18/2019	Meya	Law	District Heights	MD	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.
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10/18/2019	Linda	Winter	Washington Grove	MD	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.

10/18/2019	Jack	Filigenzi	Gambrills	MD	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.
10/18/2019	Paula	Beall	Chesterto wn	MD	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.
10/18/2019	Donna	O'Berry	Owings	MD	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.
10/18/2019	Bernadine	Smith	Perry Hall	MD	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.
10/18/2019	Carlene	Moscatt	Baltimore	MD	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.

10/18/2019	Mrs. P.D.	Waterworth	Lanham	MD	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.
10/18/2019	Minivere	Wenzer	Takoma Park	MD	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.
10/18/2019	Eleni	Kotsis	Annapolis	MD	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.
10/18/2019	Patricia	Gregory	Baltimore	MD	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.
10/18/2019	Kathy	Machan	Severna Park	MD	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.

10/18/2019	Joan	Conway	Greenbelt	MD	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.
10/18/2019	elizabeth	koopman	Cockeysville	MD	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.
10/18/2019	Molly	Hauck	Kensington	MD	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.
10/18/2019	Dawn	King	Rosedale	MD	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.
10/18/2019	Ellen	Callahan	Gorham	ME	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.

10/18/2019	Hannah	Osborne	Freeport	ME	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.
10/18/2019	Kevin	O'Carroll	Harpswell	ME	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.
10/18/2019	Constance	Tidd	Portland	ME	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.
10/18/2019	Marina	Mooney	Gouldsboro	ME	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.
10/18/2019	Debbie	McCarthy	Phillips	ME	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.

10/18/2019	thomas	Aversa	Unity	ME	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.
10/18/2019	Ruth	Provost	Exeter	ME	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.
10/18/2019	Julie	Nolon	Bath	ME	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.
10/18/2019	Cheryl	Denis	Portland	ME	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.
10/18/2019	steven	carpenter	Woodhaven	MI	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.

10/18/2019	Doris	Applebaum	Oak Park	MI	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.
10/18/2019	Kaye	Taylor	Chelsea	MI	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.
10/18/2019	Blanche	Wicke	Bloomfield Hills	MI	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.
10/18/2019	Charles	Dineen	Lawton	MI	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.
10/18/2019	Joseph	Suarez	Canton	MI	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.

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10/18/2019	Sherry	McCullough	Trenton	MI	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.
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10/18/2019	Chuck	Hottle	Mcminnville	OR	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.

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10/18/2019	Eileene	Gillson	Sherwood	OR	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.
10/18/2019	Robin	Jenkins	Dallas	OR	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.
10/18/2019	Marcus	Lanskey	Eugene	OR	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.

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10/18/2019	Fabian	Smith	Bend	OR	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.
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10/18/2019	Melissa	Elder	Marysville	PA	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.

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10/18/2019	John	Custer	Newtown Square PA	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.
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10/18/2019	Steve C.	Dennis	Columbia	SC	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.

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10/18/2019	April	Tuech	Cookeville	TN	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.
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10/18/2019	Katharine	Sommerfield	San Antonio	TX	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.

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10/18/2019	Trigg	Wright III	Klein	TX	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.
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10/18/2019	Beth	Daynes	Redmond	WA	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.
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10/18/2019	A	L	Kenmore	WA	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.
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10/18/2019	Derek	Benedict	Lynnwood	WA	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.
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10/18/2019	Michael and Barbara	Hill	Mineral	WA	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.
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10/18/2019	Selim	Uzuner	Carnation	WA	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.
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Sid
Last name: Pomper
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Sid Pomper and I live in Falmouth, Massachusetts.

Let's protect all American children from harmful chemicals in their food and water. It's their future at risk.

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.

In Southeast Alaska, tourism accounts for 28% of employment and generate an annual $1 billion in economic benefit, making it far more of an economic driver than the timber industry, which is less than 1% of the regional economy.

Any choice but the No Action alternative would also put wildlife and critical habitat at risk, threaten access to clean water, and be a step in the wrong direction on climate change jeopardizing Alaskans at a time when the state already faces severe challenges related to rising temperatures. I urge you not to abandon the Roadless Rule in Alaska and instead to put the public interest above corporate profits by choosing to keep the rule in place unchanged.

Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Sid Pomper

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/7/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Justin
Last name: Ponce
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): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Victor
Last name: Ponce
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, Victor Ponce

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Beverly
Last name: Poncia
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Beverly Poncia and I live in Clearlake, California.
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First name: Louis
Last name: Poncz
Organization:
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Comments:
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Regards, Louis Poncz

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Jon
Last name: Pond
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Jon Pond and I live in Juneau, Alaska. Lived and Worked in public education as a school psychologist in Southeast for over thirty years. I am actively involved in the Tongass as a sportsman: boating, hunting, fishing, hiking, and skiing. 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, foraging for wild foods, the peace and solitude I find in nature, recreating, practicing my culture, 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 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 healthy fish habitat, deer habitat and subsistence hunting, recreating and enjoying nature, foraging and gathering wild foods, viewing wildlife, keeping public lands wild for future generations, carbon sequestration and local climate change mitigation. 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), 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 All southeast peoples are vehemently opposed to changing the law that protects the Tongass from short term economic gains. The long term negative affects on the land from timber developmen t are well known by locals . We want to protect the Tongass for future generations, the climate, and for its economic value from tourism. We want to protect our top salmon rearing waters left in the Tongass.. 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 transition to second growth logging 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.

[Position]

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/20/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: William
Last name: Pond
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Leave the Tongrass alone! Logging it is antithetical to its meaning. Not every tree needs to be cut down.

[Position]

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/26/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Allan
Last name: Pongler
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC76

Keep the *wild* [Text underlined for emphasis]erness wild. Old growth is a non-renewable resource.

-Allan

[Position]

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Joseph
Last name: Ponisciak
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, Joseph Ponisciak

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Mel
Last name: Pontious
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC5128

U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

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We have been here before, with disastrous results. Short term thinking that places more importance on the quick turn of a dollar than on the long term health of our eco-culture has produced such tragedies as the extinction of the passenger pigeon and the near extinction of the whooping crane, the bald eagle, the bison, several species of trout. But the stakes here are much larger even the survival of wild trout. The large beneficial effects of America's largest rain forest - as a great carbon 'sink' that also is a large factor in absorbing much of the CO2 that is causing global warming at an alarming rate- is a much greater benefit to the world than the short term jobs and money that clear-cutting the Tongass would furnish. And the Roadless Rule was established to prevent this outrage! For the sake of all of us, DO NOT

Sincerely,

Mel Pontious

North Platte, NE 69101

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Mel
Last name: Pontious
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC3240

U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule

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First name: Marcia
Last name: Ponto
Organization:
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Regards, Marcia Ponto

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Jeanne
Last name: Ponzetti
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
I am in favor of the "no action" alternative. The Tongass National Forest should NOT be exempted from the 2001 Roadless Rule.

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Nick
Last name: Ponzetti
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC4038

U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

Road building and lack of road maintenance have created problems in riparian zones that have persisted decades after harvest. Problems include, obstruction of fish movements, alterations in drainage patters, ponding behind collapsed log culverts, and changes in groundwater flow beneath road prisms. Despite this, there are well over 6,000 km of roads built in SE Alaska. Given the island geography of the region, these roads further fragment habitats for numerous species, creating islands within islands. Roads have been clearly detrimental to our ecosystems. A survey of road conditions on national forest lands, including POW island, indicated that only 34% of culverts and bridges intersecting anadromous fish-bearing streams were adequate for adult and juvenile fish passage, and only 15% were adequate for passage of resident fish.

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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.

Sincerely,

Nick Ponzetti

Hood River, OR 97031

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/19/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Nick
Last name: Ponzetti
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
United States Forest Service,

I moved to Sitka, Alaska in 2012 as an Independent Living Advocate and Outdoor Recreation Coordinator for people with disabilities. While exploring the Tongass, I fell in love with this unique and inspiring region. Management of the Tongass National Forest is at a critical crossroads where key environmental issues including timber harvest, road-less rules, and protection of watersheds require immediate attention.

I have been fortunate to learn about several regions of the Pacific Northwest, having lived in Oregon, Washington, British Columbia, and Alaska. I am concerned with the land management failures in Oregon, Washington, and British Columbia, and hope you will ensure better policies are implemented to protect Southeast Alaska's irreplaceable ecosystems. Foreboding examples of management failures are evident in rivers like the Columbia, which now hosts less than a tenth of its historical run of 16 million fish. Another foreboding example is the fact that Pacific Salmon are now extinct in 40 percent of the rivers where they were known to exist in California, Oregon, Washington and Idaho. The runs that remain are significantly diminished. Previous inattention to over-development has left only a single watershed less than 50% developed in each of Oregon, Washington, and California. It is crucial to realize of all these areas, Southeast Alaska has the most proactive conservation opportunities still available. The region and the Forest Service are faced with defining a new paradigm for Tongass Land Management. Management of the Tongass requires progressing toward a sustainable future, moving beyond ill-fated logging practices of past.

I ask you to consider the following concerns in moving forward with key environmental issues, such as timber harvest, road-less rules, and protection of watersheds.

TIMBER:

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ROADS:

New road construction should be avoided or kept to a minimum by careful planning to reduce fragmentation of remaining productive forest stands and wetlands. Road building and lack of road maintenance have created problems in riparian zones that have persisted decades after harvest. Problems include, obstruction of fish movements, alterations in drainage patterns, ponding behind collapsed log culverts, and changes in groundwater flow beneath road prisms. Despite this, there are well over 6,000 km of roads built in SE Alaska. Given the island geography of the region, these roads further fragment habitats for numerous species, creating islands within islands. Roads have been clearly detrimental to our ecosystems. A survey of road conditions on

national forest lands, including POW island, indicated that only 34% of culverts and bridges intersecting anadromous fish-bearing streams were adequate for adult and juvenile fish passage, and only 15% were adequate for passage of resident fish.

WATER:

Protecting intact watersheds with high ecological values is an effective strategy for both maintaining the natural range of variation of forest types (i.e. habitat diversity), minimizing habitat fragmentation, and reducing negative road impacts within the protected watersheds. For these reasons, identifying and conserving a range of intact watersheds should be a part of any credible, systematic, science-based conservation analysis. We need to focus on preserving our intact watersheds and work proactively with our Canadian neighbors who share our watersheds. Currently, the provision of a well-regulated flow of high-quality water may be the most highly valued service provided by undisturbed forest ecosystems. Scientists recommend, watershed-based planning, and protecting intact watersheds in particular, should be a central organizing idea for the conservation strategy in the Tongass National Forest." Protecting whole watersheds usually protects variation in ecosystem characteristics and poses a distinct kind of opportunity for conservation of an integrated system of physical and ecological processes.

Short-term over-exploitation continues to be a temptation and problem. The current economic situation is un-sustainable. The opportunities to manage these forests proactively cannot be taken for granted. Proactive management is less costly than reactive management, which is often the only available option. The species on islands in the coastal North Pacific rainforest are clearly vulnerable and demand conservation efforts before it is too late.

I will continue to follow these issues and sincerely hope that the choices being made are keeping with the principles of conservation and thereby coinciding with needs of Southeast Alaska and Northern Coastal B.C. Thank you for your consideration.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 1/1/0001 12:00:00 AM
First name: Nick
Last name: Ponzetti
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

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Hood River, OR 97031

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First name: Patricia
Last name: Poock
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Patricia Poock

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/18/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Cayla
Last name: Pook
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC234

Dear Alaska Roadless Rule Planning Committee,

I live and work on the lands and waters of the Tongass National Forest. From hunting and fishing, to hiking and camping, to our tourism and commercial fishing-based economies, Southeast Alaskans rely on the intact habitat that the roadless areas of the Tongass National Forest contain. *That is why I am writing to support the No-Action Alternative for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the proposed Alaska Roadless Rule.* [Text bolded for emphasis]

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 strongly oppose any efforts to weaken protections for Roadless areas in the Tongass National Forest and the Chugach National Forest.

The Forest Service needs to continue phasing out old-growth clearcutting. Please prioritize conservation of the T77 and TNC conservation priority areas in any new Alaska Roadless Rule. The Forest Service should focus on restoring degraded watersheds and fish streams and carbon sequestration.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Ed
Last name: Pool
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, Ed Pool

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/4/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: F
Last name: Pool
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is F Pool and I live in Dublin, New Hampshire.

I'm a mother hoping the next generation in our family and everyone's will have a future of health and wellbeing on this planet. Old-growth trees are critical for climate health.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, F Pool

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Joan
Last name: Pool
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Joan Pool and I live in Vacaville, California.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Joan Pool

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Trish
Last name: Pool
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Trish Pool and I live in Saint Paul, Minnesota.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Trish Pool

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Carolyn
Last name: poole
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Carolyn Poole and I live in greenfield in.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Carolyn poole

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Charles
Last name: Poole
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, Charles Poole

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/18/2019 4:08:55 PM
First name: Diane
Last name: Poole
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,
Diane Poole
Marion, IN 46952

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Elizabeth
Last name: Poole
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC4960

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): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Joan
Last name: Poole
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, Joan Poole

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/21/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Joan
Last name: Poole
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
'Roadless Rule' Protections for the Tongass National Forest must be kept in place

Dear U.S. Forest Service,

The Forest Service's plan to eliminate "Roadless Rule" protections for the Tongass National Forest appalls me. I urge you to select the "no action" alternative.

The Tongass is America's wildest remaining national forest, with more than 9 million acres of roadless areas. I is the natural habitat of a wide range of wildlife, including salmon, Alexander Archipelago wolves, and grizzly bears. It also stores a vast amount of carbon in its centuries-old trees, as do those in all boreal forests. Logging releases most of that carbon into the atmosphere.

Your proposal opens the door to clearcutting and bulldozing, dangerously irresponsible operations in this time of climate change.

The Tongass is a national treasure that belongs to all Americans. It must not be sacrificed to the timber industry, an industry that provides a small fraction of the jobs and income in Southeast Alaska compared with tourism and fishing. Both tourism and fishing rely on intact forests to thrive.

It's even more important to save these last remaining roadless forests because your agency has fragmented and logged so much of them, causing harm to wildlife and waters along the way.

I also 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 and clearcutting for logging. 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 and remote recreation.

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

Sincerely,

Joan Poole

Summerfield, NC 27358

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Patricia
Last name: POOLE
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Patricia POOLE and I live in Bonaire, Georgia.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Patricia POOLE

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Pete
Last name: Poole
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Pete Poole and I live in Cocoa, Florida.

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Regards, Pete Poole

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Carole
Last name: Pooler
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Carole Pooler and I live in Chicago, Illinois.

Prioritize our health & environment above big polluters.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Carole Pooler

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Last name: Pooler
Organization:
Title:
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Regards, Ida Pooler

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Ken
Last name: Poore
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
No Action for Tongass!

As an outdoor enthusiast with family who lives in SE Alaska, I fully support the "No Action" alternative to keep road building out of the Tongass NF. My cousin has spent a good part of her life advocating for Tongass and I do not want all her work to be undone for a shortsighted corporate land grab that would change the Tongass forever.

Thank you!

Ken Poore

Bellevue, Washington

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Lorraine
Last name: Poore
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Lorraine Poore and I live in Muncy Valley, Pennsylvania.

Protect our national forests!

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Lorraine Poore

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: SAMUEL
Last name: POPAILO
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is SAMUEL POPAILO and I live in West Hollywood, California.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, SAMUEL POPAILO

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/21/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Beck
Last name: Pope
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Beck Pope and I live in Forest Lake, MN. 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 a lover of the outdoors who hopes to share the untouched wild with my family someday, and since I am now old enough to get drafted the least my government can do is protect my only wish. I want to escape into the wild as an adult and clear cutting forest has longer reaching impacts than we can ever understand. These trees predate is and will grow long after our scourge has left the Earth.

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 wild salmon populations and the world-class fishing opportunities, 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 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 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.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Betsy
Last name: Pope
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Betsy Pope and I live in Friday Harbor, Washington.

Protecting the environmental balance as well as the carbon-capturing function of these priceless forests is vital to the health of our world. Technological alternatives to building with wood and making wood-based products need to be explored and utilized. Timber companies should be exploring those options instead of clear-cutting and lining their pockets. Time is running out!

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Betsy Pope

[Position]

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Gabriel
Last name: Pope
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Gabriel Pope and I live in Williamsburg, Iowa.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Gabriel Pope

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Jolene
Last name: Pope
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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Regards, Jolene Pope

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First name: Judith
Last name: Pope
Organization:
Title:
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Regards, Judith Pope

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: KAREN
Last name: Pope
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is KAREN Pope and I live in Palm Springs, California.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, KAREN Pope

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/20/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Kathryn
Last name: Pope
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Kathryn Pope and I live in Brooklyn, New York.

I am writing to you for my child, all children, and all creatures living on this earth. Do not roll back the Roadless Rule!

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Kathryn Pope

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Mackenzie
Last name: Pope
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC6054

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]

Please do not bestroy green spaces for extractive, outdated industries!

Sincerely,

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

Yes[Text circled] No

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Nancy
Last name: Pope
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, Nancy Pope

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Regards, Nancy Pope

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/26/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Nichole
Last name: Pope
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC27

We fish, hunt, berry pick, rock hunting/beach combing. We love alpine hiking + the hiking trails + muskegs,

Keep the Tongass Roadless!

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Warren
Last name: Pope
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Warren Pope and I live in Asheville, North Carolina.

Cutting this virgin timber is unconscionable! These lands are for and by the American people.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Warren Pope

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Ed
Last name: Popielarczyk
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Ed Popielarczyk and I live in Northampton, Massachusetts.

I don't understand why you would even think of repealing this.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Ed Popielarczyk

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/11/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Lezlie
Last name: Popik
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Tongass National Forest "No Action" alternative

Dear Forest Service personnel,

I am writing to ask that you support the "No Action" alternative, which will continue to safeguard the Tongass National Forest and all of its inhabitants by preserving the Roadless Rule. This is important so we can continue to provide the much needed protection of the last wild public lands in our National Forest system. The Roadless Rule in the Tongass has ensured the conservation of over 9 million acres, protecting old-growth forests and salmon habitat from clear-cutting and the development of logging roads.

It is true that I don't live in Alaska, but have visited it often. Every time I travel to the state I am amazed at the beauty of Alaska and marvel at the pristine quality of the untouched old-growth forests and lands. The only reason we still have them is because clear-cutting and logging roads have been prevented.

The future of Alaskan salmon also depends on the preservation of the Tongass National Forest. The salmon need the clean nutrient-rich waters and essential spawning and rearing conditions the forest provides. Tongass has been referred to as America's Salmon's Forest.

Finally, every tree that will be cut down will remove a tiny part of the buffer against climate change that the Tongass National Forest provides. Presently this forest stores 8 percent of the nation's annual global warming pollution. To clear-cut an 800 year old Sitka spruce isn't worth the price when we know how important they are in the climate change battle we are involved in.

Thank you for considering my comments as you make a ruling on preserving the Roadless Rule in the Tongass National Forest.

Lezlie Popik

Bothell, WA 98012

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/21/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Nathaniel
Last name: Popkin
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Alaska Roadless Rulemaking #54511

To whom it may concern,

As a U.S. citizen, I am strongly opposed to the Forest Service's intention to open the Tongass to the harvesting of lumber. Scientists and ecologists have already warned of the damage to fisheries, fish supplies, and the health of the ecosystem, including large fauna of the area. To open the forest to logging is to commit extraordinary damage to the health of the planet. Furthermore, scientists have shown that old growth forests are necessary for the retention of carbon dioxide. Without them the planet will warm even faster, extreme destabilization of the planet. To allow logging is to be complicit, especially as the agency whose job it is to use the latest science in its decision making. Open the forest to logging is a dereliction of duty to the American people and globe.

Yours sincerely

Nathaniel Popkin

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Nathaniel Popkin

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[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Julie
Last name: Poplaski
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
I support taking no action and to leave all of Alaska under the 2001 Roadless Rule.

John Muir wrote "to the lover of wilderness, Alaska is one of the most wonderful countries in the world". This wilderness he describes is still present in the Tongass National Forest. A vast landscape of 16.7 million acres, where animals and geography shape the habitat more than humans. Where eagles, wolves, salmon, lynx, arctic fox, wolverine, bison, moose, polar, black and brown bears reside. A place where native people make up around a quater of the general population. Many who continue to hunt, forage, and fish for their food within the forest and depend upon this food source for their livlihood. A place in the United States held at the utmost esteem for it's natural habitat.

Fishing and tourism, which depend on a healthy forest, bring in more than $2 billion to Alaska annually. The Tongass alone supplies 25% of the West Coast's commercial salmon catch. The inhabitants here, especially those in rural communities, rely heavily on these fish. It is estimated that a resident consumes an average of 75 pounds of salmon each year. Tourism accounts for roughly 72,000 jobs versus the oil, gas, mining, and logging, industry which together support just 15,000.

This natural habitat has to be protected and conserved for all generations. The Tongass plays a vital role in acting as a sink for constant carbon consumption. The USDA found the Tongass sequesters 8% of all the carbon stored in national forests across the country. This is an amazing number and should have a value as well to our country and might want to be an alternative to giving stipends to the logging industry. Let us give these tax dollars directly to the parks for acting as carbon sinks. Building up the parks as opposed to literally cutting them down will offer a greater good to the community and world. Since that is currenlty not an option with our government my strong feeling is option one, taking no action and to leave all of Alaska under the 2001 Roadless Rule.

Logging in the Tongass has often been an uphill battle, literally and figuratively. Logging companies have been funded heavily by subsidies and a watch dog nonpartisian group in D.C. called Taxpayers for Common Sense came out with a report stating that "the United States Forest Service has lost approximately $600 million over the last twenty years or $30 million per year on average". Managing the Tongass for timber, an industry that accounts for not even one percent of southeast Alaska's jobs is a costly business. And it could have devastating effects on what does make Alaska money; fish and tourism. You can not have a strong fishing and tourism industry with sediment and run-off increasing turbidity and altering the ecosystem. Let us save old growth forests and extremely ecological diverse wilderness as Roosevelt realized when he created it as a national forest. Logging can happen more cost effectively, environmental friendly and efficient when done in areas that are not in the wilderness but rather were roads exists in plenty and infrastructure is in place. The Tongass National Forest is not this place.

Thank you for your time.

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/11/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Kathy
Last name: Popoff
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Kathy Popoff and I live in Los Angeles, California.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Kathy Popoff

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Coral
Last name: Popoi
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC798

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): 12/11/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Christian
Last name: Popoli
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
First, let me say, you're going to get a lot of these letters. I truly hope you recognize that this means there is a large amount of people who have real concerns about this subject. Conservation, wild lands and public lands are important, not only to hunters, but to all people of this country. We're running out of places to build crappy houses and strip mines. Please take this to heart when you review this letter and the proposed legislation.

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): 12/11/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Jenna
Last name: popoli
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Jenna popoli and I live in Rochester, NY. 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.

We as humans have taken up too much space on this earth. We need to help preserve as much of its natural existence as possible! Please!

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First name: Ellen
Last name: Popov
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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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): 12/12/2019 3:00:00 PM
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Last name: POPOWSKI
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 7:31:57 PM
First name: Kelsey
Last name: Poppe
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Kelsey Poppe and I live in Portland, OR. 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.

Protecting our national forests is critical for our country and our planet. Preventing clear cutting of old growth forests helps us to sequester carbon and maintain ecosystems.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Rita
Last name: Poppenk
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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. Trumps plan is yet another attack from the Trump administration on Indigenous rights. Alaskan Native communities -- including the Tlingit, Haida, and Tsimshian peoples -- have depended on the Tongass Rainforest for millennia. It is the backbone to their culture, traditions, and communities -- we simply cannot let it disappear.

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.

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, Rita Poppenk

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Rita
Last name: Poppenk
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Rita Poppenk and I live in Union City, California.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
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Last name: Populus
Organization:
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Regards, Karla Populus

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: JOHN
Last name: PORATH
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is JOHN PORATH and I live in San Diego, California.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, JOHN PORATH

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Maureen
Last name: Porcelli
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Maureen Porcelli and I live in North Bergen, New Jersey.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Maureen Porcelli

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/11/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Nancy
Last name: Porcino
Organization:
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Comments:
My name is Nancy Porcino and I live in Commack, New York.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Nancy Porcino

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Joseph
Last name: Porfert
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Joseph Porfert and I live in Roanoke, Virginia.

The Tongass National Forest is a temperate rainforest and is a critical asset in fighting climate change/global warming. It's value in retaining vast stores of carbon far exceed the need of any corporation to line thir pockets at the expense of the planet and those of us who inhabit it. Please stop putting corporate profits above public interests.

Respectfully,Joe Porfert

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
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Last name: Poritzky
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Last name: Porrello
Organization:
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Comments:
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Last name: Porrier
Organization:
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First name: Maceo
Last name: Porro
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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I am a recent college graduate concerned with social and environmental justice. I think it is incredibly important to protect the Tongass National Forest to preserve the wildlife, maintain the area for carbon storage, keep public lands in public hands, and to continue a precedent of protecting natural areas from commercial development and exploitation

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Last name: Port
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Kirk
Last name: Port
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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First name: Bethanne
Last name: Portala-Dean
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, Bethanne Portala-Dean

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Jane
Last name: Portanova
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Jane Portanova and I live in Boxborough, Massachusetts.

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Regards, Jane Portanova

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First name: C.
Last name: Portelli
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/13/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Alicia
Last name: Porter
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC533

Dear Secretary Perdue and Senator Murkowski,

I am a visitor of Sitka, and 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 the area and how important it is to the visitor industry, commercial fishermen, and locals as well. fishermen, and locals as well. fishermen, and locals as well.

Only 10 miles west of Sitka, it is widely apparent that Kruzof Island is heavily utilized by visitors and local residents alike. Allen Marine boats and small cruise ships pass by the lush shores of the island to watch the fantastic marine animals that frolic in the rich coastal waters, sharing the oceans with many independent fishing guides that lead daily trips to catch the king and coho salmon that are sustained by the prolific feed found off the coast. The beautiful landscape, abundant wildlife, and intact forests throughout the Tongass National Forest are an important part of why I chose to visit Southeast Alaska; these vistas are fast disappearing in the continental United States.

Kruzof Island is currently protected from old-growth clearcut logging under the 2001 Roadless Rule. *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] This intact temperate rainforest is a sight unique to Southeast Alaska; such lush and varied flora and fauna are rare in other corners of the world.

I want to see Kruzof Island and the Tongass National Forest protected because:

(1) it preserves a tremendous wildlife resource - St Latanna is already part of the manne park - to preserve the integrity of the park, you need to preserve the surrounding habitat + protect it from degradation

(2) preservation of the tremendous tourist economy that comes to see this area (3) preservation of the old growth preserves the fishery due to the interdependence of the two

I do not want to see the Roadless Rule repealed on Kruzof, or anywhere else in the Tongass. [text bolded for emphasis] Please keep this national and global treasure of a rainforest intact for generations yet to come.

Sincerely, Alicia Porter

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Betsey
Last name: Porter
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, Betsey Porter

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Charlotte
Last name: Porter
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Charlotte Porter and I live in Pinellas Park, Florida.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Charlotte Porter

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/23/2019 3:00:00 PM
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Last name: Porter
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Christine Porter

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/14/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Cindy
Last name: Porter
Organization:
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Comments:
My name is Cindy Porter and I live in Oak Hill, Tennessee.

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Regards, Elizabeth Porter

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Gladys
Last name: Porter
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Gladys Porter and I live in San Luis Obispo, California.

This ISIS like mentality of destroying everything good & beautiful (not to mention essential for humanity) Has got to be STOPPED! It's a CRIME to all of us. Those Moral Majority Zealots should Love , respect & Protect God's Earth!

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Gladys Porter

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Harriet
Last name: Porter
Organization:
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Comments:
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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Harriet Porter

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 1/1/0001 12:00:00 AM
First name: Heidi
Last name: Porter
Organization:
Title:
Comments:

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Last name: Porter
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Joelle Porter

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Judith
Last name: Porter
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Judith Porter and I live in North Wilkesboro, North Carolina.

Please keep toxic chemicals out of our environment and bodies.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Judith Porter

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/18/2019 4:35:09 PM
First name: Kenneth
Last name: Porter
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,
Kenneth Porter
Tucson, AZ 85713

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/13/2019 3:00:00 PM
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Last name: Porter
Organization:
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Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Laurie
Last name: Porter
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Laurie Porter and I live west linn Oregon

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Regards, Laurie Porter

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Linda
Last name: porter
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Linda porter and I live in Belleville, Michigan.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Linda porter

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Lisa
Last name: Porter
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Lisa Porter and I live in Wakefield, Virginia.

This is important - we the people reject rollbacks of protections for water, air and ground! We all want businesses to thrive but not with an ultimate price thats stupid and careless!

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Lisa Porter

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Margaret
Last name: Porter
Organization:
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Comments:
My name is Margaret Porter and I live in Cary, North Carolina.

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Regards, Margaret Porter

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/26/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Mari
Last name: Porter
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC286

November 10, 2019

To whom it may concern,

I am very concerned for the proposed change for the roadless rule for Tongass National Forest. I recognize the fact the some may feel the rule is unfair. Why would Alaska be held to such a standard when other states and National Forests are not? Why should Alaska be different?

But the truth is Alaska is different. I'm sure even as you read these words you agree. Alaskans are very proud of their state and its resources and well they should be. However you feel about Alaska today the truth is it did not come to be by accident and it will cease to be what it is if we do not make an effort to protect it. Alaska is the last wilderness in the United States. It became a part of the nation at a time when we realized we were running out of open spaces. In an effort to preserve the wildness that once erased cannot be redrawn, we created public lands to protect Alaska. If we use these lands foolishly, there is nowhere else to look.

I realize Alaska is not all wilderness. Many people live there. There are cities, airports, towns. They have to live too. But where will they choose to live if Alaska ceases to be? If what makes Alaska is demolished. Its hard to can that wilderness spirit to reuse in the city.

I went to Alaska last summer. Many other tourist joined me. It was not an easy journey, but it was worth it. I was so exhilarated by the open spaces, so intrigued by places that could not be reached by car. These remote and beautiful places are what make Alaska unique. Its what brings in millions in tourist dollars every year. If the beautiful places lose that remoteness people will not come. I can see beautiful things many places. If I cannot see and *support* [text double underlined for emphasis] wild places in Alaska, I will stay home and my money will stay will me. That will not help the people of Alaska.

I urge you to keep the Alaska Roadless Rule as it is to protect the Tongass National Forest and others like it. If you really speak to the people I'm sure they will feel the same. They only want to live their lives in the place they have chosen to live. No noe choses to live in Alaska without some connection to the land whether they realize it or not. Perhaps you think there is plenty to last forever, but if you look at history you will realize we have made that error in judgment many times before. I urge you to look to the future. Keep the Tongass intact to help provide for people of Alaska and bring in more tourists. Look towards new ways of helping your people make a living. If you go the same old routes Alaska will end up just as the rest of the states, without its character and still grasping for money. I hope youi can choose a different way.

Do not change the Alaska Roadless Rule.

Sincerely,

Mari Porter

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Mark
Last name: Porter
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Mark Porter and I live in Chicago, Illinois.

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Regards, Mark Porter

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/21/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Mark
Last name: Porter
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
I do not believe that our national forests should be opened to commercial logging. Our natural spaces should be treasured and protected. The USA owns some of the most pristine natural habitats in the world, they should remain open to the public for the public to enjoy and should not be destroyed by commercial logging. I am HIGHLY against any logging in any of our national forests.

Thanks,

Mark Porter

[Position]

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Mark
Last name: Porter
Organization:
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Comments:
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Last name: Porter
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/13/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Samuel
Last name: Porter
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Comment on the proposed loosening of the Roadless Rule re Tongass National Forest

Dear Madam or Sir:

The proposed loosening of Tongass National Forest Roadless Rule is, I think, indefensible ecologically and ethically.

Ecologically, in Oregon and Washington, in the range of the spotted owl (18.4 million acres of federal lands), about 16 percent had old-growth forest in 1993. My understanding is that a similarly small percentage of old growth forests remain in the Tongass. Part of the issue is, it seems to me, a matter of proportion. And this raises the ethical question of how much is enough.

As the late American historian Christopher Lasch put it in The True and Only Heaven: Progress and Its Critics (New York: Norton, 1991), we need to be able to face an impending age of limits without despair.

We might also note that the counterpart to the ancient Greek virtue of justice is pleonixia, that is, the desire for more.

As the ancient Buddhist Avatamsaka Sutra puts it, and as modern science confirms (e.g., Jerry F. Franklin, et al., "Ecological Characteristics of Old-Growth Douglas-Fir Forest." USDA Forest Service General Technical Report PNW-118. Portland, OR: USDA Forest Service, Pacific Northwest Forest and Range Experiment Station, 1981), we (rational) human animals exist in an interdependent web of life with all other living beings.

To use biblical language, which a significant number of Americans claim to know how to speak, and as the 18th century American theologian Jonathan Edwards put it, it's the unwillingness to accept limits that is "sin."

In short, loosening the Tongass National Forest Roadless Rule undermines our responsibility to future generations of human and other animals as well as plants and other living beings who depend on us and on whom we depend.

Sincerely,

Sam Porter

Samuel C. Porter, Ph.D.

Courtesy Research Associate

University of Oregon

Department of Sociology

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/16/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Sharyn
Last name: Porter
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Sharyn Porter and I live in Worthington, Ohio.

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Regards, Susan Porter

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Susan
Last name: Porter
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Susan Porter and I live in Avondale, Pennsylvania.

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Regards, Ted porter

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Tim
Last name: Porter
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, Tim Porter

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Nancy
Last name: Porter-Steele
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Nancy Porter-Steele and I live in El Cajon, California.

I'm counting on you.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Nancy Porter-Steele

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First name: Cynthia
Last name: Portera
Organization:
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Comments:
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Regards, Cynthia Portera

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/14/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Nancy
Last name: Porterfield
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Nancy Porterfield and I live in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Don't clear cut. Leave the forests. We have other resources to use.

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Regards, Nancy Porterfield

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/8/2019 5:26:12 PM
First name: Signe
Last name: Porteshawver
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Signe Porteshawver and I live in Oakland, CA. I live in California. I believe we need the salmon to be fully human, on a mythopoetic, as well as material-spiritual level. 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 the peace and solitude I find in nature, the status of the Tongass as a national and global treasure, the conservation of resources for future generations .

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. A full exemption from the Roadless Rule and increased logging and roadbuilding will negatively impact the Tongass.

I want the roadless areas in these locations to stay in roadless status in any alternative selected by the Forest Service. 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. 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 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.

Let the salmon run.

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/5/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Ray
Last name: Porthen
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Last name: Portwood
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Last name: Portz
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Robert
Last name: Posch
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Robert Posch and I live in St. Petersburg, Florida.

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First name: Skye
Last name: Posey
Organization:
Title:
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First name: Ann
Last name: Poshka
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Ann Poshka and I live in [@advCity], New Jersey.

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First name: Lina
Last name: Poskiene
Organization:
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Regards, Lina Poskiene

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Bob
Last name: Posner
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC687

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: John
Last name: Poss
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is John Poss and I live in Fresno, California.

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Last name: Post
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First name: Rebecca
Last name: Post
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Keep the Roadless Rule in Place for the Tongass National Forest

Dear Interdisciplinary Team Leader, Alaska Roadless Rule Ken Tu,

I am an outdoor recreation enthusiast writing to express my interest in continuing to protect the Tongass National Forest and its backcountry and roadless areas from unnecessary logging and development.

The Tongass has tremendous value for outdoor recreation in the region, and also provides clean water, clean air, and wildlife habitat, all of which are foundational to the economic and ecological health of Southeast Alaska. Road building, logging, and development should continue to be prohibited in the Tongass's roadless areas through upholding the Roadless Rule.

Forests are the lungs of the earth. The systematic destruction of the Amazonian rain forests puts our global atmosphere in peril. Logging and development in the Tongass will add insult to injury for our atmosphere. This is what we breathe. Reckless development there means poor air quality, water quality, and poor wildlife habitat.

For the sake of future generations and national security I would think this wild forest area would remain under the strictest protections.

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

Sincerely,

Rebecca Post

Olympia, WA 98516-2218

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM
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Regards, Sheryl Post

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Timothy
Last name: Post
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Timothy Post and I live in Roeland Park, Kansas.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Timothy Post

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Rus
Last name: Postel
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Rus Postel and I live in San Rafael, California.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Rus Postel

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Dan
Last name: Postelnick
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC3928

U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule

Comment Period

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Sincerely,

Dan Postelnick

Chicago, IL 60634

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 1/1/0001 12:00:00 AM
First name: Dan
Last name: Postelnick
Organization:
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Chicago, IL 60634

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/12/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Nick
Last name: Postlewaite
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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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.
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Feike
Last name: Postma
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC5272

U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

Having made several fishing trips to the Tongass National Forest, I can't think of anything worse than rolling back the roadless area protections. The delicate balance of these areas should not be disturbed.

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Sincerely,

Feike Postma

Vancouver, WA 98682

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First name: Nicole
Last name: Poston
Organization:
Title:
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Regards, Nicole Poston

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First name: Nicole
Last name: Poston
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Nicole Poston and I live in Canton, Ohio.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Nicole Poston

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Sam
Last name: potash
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Sam potash and I live in Lovell, Maine.

The ecosystem is delicate, in turn we have an obligation to treat it as such.

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Regards, Sam potash

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Reba
Last name: potee
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Roadless Rule for Alaska's Tongas National Forest

Please go with option number 1 in regards to the Roadless Rule. Enough of our national forests and monuments are at risk for the benefit of a few.

Reba Potee

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/24/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: John
Last name: Potenberg
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is John Potenberg and I live in Livingston, MT. 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.

Ive never been to the Tongass, but Ive about how special it is from friends who grew up there. In a time of rapid biodiversity loss and habitat fragmentation, we need to keep the few roadless areas we have left as they are. Old growth forests, what little we have left, are valuable both culturally and ecologically, not to mention the incredibly important role they provide in sequestering carbon. Please do your due diligence.

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 low-impact recreation (camping, hiking, hunting, foraging, 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.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: John
Last name: Poteraske
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is John Poteraske and I live in Darien, Illinois.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, John Poteraske

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Joshua
Last name: Poth
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
We should protect our natural resources instead of destroying them. Please leave the forest pristine.

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Jacqueline
Last name: Potoski
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Jacqueline Potoski and I live in Southgate, Michigan.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Jacqueline Potoski

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/7/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Jon
Last name: Potrykus
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Bob
Last name: Potter
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC816

Dear Secretary Perdue,

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): 11/16/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Brandon
Last name: Potter
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Brandon Potter and I live in Cottage Grove, Oregon.

Coal ash is a pernicious, dangerous, toxic mixture that needs to be highly regulated to prevent environmental contamination or catastrophic failures.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Brandon Potter

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Capri
Last name: Potter
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
As Alaskans, we have a duty to protect our home from those who would do it harm, and these policies would do harm horrifically. But BEYOND that, these policies fail to address the simple facts of cause and effect. If you take away the forest, you take away everything that depends on it. At first this may seem to only effect Alaskans, particularly those of us in Southeast who make our home within the Tongass. We will watch as the wildlife die, the salmon boil in waters far to warm for them to live in, and the bears make their way towards towns to escape destruction. Then the people will leave. And with less people, we'll need less people to teach them, to administer to them, to sell to them- and people will keep leaving. Southeast will empty out becoming as empty of life as the people down south think Alaska is. They still probably won't care about the Tongass, not until they're choking and screaming 'why didn't someone do something' in the face of global warning. Well, here we are, trying to do something. The real trouble is seeing if anyone will bother to listen.

[See attachment containing an image of a river and forest]

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/23/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Carol
Last name: Potter
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is [@ [@advLast] and I live in Dallas, Texas.

As we face an existential threat to our survival, we do not need to hasten this catastrophe by destroying more forests. This is a 19th-century template that will not only defeat 21st-century initiatives to develop robust tourism but also speed our demise.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Carol Potter

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: carol
Last name: potter
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Proposed Alaska Exemption from 2001 Roadless Rule -

1. I would like to voice my opposition to the Exemption from the 2001 Roadless Rule for Alaska

2. Old Growth Forests are NOT Renewable!

3. Alaska's changing climate is already doing damage to our state with more problems to come. This change can only exacerbate the rough road ahead.

4. We deserve protection from logging interests that will be damaging to the vast majority of lower impact industries that provide long term consistent incomes for the Alaskan's living near our forests.

5. Please consider the following information highlighted by the public during the Anchorage meeting (abbreviations of public comments):

* "The proposed rule would likely harm fishing, ecotourism and recreation industries that make up the vast majority of the jobs and regional income in Southeast. There are already a lot of families leaving Southeast with people losing jobs and schools closing", according to a resident of Juneau.

* Only "0.7% of the region's economy is based on logging and timber", according to a comment made by an attorney from Trout Unlimited Alaska.

* Read this important article by Richard Peterson (President of Tlingit and Haida):

* An Anchorage resident referenced the important op-ed written by Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indians President Richard Peterson: http://www.kinyradio.com/news/news-of-the-north/op-ed-respect-alaska-tribes-rights-on- the-tongass-question/

* The comment pointed out how six federally recognized tribal entities are engaged in the process, but are not being respected as sovereign governments, nor are they being compensated for their engagement (like a timber lobbying group and the state of Alaska are).

* None of the tribal government expressed the desire for Alternative 6, yet the USDA (under Perdue) "...has identified Alternative 6, which is a full exemption of the Roadless Rule, as the preferred alternative at this time."

* Another resident of Juneau pointed out that, "approximately 90% of the 144,000 public comments submitted during the scoping period indicated preference for keeping the Roadless Rule in place - at least to some extent..."

* "Alternative 6, the Roadless Rule exemption, would give the timber industry the opportunity to harvest some of the last remaining, really large (4'-10' diameter), rare, old growth trees in the Tongass...An additional 166,000 acres of old growth forest would be classified as harvestable, which would have global climate impacts", according to a former forester that worked in the Tongass NF.

* Currently, "46 million board feet are harvested from the Tongass per year on average", which several residents of Southeast brought up in their comments.

* That same forester mentioned, "trees do not develop old growth characteristics until they have been living for about 300 years." ? "Old growth is NOT a renewable resource and the scientific community has come to an agreement that old growth is too valuable to be clear cut."

* A volunteer "watchdog" of public processes brought up that "there was no transcriber at this meeting to record the questions and comments," and, "this meeting, unlike other federal meetings, was not in downtown Anchorage. Instead, it was held in an obscure part of University of Alaska campus", near the residence halls. It was difficult to find. Still, about 50 people attended, and 100% of those who spoke up were opposed to the full exemption of the Roadless Rule.

* According to research done by Audubon Alaska, under Alternative 6, "at least 80% of the habitat for [several] native species of birds and mammals would be lost, including martens [photo by Larry Cowell] and goshawks [photo by Steve Garvie].

The proposal is wrong for water, wrong for climate, wrong for species survival and wrong for residents.

Thank you for your consideration, Carol Potter

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPad

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First name: Dale
Last name: Potter
Organization:
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Regards, Dale Potter

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/15/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Dave
Last name: Potter
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Please maintain protections for the Tongass and Chugach National Forests

Dear Secretary Sonny Perdue,

Like the multitude of Americans who write you on this subject, my wife and I fully support the Roadless Rule to be kept as is. No political sell-offs! No punching roads into the small percentage of our forests, including the Tongass, that remain wild, undeveloped habitat for people and critters. Please do not sell out to the high level administration political types. They will soon be gone [with their money.] You will be left with your conscience and your face in the mirror. And your grandkids' best interests and how you either protected them or gave them away to avoid the politicians. Please do the right thing. Please do all you can to save the Roadless Rule. In the long haul of life you will be proud of what you do now....or not. Thanks.

Sincerely,

Dave Potter

Klamath Falls, OR 97603

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/12/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Dave
Last name: Potter
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Alaska Roadless Rulemaking #54511

Dear Secretary Perdue,

Wilderness and other areas without human developments are very important at present for wildlife, wild plants, wild lands recreation, water supplies and fisheries. In the future with more people in the U.S., these types of lands will become even more important. My wife and I strongly support the No-Action Alternative, #1, for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the proposed Alaska Roadless Rule.

We oppose increased developments be they mines, logging or whatever. And most certainly oppose roads being punched into wild areas since they bring poaching, dumping, noise, erosion pollution and enhance human exploitation and degradation of the small amount of wild lands left for Americans.

Federal forest tree cutting in the lower U.S. always cost us taxpayers more than it generates in income to us. It is an economic loser as well as a long term environmental loser.

I suspect logging this old growth in the Tongass will also be a dollar loser and an environmental loser for critters and the recreational industry built wild lands [guided hunts, bird watching, fishing tourism, wilderness back packing tourism and such.]

Please go for the no action alternative. It is by far the best for the most of us and for the longer decades into the future.

Sincerely,

Dave Potter

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Deborah
Last name: Potter
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
I support alternative 1 of the roadless rule. The Tongass National Forest is a vital resource to millions. Logging only benefits a few. Please do not let another Amazon Rain Forest level catastrophe occur. Protect the Tongass!

... Deborah Potter

Skagway, Alaska

[Position]

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Eric
Last name: Potter
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Eric Potter and I live in West Chester, Pennsylvania.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Eric Potter

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/24/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Geo
Last name: Potter
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Comment re Alaska Roadless Rulemaking #54511

Roadless Rulemaking,

RE: Alaska Roadless DEIS Comment

Dear Secretary Perdue:

I ask you to support the No-Action Alternative for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the proposed Alaska Roadless Rule, Alternative #1. My entire family and I heartily support keeping the current Roadless Rule protections intact for the Tongass National Forest. As you likely know, the Tongass is an invaluable carbon sink, among the largest intact old-growth temperate rainforests on our planet, and its value in providing clean water for fish and wildlife habitat is critical to the economy and the ecological health of Alaska. We ask you that you keep in place the federal Roadless Rule intact and current protections for our precious - and irreplaceable - national forests.

Frankly, we are outraged by your wrongheaded plans to gut and cut vital protections from our national forest's roadless areas!

The Roadless Rule is among the smartest policies the Federal Government has ever adopted. It preserves some of America's best fish and wildlife habitat (which draws untold numbers of citizens and other tourists to these precious places) and furthermore saves taxpayers millions of dollars that might otherwise subsidize money-losing timber sales and further harm our environment. 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. These subsidies destroy OUR lands - which are our common property, not owned by you or any other unelected or elected official - so you have no right to put the interests of for-profit companies over those of your fellow American citizens.

Please do the right thing for our nation and our nature!

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Geo Potter

Chicago , Illinois 60645

[Position]

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Organization:
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HC1226

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Regards, Sandra Potter

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Steve
Last name: Potter
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC5636

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): 11/13/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Hans
Last name: Potters
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Hans Potters and I live in Arlington, Tennessee.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Hans Potters

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/20/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Dale
Last name: Pottinger
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Please leave the forest alone especially the road less areas These areas are dwindling too fast as it is.

[Position]

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Carolyn
Last name: Potts
Organization:
Title:
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Regards, Carolyn Potts

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: randall
Last name: potts
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is randall potts and I live in Bellingham, Washington.

We must preserve the little wilderness we still possess for biodiversity, climate change mitigation and moral responsibility. It is shortsighted and a violation of the public trust that government will protect and preserve public lands for government to exploit these lands for resources that can be found elsewhere and which increase the dangers of climate change. This Administration will end but if we destroy wilderness areas, we will not get them back. Don't destroy what we cannot replace to get what do not need.

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Regards, randall potts

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Ruth
Last name: Potts
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Ruth Potts and I live in Edgewater, Maryland.

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Regards, Ruth Potts

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Tara
Last name: Potts
Organization:
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Comments:
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Regards, Tara Potts

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Marion
Last name: Potyondy
Organization:
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Comments:
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Organization:
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Last name: Pouleson
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: madam (Angela)
Last name: poulet (Willmes)
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Oppose Modification to the Roadless Rule in Alaska

Hello,

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The agency's mission is "Caring for the Land and Serving the People." The Forest Service should strive to protect the Tongass National Forest and ensure our public lands serve the people and wildlife of today and future generations.

Thank you for taking the time for my comment,.

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First name: Judi
Last name: Poulson
Organization:
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Comments:
My name is Judi Poulson and I live in Fairmont, Minnesota.

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.

In Southeast Alaska, tourism accounts for 28% of employment and generate an annual $1 billion in economic benefit, making it far more of an economic driver than the timber industry, which is less than 1% of the regional economy.

Any choice but the No Action alternative would also put wildlife and critical habitat at risk, threaten access to clean water, and be a step in the wrong direction on climate change jeopardizing Alaskans at a time when the state already faces severe challenges related to rising temperatures. I urge you not to abandon the Roadless Rule in Alaska and instead to put the public interest above corporate profits by choosing to keep the rule in place unchanged.

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Last name: Poulson
Organization: Daily Sitka Sentinel
Title: editor and co-publisher
Comments:
Alaska Roadless Rulemaking #54511:

Dec. 17, 2019

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I am a 50-year resident of Sitka, and editor-publisher of the Daily Sitka Sentinel. In a slightly different format the comments above were published as an editorial in the Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2019, edition of the Daily Sitka Sentinel.

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Letters to the Editor

Roadless Rule Deadline

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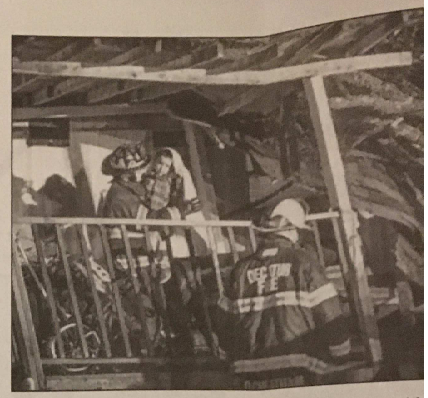
My experience growing up in Sitka and the wild places surrounding it defines my lifestyle and values. I remain drawn to the forest, mountains, and ocean for my recreation, my income, learning, and some of my food. I have worked on conservation and wilderness advocacy projects on the Tongass, and hope to do more of that type of work during my career, because I believe in sustaining the long-term health of this forest for future generations to use, learn from, and enjoy.

I have spent the previous two summers working with a small marine wild-



Firefighter Ryan Gilley, left, helps evacuate a mobile home with members Monday after a tree fell on the home in Decatur, Ala.

Twisters, Storms, Fl Take Toll Across Sou

ALEXANDRIA, La. (AP) — A swarm of tornadoes and storms that left a trail of destruction across the Southeast killed four people, injured at least a dozen more and left victims to bundle up against the cold as they picked up pieces of their homes Tuesday.

The death toll rose to four after heavy rain overnight caused flooding in Greenup County, Kentucky. Water rescue crews were called in about 8 a.m. Tuesday to aid two people, and at least one of them died, Kentucky State Police Trooper Bobby King said. He said crews were still trying to rescue the second person.

It wasn't clear exactly how many twisters skipped across the region but the National Weather Service tweeted more than 240 tornado warnings for the region over roughly 21 hours starting early Monday.

The National Weather Service has identified at least 14 tornadoes in Mississippi, Col. Bryan Olier, chief of staff at the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency, told a news conference. At least 25 counties were affected, 150 homes were reported damaged or destroyed and a about dozen were injured, he said, and the numbers are likely to grow.

"We had a storm front that went ... from the southwest corner of the state to almost central — some 60 to 80 miles," Gov. Phil Bryant said.

The Storm Prediction Center logged at least three dozen reports of storm damage from east Texas to Georgia.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/15/2019 11:20:10 PM
First name: David
Last name: Pound
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is David Pound and I live in Stowe, VT. 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.

My daughter lives in the Tongass National Forest and subsists off of the fish and deer there. She hikes and recreates quite a bit. Many of her friends use it for harvesting and hunting. She has shared a lot of the beauty and wonder of the Tongass, giving me a great appreciation for it as part of our public lands.

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, to keep public lands wild for future generations, its wild salmon populations and the world-class fishing opportunities, the high density of incredible wildlife it contains, the recreational opportunities it provides. 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). 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, develop more recreational opportunities, like trails and cabins. 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.

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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.

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/31/2019 11:23:04 AM
First name: Emily
Last name: Pound
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Emily Pound and I live in Sitka, Alaska. I have lived in Southeast Alaska for one year and three months. I depend on the Tongass for food and recreation. Since living here, I have taken up fishing and hunting. I feel dedicated to subsistence and living off the land. 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 subsistence harvesting, hunting, fishing, foraging for wild foods, the peace and solitude I find in nature, recreating, 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 1: no action. The rule is working fine as it is by balancing the conservation of our fish and wildlife habitat with important development projects.. I depend on roadless areas in the Tongass National Forest for healthy fish habitat, deer habitat and subsistence hunting, foraging and gathering wild foods, recreating and enjoying nature, carbon sequestration and local climate change mitigation, viewing wildlife, keeping public lands wild for future generations. 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 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 It discounts the voices of many Southeast Alaskans that spoke out in support of a no-action alternative. 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 devote resources to support our fishing and visitor industries.

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): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: MSgt
Last name: Pound
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is MSgt Pound and I live in Kansas City, Missouri.

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, MSgt Pound

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/11/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Dianna
Last name: Pounder
Organization:
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Comments:
My name is Dianna Pounder and I live in Eugene, Oregon.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Dianna Pounder

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/28/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Sebastian
Last name: Pouw
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Life, the Future, and the Tongass Forest

To whom it may concern,

My name is Sebastian Pouw, I am a sixteen-year-old high school Junior, in Southern California. About five weeks ago our AP Environmental Science teacher assigned Current Events. In short, she told us to start looking at what is currently happening in the world and reflect upon its effects on the environment and our futures.

To my disbelief, when I woke up this morning one of the articles that we discussed explained that the Forest Service was opening up 9 million acres of land in Alaska to forestry. Not to mention, that the land in question is mainly populated by old-growth, commonly known to be a major carbon sink in our environment; meaning that their removal would release carbon back into the atmosphere and reduce the Alaskan forests' carbon-capturing potential.

I am certain that you are aware of the importance of forests' carbon-capturing capabilities, and implore you, for my future, for the future of my friends, for the future of my family, and the future of my potential children and grandchildren, I implore you: please don't open this land to logging. Please don't follow through with the current plan. Please vote against any form of logging in Alaska's Tongass Forest when possible.

With great hope and respect,

Sebastian Pouw

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 7:41:09 PM
First name: Natalia
Last name: Povelite
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Natalia Povelite and I live in Portland, OR. 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 was born in Alaska and grew up in a commercial salmon fishing family. There are scant places comparable in our country to the Tongass National Forest, in terms of vast wildness, natural resources, and community access.

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 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.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Jon
Last name: Povill
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Jon Povill

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Jon
Last name: Povill
Organization:
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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.

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, Jon Povill

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/13/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Karen
Last name: Povlock
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Karen Povlock and I live in Fort Myers, Florida.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Karen Povlock

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/14/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Alan
Last name: Powell
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Tongass National Forest, commentary

To whom it may concern,

You have asked for public comment on the possibility of opening the Tongass to new roads and logging. I understand that the loggers are in a tough spot. They desire to make a living cutting timber, and they see in the Tongass a treasure of uncut old growth. I feel that we must admit as a nation that it is not environmentalists that have loggers in this bind, but rather loggers from previous generations that brought about this problem by ignoring the benefits of conservation. For the bulk of the existence of the US, we allowed unfettered logging of forests without any concern for the health and continued existence of this precious resource and the animal species who rely on them to survive.

We must begin with the admission that loggers and logging companies grossly mismanaged our timber resources for so long, that now, protecting the tiny percentage we have left has become controversial and is considered oppressive because today's loggers do not wish to have these constraints placed upon them. We see similar things occurring with fish stocks and fisheries around the world. When we over-exploit our natural resources, there will have to come a day of reckoning when we must decide whether we want short term economic gain, or long term health of our ecosystems.

As you might have already guessed, I am for preserving the timber and the unroaded expanse of a wilderness not yet spoiled by humanity. Surely preserving a piece of earth as God made it cannot always take a back seat to destructive industrial processes. Once gone, we can never get old growth back. We should constantly remind ourselves that 98% of the north American forests have been destroyed. If leaving 2% untouched and off limits to logging is considered too greedy an environmental ask, then what a sad state we are in that only total destruction of a resource is considered beneficial or preferable.

Leave the forest alone, we've taken enough. Thank you for listening.

-Alan Powell

Nashville, TN

[Position]

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/2/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Antonia
Last name: Powell
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Antonia Powell and I live in Los Angeles, California.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Antonia Powell

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/20/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Brian
Last name: Powell
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
No, no, no!These precious forests cannot be fully replaced. The biodiversity, beauty, and habitat will be destroyed by this.

[Position]

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Christine
Last name: Powell
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Christine Powell and I live in Gaithersburg, Maryland.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Christine Powell

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Conor
Last name: Powell
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
The removal of this rule/epexction will put our ancient growth forests at risk. Some of the rarest biomes left on our planet and one of the greatest resources we have. Ancient forest teach us and remind us what our ancestors experinced when they first travelled to American. It shows pur history and shows what we can learn from it. Destroying or allowing this to pass wpuld be in essence destroying Americas past. Esepcially in a time when old growth forests are needed more than ever in this changing climate. Allowing this to happen would be catastrophic to the ciztens of the united states and the world. Please do not allowing our forests to be logged anymore than they already have. We cannot replace old growth forests, we never will be able to experince them again. These forests are key to our ecosytems and our way of life, allowing them to be logged will be a regert which will follow everyone, especially those inplementing. It will follow you like a plague for the rest of your life. Enjoy having to explain to your children, grandchildren, and great-granchuldren on why their ancestors did not care enough about the environment around them to let their children experince it. Why they tried to covered up the past and process it into something different. Be on the right side of histroy, the moral side of history, and protect these vital forests.

[Position]

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/11/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Dave
Last name: Powell
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): 10/29/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: David
Last name: Powell
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Keep 'Roadless Rule' Protections for the Tongass National Forest

Dear U.S. Forest Service,

I am a British citizen who has spent years trying to educate myself in issues surrounding animal welfare and wildlife conservation. At this time we should be doing our utmost to halt climate change and the global mass extinction of thousands of species, both caused by human activity and the resulting habitat destruction. However you decide it's a good idea to open up millions of acres of pristine forest in Alaska's Tongass for logging. This could have a devastating effect on the wildlife of the region including bears, wolves and salmon.

I urge you to drop this disastrous plan and to protect these forests for future generations.

Sincerely,

David Powell

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: David
Last name: Powell
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is David Powell and I live in Seabrook, Texas.

Do the right thing for the U.S. citizens most concerned about the proposed actions, the Native Americans to whom the area is sacred and the citizens who value the natural beauty of National preserves of all kinds including the areas close to these preserves.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, David Powell

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: david
Last name: Powell
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is david Powell and I live in Queens, New York.

please keep on protecting our children

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, david Powell

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/20/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Dick
Last name: Powell
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Keep roadless forests roadless

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Ethel
Last name: Powell
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Ethel Powell and I live in Richmond, Virginia.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Ethel Powell

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Gail
Last name: Powell
Organization:
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Comments:
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Regards, Joanne Powell

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First name: Katherine
Last name: Powell
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
I strongly oppose the proposed exemption of the Roadless Rule in the Tongass. This incredibly sensitive and delicate ecosystem would be irreparably damaged and the amazing creatures it supports would not survive it. Salmon are the backbone of the temperate rainforest and, with increased logging, pristine salmon habitat would become even more rare. Without the salmon, no bears. Without the salmon, fewer healthy trees. No salmon, no eagles. No salmon, no life.

Please keep the Tongass roadless. Six years wandering its expanse shaped who I am today. Please let the wilderness be there to shape future generations.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Kathleen
Last name: Powell
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Kathleen Powell and I live in Vallejo, California.

we are killing our Earth with plastic

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First name: Larry
Last name: Powell
Organization:
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Comments:
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Regards, M Powell

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Mary
Last name: Powell
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Dear Secretary Perdue,

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): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Mike
Last name: Powell
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, Mike Powell

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First name: Mike
Last name: Powell
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Last name: Powell
Organization:
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Comments:
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Organization:
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First name: Leigh
Last name: Power
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Leigh Power and I live in Coupeville, Washington.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: WANDA
Last name: POWER
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is WANDA POWER and I live in Plymouth, New Hampshire.

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First name: Elaine
Last name: Powers
Organization:
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Comments:
I support Alternative 1 (to leave the current management approaches and regulations in place.) Years of careful thought and public input went into protecting the old growth and Roadless Rule in Alaska's Tongass National Forest, over several presidential administrations. It should not be undone by the one in power. The forest belongs to all the citizens of the USA - not just to the state. Opening the area to development will not significantly affect jobs in the area - fewer than 1 percent of the jobs in the region come from logging. There are millions of acres in the Tongass with no roadless restrictions and plenty of resource extraction. And we know the USFS subsidizes logging at a loss to taxpayers. So trying to open up what has been decided years ago is about short-term gain for a few, and long-term destruction overall of a unique ecosystem. Please leave Alternative 1 in place. Thank you.

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Regards, Elizabeth Powers

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Eve
Last name: Powers
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Eve Powers and I live in Koloa, Hawaii.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Eve Powers

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/11/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Inara
Last name: Powers
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Inara Powers and I live in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

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First name: James
Last name: Powers
Organization:
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Comments:
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Regards, James Powers

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Regards, Jennifer Powers

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: jim
Last name: powers
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is jim powers and I live in Oceanside, California.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, jim powers

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: john
Last name: powers
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is john powers and I live in Forestville, California.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, john powers

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Kathy
Last name: Powers
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC3937

U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule

Comment Period:

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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,

Kathy Powers

Watsonville, CA 95076

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: kathy
Last name: powers
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC3168

U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule

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Regards, Lem powers

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: lem
Last name: powers
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is lem powers and I live in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, lem powers

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: marlene
Last name: powers
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is marlene powers and I live in Mount Prospect, Illinois.

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Regards, marlene powers

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Regards, Mary Powers

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Sheila
Last name: Powers
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Sheila Powers and I live in Old Saybrook, Connecticut.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Sheila Powers

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Shelley
Last name: Powers
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
The courts have already ruled against an exemption for roads in the Tongass National Forest. That the government of Alaska has no respect for the natural beauty of this forest is no reason to, all of a sudden, and with no change in circumstance, law, or priority, just give Alaska what it wants.

This Forest is held in trust for all people in the United States, and for all future citizens of the US. Enacting rules that destroy this forest runs counter to law and wishes of the people of this country.

Why? No reason other than supporting commercial operations that will lead to the destruction of the forests, because of the current's administrations very real hatred of anything natural and not exploited. And the fact that the people of Alaska have no real respect for what they have.

This will just result in yet more lawsuits that the Trump administration will lose, and that will cost taxpayer money.

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Last name: Powers
Organization:
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Regards, Sheran Powers

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Pat
Last name: Powers-Jaeger
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Thank you for considering my comments.
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Alan
Last name: Powitz
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Alan Powitz and I live in New York, New York.

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Regards, Alan Powitz

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First name: Kent
Last name: Powley
Organization:
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Comments:
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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Kent Powley

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Gregory
Last name: Pozovich
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC5071

U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

I am concerned about the possible plan to destroy the Roadless Rule in Alaska. I am asking the U.S. Forest Service to keep the rule as it currently is. With climate change such a serious issue, it is critically important that we keep this forest intact in order for the trees to continue to absorb carbon dioxide. We need all the intact forests we can get. Please do not weaken the Roadless Rule. Thank you.

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Sincerely,

Gregory Pozovich

Sisters, OR 97759

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Last name: Pozsgai-Kises
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Mario
Last name: Pozzo
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
[Attached postcard received 12/31/2019. Redacted to protect personally identifiable information. Original is in the project record.]

Text:

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Sincerely,

Name:

Address:

City: Zip:

Email:

Phone:

[Position]

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Sincerely,

Name: Mario Pozzo

Address: [redacted]

City: [redacted]

Email: [redacted]

Phone: [redacted]

Dec. 31, 2019

Ken Tu
ID Team Leader
Alaska Roadless Rule
USDA Forest Service
P.O. Box 2168
Juneau, Alaska 99802-1628

39802-1628 Processed by Brenda Berry

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/17/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Francesca
Last name: Prada
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Francesca Prada and I live in San Francisco, California.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Francesca Prada

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Joni
Last name: Pradetto
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Bonnie
Last name: Prado
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Bonnie Prado and I live in Littleton, Colorado.

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Regards, Bonnie Prado

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First name: Ronald
Last name: Prado
Organization:
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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Ronald Prado

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Annemaire
Last name: Prairie
Organization:
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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.

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, Annemaire Prairie

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Annemarie
Last name: Prairie
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Annemarie Prairie and I live in Boulder, Colorado.

Protect our forests!!!

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First name: Karen
Last name: Prak
Organization:
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Furthermore, I strongly object to the plans which would either reduce or remove protections from our national forests' roadless areas.
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Regards, Karen Prak

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Linda
Last name: Prandi
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Linda Prandi and I live in Sacramento, California.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Linda Prandi

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Last name: Prasad
Organization:
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Regards, Margie Pratchenko

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First name: Neil
Last name: Prater
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Neil Prater and I live in Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Brett
Last name: Prather
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
[CAUTION: Suspicious Link]Tongrass distruction

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The Tongrass needs your protection for the following reasons:

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2) Logging constitutes fewer than 100 jobs in the region as opposed to 25% of jobs being fishing and tourism (which rely on healthy ecosystems)

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Report: Feds lose millions in Tongass timber sales - Alaska Public Media

www.alaskapublic.org

The five-page report calculates the U.S. Forest Service has lost nearly $600 million over two decades through roadbuilding and timber sales. Please represent your countrymen by opposing this legislation. The current administration has done enough damage to our planet.

thanks,

Brett Prather

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: David
Last name: Prather
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, David Prather

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Erica
Last name: Prather
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Roadless Rule Objection

When the Chilkat weaver approaches a tree

They ask forgiveness

They slice, with prayer on their breath,

For the gift of red cedar bark

Woven with mountain goat fir

Warped in ritual

The Tongass yes, is a carbon sink and

We can talk about the economic value of this place

Until we collapse upon 1 of 700 species of moss

But what cannot be conveyed in statistics

Is in the mind of Raven

He brought the stars, his is the right to

Mock our folly through

His voice

Sovereign, omnipotent

From his place in the air he can see

The Kushtaka and

The glacial gem

Grand organ of the forest

Spewing arterial silt

As the salmon swim up her veins

The Tlingt, the Haida, the Tsimshian

Aas Khwaani - tree people

Land once stolen

To be stolen again

And again

And again

By goldmines

By cruise ships

Canoe routes blocked

By progress

And now we will

Dismember

sh[eacute]iyi - spruce

Mangle, mince, mulch, truncate, shear, fell, fragment

s'agw[aacute]at - hemlock bark

We do not ask for forgiveness

sh[eacute]ix_'w - red alder

We do not even ask

aas daax_eesh[iacute] - lichen growing on spruce bark

For permission

x_[aacute]aw - A fallen tree

[POSITION]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Kelsey
Last name: Prather
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Tongass National Forest

I am emailing to petition against building roads in the Tongass National Forest, a land special to many species. My family and i spent time here and it holds a special place in our hearts.

Here are a few more reasons why:

1) The Tongass holds 10% of our carbon in N America. It makes zero sense, during a climate crises, to fell a carbon sink and release carbon.

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Please do not succumb to thoughtless acts for money and oil. This isn't what this country is built upon.

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Kelsey Prather

M.A. Counseling and Career Development, School Counseling | Colorado State University

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/4/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Steven
Last name: Prather
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.

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First name: Jean
Last name: Pratschner
Organization:
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Regards, Jean Pratschner

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Candace
Last name: Pratt
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Candace Pratt and I live in Williston, Vermont.

With WISDOM, is how all precious places should be approached. I implore you to be wise in NOT removing or altering any existing protections of the Tongas National Forest in Alaska.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Candace Pratt

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Last name: Pratt
Organization:
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Comments:
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Regards, Joy Pratt

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First name: Patricia
Last name: Pratt
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Patricia Pratt and I live in Elsberry, Missouri.

Please stop destroying natural resources before our world is so compromised that nothing can grow!!

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Patricia Pratt

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/14/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Paul
Last name: Pratt
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
The Tongass is pristine wilderness. This is one of the last sanctuaries of ecological diversity that has not been compromised by human development. The reserve acts as the largest carbon trap in North America, cleaning human effluent from the air. We need the Tongass. The Tongass must remain totally intact For future generations.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
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Last name: Pratt
Organization:
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Comments:
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Last name: Pratt
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: jose
Last name: preciado
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/20/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Denise
Last name: Preece
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
There are few places as important to leave roadless. The only people to benefit from changing the status of these currently roadless wild places are corporate executives and their cronies. And whoever has his/her hand in getting the deal done. There is plenty if science to support leaving these places alone.

Jobs can be created in other ways. Energy and resources need to be diversified AWAY from old growth Forests in particular. As an American, the thought of ruining one of our last truly pristine places is disgusting. And whoever makes this happen will be remembered accordingly.

Please think of something other than making a select few wealthy individuals who have the ear of the decision making body more wealthy at the expense of so much more than they can ever repay or give back to this great country.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Anita
Last name: Preer
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Anita Preer and I live in Boston, Massachusetts.

We need to be planting trees, not cutting them down. We need oxygen. Money can't buy you air.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Anita Preer

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Eileen
Last name: Prefontaine
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, Eileen Prefontaine

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First name: Claudette
Last name: Preisinger
Organization:
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Comments:
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First name: Eric
Last name: Preiss
Organization:
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Comments:
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Last name: Preliasco
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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First name: Robert
Last name: Preliasco
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Old growth temperate rainforest is a unique national treasure and much of it has already been logged. I hope that the USFS will respect the standing Roadless Rule and not allow any further logging in the Tongass National Forest. Thank you.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/16/2019 3:00:00 PM
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Last name: Prellwitz
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Organization:
Title:
Comments:
The Tongass National Forest is an irreplaceable natural resource which must be preserved for future generations. Destructive activities such as logging and mining threaten the integrity of the forest and diminish its long-term value as an undeveloped natural resource. The long-term value of the forest as an undeveloped area outweighs any short-term profits from proposed economic development. Consequently, no part of the Tongass National Forest should be developed or exploited for short-term profit. Maintaining strong protections for the entire forest is essential to its preservation as a viable undeveloped ecosystem. The current Roadless Rule helps block development and so protects the forest. This protection should not be weakened. The Tongass National Forest should not be exempted from the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule.

[Position]

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/21/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Katie
Last name: Prendergast
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Please choose option one and do not destroy the Tongass forest. Keep Alaska wild!

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/12/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Nicolas
Last name: Prendergast
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): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Jerami
Last name: Prendiville
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.

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, Jerami Prendiville

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/18/2019 6:07:40 PM
First name: Jerami
Last name: Prendiville
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Comments to oppose modification to the Roadless Rule

Dear U.S. Forest Service,

We need to keep SOME land free from human disruption! 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,
Jerami Prendiville
Santa Rosa Valley, CA 93012

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Jerami
Last name: Prendiville
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Jerami Prendiville and I live in Camarillo, California.

Its called pollution folks!

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Edward
Last name: Preneta
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
These trees hold carbon which should not be released into the atmosphere. Please rely on well documented scientific research to make the decision on the stand of very old growth timber in the National Forest Lands in Alaska.

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/5/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Chris
Last name: Prentice
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/12/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Alex
Last name: Prentiss
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
PROTECT THE TONGASS NATIONAL FOREST AND KEEP THE 2001 ROADLESS RULE (ALTERNATIVE 1)

Dear Forest Service:

The Tongass serves as a vital buffer against climate change and as a refuge for salmon, birds and other wildlife. Much like the trees of the Amazon rainforest, the Tongass's stands of ancient trees are champions at absorbing greenhouse gas emissions. The Tongass stores approximately 8 percent of the total carbon in all national forests of the lower 48 states. Alaska experienced unprecedented heat waves this summer which tells you that maintaining the national forest is of national importance.

Logging the Tongass would threaten the health of Alaskan salmon by polluting rivers and streams, as well as by removing trees that help regulate water temperature. Current roadless-rule protections also extend to cultural and sacred sites of great importance to Alaska Native people, who rely upon the Tongass for spiritual and subsistence practices.

The landmark 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule protects more than 58 million acres of roadless national forest lands across the country. Weakening this policy in Alaska will harm local and indigenous communities, Southeast Alaska's economy, salmon fisheries and wildlife. An intact Tongass supports a robust Southeast Alaskan economy through tourism, commercial and sport fishing, and small businesses. Its old-growth trees provide irreplaceable wildlife habitat for myriad species including wild Pacific salmon, Alexander Archipelago wolves and Sitka black-tailed deer.

More than 1.5 million Americans voiced support for the roadless rule during the original rule-making process, which followed decades of clear cutting that had a destructive and lasting impact on the Tongass. The rule continues to receive overwhelming support in Alaska and across the nation. Recent polling shows that 61 percent of voters nationwide oppose exempting large parts of the Tongass from the protections of the roadless rule. A near-unanimous 96 percent of these voters believe it is important for the federal government to protect and conserve national forests, including 75 percent who say it is very important.

For all of these reasons, I support Alternative 1, taking no action and leaving all of Alaska under the 2001 Roadless Rule, including the Tongass National Forest.

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Sincerely,

Alex Prentiss

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Karen
Last name: Prescott
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Karen Prescott and I live in Lakewood, Colorado.

Protect Bears Ears from destruction and light pollution!

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, Karen Prescott

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Morgan
Last name: Prescott
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC6492

11/4/2019

Dear US Forest Service,

I believe that the Tongass National Forest should continue to be untouched by loggers and the building of roads. We need our rainforests more [illegible] ever! Climate change, pollution, species of plants and animals will all suffer [illegible].

Morgan Prescott

Oakhurst, CA 93644

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Saretta
Last name: Prescott
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, Saretta Prescott

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Susanne
Last name: Press
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Susanne Press and I live in Vail, Colorado.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Susanne Press

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Emily
Last name: Presseller
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Emily Presseller and I live in Philadelphia, PA. 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.

The earth is important! It is important to me that we protect biodiversity and the environment!

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 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 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), hydroelectric development. 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, develop more recreational opportunities, like trails and cabins, 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.

[Position]

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Melissa
Last name: Pressimone
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Melissa Pressimone and I live in The Bronx, New York.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Melissa Pressimone

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Chuck
Last name: Pressley
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC5336

U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

Fishing in an unspoilt area of Alaska is the dream of every cold water fisher. Keep your commitment to the roadless project.

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,

Chuck Pressley

Easley, SC 29642

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Maureen
Last name: Pressley
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Dear powerful people-

I am writing to tell you I am opposed to lifting the Tongass Forest from the roadless rule. To open up the Tongass to logging is a big mistake. The future for SE Alaskans is in the tourism industry and eco-tourism. The clear cutting benefits a few corporations and does not help our economy in the long run.

When the area near the Hollis ferry terminal was clear cut for the benefit of a few, it created an eyesore to incoming tourists. It is an embarrassment to those of us bringing visitors to the area to see this clear cut of a beautiful forest. This is only one reason to not give in to the greed of a few corporations.

Please keep the roadless rule in effect for our tourism, and for the future of our children, as well as for our fisheries and wildlife. Protect our forest and keep the roadless rule intact in the Tongass.

Respectfully,

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Peter
Last name: Pressley
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
I traveled to Prince of Wales Island last summer and plan to return. The forest brings me back. The Roadless Rule should be maintained. Its the wildness that gives the area value, and economically creates 20 times more jobs than logging. Logging is shooting the goose that lays the golden eggs.

On an ecological or ethical level it is also foolhardy to log; the salmon are in a delicate balance with the forest and its clear streams. Erosion, changes to microclimates, water pollution, and biological disturbance from logging will harm the salmon resource.

[Position]

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Roberta
Last name: Pressman
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Last name: Prest
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Regards, Layne Prest

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Amanda
Last name: Preston
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Amanda Preston and I live in Portland, Oregon.

Don't give into trump, you guys know forests, you know clear-cutting this one isn't a good idea... Do what is right!

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Amanda Preston

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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.

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Last name: Preston
Organization:
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Regards, Charlotte Preston

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Elaine
Last name: Preston
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Elaine Preston and I live in Rockville, Maryland.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Elaine Preston

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Katharine
Last name: Preston
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Katharine Preston and I live in Essex, New York.

Some wildness we must have, for our sanity and for the wilderness itself.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Katharine Preston

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/11/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Lance
Last name: Preston
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Lance Preston and I live in Sitka, Alaska. Im a fisherman who has commercially trolled for salmon every year since 1993. I built a home in Sitka with dollars earned entirely by salmon trolling. 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, recreating, the forest's ability to sequester carbon and mitigate climate change impacts, the conservation of resources for future generations the status of the Tongass as a national and global treasure, foraging for wild foods, practicing my culture,.

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 economic livelihood, healthy fish habitat, deer habitat and subsistence hunting, carbon sequestration and local climate change mitigation, viewing wildlife, practicing my culture, recreating and enjoying nature, keeping public lands wild for future generations, fiscal responsibility and saving taxpayer dollars . 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, all of the inventoried roadless areas on the Tongass Prince of Wales Island,. 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 low-impact recreation such as camping, hiking, hunting, and fishing medium-impact recreation development such as Forest Service cabins, trails, mooring buoys, and 3-sided shelters passive or active watershed restoration of salmon streams and wildlife habitat. 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 Despite false claims to the contrary, commercial fishing and tourism are the backbone industries of SE Alaska, not logging. Exempting the Tongass from the roadless rule directly threatens the livelihoods of the vast majority of SE Alaskans so that a very small minority can profit at our expense.. 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.

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.

[Position]

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/18/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Lance
Last name: Preston
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC220

[Image of box with check] I do not want to receive a copy of the Final Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Roadless Rule Planning Team,

I live in Southeast Alaska, where my lifestyle, the ecology of the forest, and the economy of our communities are all intricately intertwined. I live in this region for the bountiful salmon runs, the beautiful scenery, the clean air and water, and the endless opportunities to recreate in our expansive outdoors. I am one of the 94% of Southeast Alaskans who eat salmon every year. I depend on the Tongass - from the freshwater streams where salmon spawn to the old-growth forests that deer rely on, the Tongass fuels our family and our economy. The health of our economy, which is heavily reliant 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 habitat - in short, it requires keeping inventoried roadless areas roadless! I urge the Forest Service and Secretary Perdue 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. A full exemption from the Roadless Rule will not work for the Tongass.

WHO I AM: *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?* [Text italisized]

My name is Lance Preston and I have been owner and captain of a commercial salmon troller for 19 years. My livelihood, the livelihoods of my colleagues, and the economy of my home city of Sitka is directly threatened by the proposed roadless exemption.

ALTERNATIVE: *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 "Alternative 1, No Action." Why do you support this alternative?* [Text italisized]

The alternative I support is: Alternative 1, No Action!

Because: The value of intact old growth is infinitely more valuable to the economy of S.E. AK, as salmon habitat, a tourist attraction, for subsistence and cultural importance than it can ever be to the very small minority who stand to gain by clear-cutting.

AREAS: *Are there specific islands, watersheds, or mountains that you care about? It's especially important to specify areas you use for subsistence hunting, fishing, and gathering. Examples include Tenakee Inlet, Nakwasina Sound, Fish Bay, Ushk Bay, Northern Prince of Wales, T77 salmon watershed areas, Audubon/TNC ecological priority areas.* [Text italisized]

The areas I want to see protected from road building and old growth timber harvest are:

Absolutely all salmon producing watersheds. The Tongass Goose already lays golden eggs that support the SE AK economy. The golden eggs are salmon!

USE: *What activities do you do on the Tongass? Hunting, fishing, recreation, subsistence, business, tourism, etc.*[Text italisized] I rely economically on the Tongass to produce salmon. But I also subsist on deer hunting. Also my house was built with selectively harvested timber from the Tongass.

Old growth logging and road building would negatively impact the productivity of the ecosystem that I depend on for the following activities:

Commercial salmon fishing, sport fishing, the guided sport fishing industry and tourism industry broadly that is important economically to my community and municipality of Sitka. Hunting of deer. And Carbon Sink FOR THE PLANET!

SUGGESTION: *How should the Forest Service manage the Tongass National Forest? More sustainable alternatives to timber harvest include salmon watershed restoration, conservation, visitor industry infrastructure, deer habitat enhancement, young growth thinning, and maintenance of recreation infrastructure such as trails and cabins.*[Text italisized]

The monofocus on increasing timber production in the Tongass is outdated and out of pace with the current economy and lifestyle of Southeast Alaska. Industrial scale harvesting of old-growth forest does not enhance salmon production, visitor industry values, deer habitat, or my recreation experience. I would like the Forest Service to focus on activities that enhance and support our lifestyle of living off the land and the sustainable sectors of our economy.

These activities are: Salmon watershed restoration, visitor industry infrastructure and young growth thinning will support the existing economies of the region and preserve a carbon sink that is literally necessary, among others in the world, to preserve a livable ecology on earth. That is no exaggeration. Consider the magnitude of that fact. Do the right thing.

Additional comments for the Forest Service:

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Lance Preston

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/13/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Polly
Last name: Preston
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC465

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?

Holly Preston

I own property in the Tongass

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."

no Action

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

It would help insure the protection of the wild life and watershed

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.

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

fishing hiking

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.

All of these

Additional comments for the Forest Service:

Better late than never

Sincerely,

Polly Preston

I want to receive a copy of the Draft Environmental Statement

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/8/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Ray
Last name: Preston
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
roadless rule

People,

I am in favor of Alternative 1, keeping the roadless rule intact for all of Alaska including the Tongass National Forest.

Ray Preston

Juneau, Alaska 99801

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Stephen
Last name: Preston
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/14/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Valerie
Last name: Preston
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Do not cut old growth forest down . The planet has delicate naturally balanced systems that we need to sustain our lives. Scientists have been sounding the alarm to alert us that human activity is destroying the healthy function of this earth. All life on this earth relies on leaving large protected areas untouched by humans. Stay out of of this conservation area, national forest system lands in Alaska. Sincerely, Valerie Preston

[Position]

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Laura
Last name: Prestridge
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Barbara
Last name: Prete
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
These lands that trump wants to destroy belong to the people not him. We need to protect the few undamaged parts of this country from greedy people who only look out for themselves and not the country and our future.I strongly object to the raping of this country to enrich the few and damage the many.

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Denise
Last name: Pretet
Organization:
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Regards, Denise Pretet

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Last name: Pretlow
Organization:
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Regards, Wayne Pretlow

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Manon
Last name: Pretre
Organization:
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My name is Manon Pretre and I live in Paia, Hawaii.

save our forests, we need the trees!!!

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First name: Ginnie
Last name: Preuss
Organization:
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Regards, Meredith Preve

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Last name: Prevendar
Organization:
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Comments:
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First name: Sean
Last name: Prevost
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Comments:
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Sean

[Position]

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Sean

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Maike
Last name: Prewett
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC1425

Dear Chief Christiansen,

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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.

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Tere
Last name: Prewitt
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.As a resident of a state where the logging industry is prt of our economy, I must add that the paper/lumber and loggiing industry are in decline with timber industries such as Weyerhauser are closing their plants because of the slow market for wood products. Please,do not further depress these industries by opening more unnecessary logging venues.

Regards, Tere Prewitt

[Position]

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Alaina
Last name: Pribis
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC890

Dear Secretary Perdue,

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Allen
Last name: Price
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Allen Price and I live in Cranston, Rhode Island.

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In Southeast Alaska, tourism accounts for 28% of employment and generate an annual $1 billion in economic benefit, making it far more of an economic driver than the timber industry, which is less than 1% of the regional economy.

Any choice but the No Action alternative would also put wildlife and critical habitat at risk, threaten access to clean water, and be a step in the wrong direction on climate change jeopardizing Alaskans at a time when the state already faces severe challenges related to rising temperatures. I urge you not to abandon the Roadless Rule in Alaska and instead to put the public interest above corporate profits by choosing to keep the rule in place unchanged.

Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Allen Price

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/11/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Carolyn
Last name: Price
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Carolyn Price and I live in Arlington, Texas.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Carolyn Price

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/13/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Cassandra
Last name: Price
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Keep the Roadless Rule in Place for the Tongass National Forest

Dear Interdisciplinary Team Leader, Alaska Roadless Rule Ken Tu,

I am an avid outdoor recreationalist and advocate. Rather than use the generic message of concern given to me, I am writing to you, personally.

I want to start by stating the obvious: clear cutting efforts have well documented negative effects on the surrounding ecosystem. This piece of knowledge is something that has been known for many years now. There's no reason to implement this practice when proper forest management has yielded more success time and time again. Alright. We've got that covered, then.

Additionally, I want to talk about the forest itself. Old growth forests are becoming increasingly rare in the modern world. I live in Flagstaff, Arizona, which is an old logging town tucked into the shadow of the San Francisco peaks. Any drive around Coconino National Forest will treat your eyes to marvelous landscapes that seem to transport you to another world. You sometimes have to remember that you are in Arizona when you are surrounded by green grass and miles upon miles of ponderosa pine trees.

But these forests have not been left untouched.

A drive through Coconino National Forest will also reveal something else: if you look closely, you will notice that all the trees are around the same height. You will notice that there are logging roads crisscrossing the land wherever you go. There is old machinery rusting away in the quiet corners of the woods. You will notice the impact of logging, even done responsibly, on the forest.

An untouched, pristine old growth forest is a treasure in its own right, regardless of the many resources it also provides for humans and wildlife alike.

An untouched old growth forest in Alaska, the last great wilderness and an absolute gem of a state in this beautiful country, is quite something else.

In a time of increasing awareness around climate change and how we as a species have treated our one true home, it should go without saying that a decision like this deserves extreme consideration. What are the benefits of allowing logging in one of the last untouched wildernesses in the world, and at what cost does this benefit come at, not only ecologically, ethically, but also financially?

The tourism in Alaska provides more jobs and gives millions more back into the local economy than logging ever could. By chipping away at what makes Alaska great, we would be deliberately hurting the people of that state and for what? Are we not supposed to care for our citizens and at least consider them in our country's decision making?

At any rate, if you are reading this and have not been to Tongass National Forest but are making decisions on its behalf, then I would encourage you to visit. See for yourself what an old growth forest is like. Find an old tree that has withstood time and elements, that stands as a testament to the resilience and wonder of life on Earth, because that is something that no price tag can compare to.

It's not really a mystery why Bob Ross was so enamored by this beautiful piece of our country.

I encourage you to protect this priceless forest. I encourage you to consider the true pros and cons of this decision. And most of all, I encourage you to care about this beautiful country that we all share. And do your part to take care of it.

Protect the Roadless Rule. It exists for a reason.

Sincerely,

Cassandra Price

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Cassie
Last name: Price
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Tongass National Forest- Alternative One

To Whom It May Concern-

I am writing today in support of Alternative One. These ancient trees are irreplaceable and their importance for carbon storage and salmon habit is beyond the value of extraction.

Cassie Price

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[POSITION]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: charles
Last name: price
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is charles price and I live in Bayonne, New Jersey.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, charles price

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Charlie
Last name: Price
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Charlie Price and I live in Mcminnville, Oregon.

Please don't allow the timber industry to profit from our nation's valuable natural resource.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Charlie Price

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Christopher
Last name: Price
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC818

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Last name: Price
Organization:
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Regards, Dan Price

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Denise
Last name: Price
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Denise Price and I live in Placentia, California.

To allow companies to sicken or shorten the lives of people and to sicken our planet in order to increase the profits of polluters is immoral.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Denise Price

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Donna
Last name: Price
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Donna Price and I live in New Port Richey, Florida.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Donna Price

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Elysee
Last name: Price
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Elysee Price and I live in Rhinebeck, New York.

Dear Mr. President,If you want my vote - then PLEASE LEAVE THE TONGASS NATIONAL FOREST IN ALASKA ALONE!!! PLEASE!!!

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Elysee Price

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First name: Emma
Last name: Price
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, Emma Price

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Gail
Last name: Price
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Gail Price and I live in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

In these times of climate change we need to protect all the remaining parts of our planet that provide stability, not make the mistake of giving in to short-sightedness and resultant instability.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Gail Price

[Position]

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/21/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Grant
Last name: Price
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
We've seen this in Indiana. They only take the profitable trees which leaves the forest full of broken trees and bad types of trees. Even though it's supposed to be sustainable they end up clearcutting the whole forest for money, it's not worth it.

[Position]

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Isabella
Last name: Price
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Isabella Price and I live in Walnut Creek, California.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Isabella Price

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 1/1/0001 12:00:00 AM
First name: James
Last name: Price
Organization:
Title:
Comments:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: James
Last name: Price
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC1285

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/20/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Jason
Last name: Price
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
This is theft, plain and simple. Logging in the Tongass Forest will take this precious ecosystem from all those that come after us. Please do not open it to logging.

[Position]

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Jenny
Last name: Price
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC6468

Dear Secretary Perdue,

I am writing to support the *No-Action Alternative*[text bolded for emphasis] 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 temperature 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, [a tree drawing]

[Position]

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Loren
Last name: Price
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Please reconsider logging in the Tongass National Forest. The devastation to the local wildlife and environment is not worth the possible financial benefit the state and lumber industry would see. There are some things you shouldn't mess with and Mother Nature is one of them.

[Position]

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: MA
Last name: Price
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Tongass National Forest

No to any and all developed for this beautiful National Forest.

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[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Marilyn
Last name: Price
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Marilyn Price and I live in Mill Valley, California.

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First name: Michael
Last name: Price
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, Michael Price

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Last name: Price
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Last name: Price
Organization:
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Regards, Myra Price

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Natalie
Last name: Price
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Natalie Price and I live in San Francisco, California.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Natalie Price

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First name: Philip
Last name: Price
Organization:
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Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/11/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Rhenda
Last name: Price
Organization:
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Comments:
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Thank you for considering my comments.
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/23/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Ron
Last name: Price
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Ron Price and I live in Ontario, California.

Don't destroy our forest.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/19/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Ron
Last name: Price
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Please preserve our natural resources and protect our environment.

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Stephen
Last name: Price
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Stephen Price and I live in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

For years the timber industry has sought to clearcut ancient forests in the Tongass. This is unscionable!!! We do NOT need more forest products for immediate use; we need to protect this small sliver of our national heritage. It does NOT belong to Alaska alone; it is a NATIONAL forest and PUBLIC LANDS. The Roadless Rule has been supported for decades by hundreds of thousands of Americans, including myself.

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First name: Susan
Last name: Price
Organization:
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Comments:
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First name: Zachary
Last name: Price
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Last name: Price
Organization:
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Regards, Zandra Price

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First name: Zandra
Last name: Price
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Zandra Price and I live in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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Organization:
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First name: Karin
Last name: Priefert
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, Karin Priefert

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Jacob
Last name: Pries
Organization: Quality Deer Management Association
Title:
Comments:
Public Comment for Tongass National Forest 2001 Roadless Rule Exemption

To Whom It May Concern:

I hope this email finds you doing well. On behalf of the Quality Deer Management Association, we would like to state our opposition to the proposed exemption to the 2001 Roadless Rule for Tongass National Forest. Attached is our public comment outlining our position in full. Your consideration to this matter is greatly appreciated. I have cc'ed the Director of Conservation at the Quality Deer Management Association in this correspondence. Please reach out with any questions.

Respectfully,

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QUALITY DEER MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

[bull] Bogart, GA 30622

Date: 17 October 2019

To: United States Department of Agriculture

From: Jacob Pries, Policy Intern

Re: Opposition to Proposed 2001 Roadless Rule Exemption

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Respectfully,

Jacob Pries Policy Intern Quality Deer Management Association

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Policy Intern
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Last name: Prieto
Organization:
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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,
Rosalie Prieto
Bakersfield, CA 93311

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Rosalie
Last name: Prieto
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Rosalie Prieto and I live in Bakersfield, California.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Rosalie Prieto

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Virginia
Last name: Prihoda
Organization:
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Regards, Virginia Prihoda

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Candace
Last name: Primrose
Organization:
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Regards, Candace Primrose

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First name: Cashman
Last name: Prince
Organization:
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Regards, Cashman Prince

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/14/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Charles
Last name: Prince
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Charles Prince and I live in Lopez Island, WA. 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.

My family is from Alaska and the Pacific Northwest, and depend on clean air and water for our lives and livelihoods. Family in the fishing industry depend on clean water for healthy fish runs, which we now know is directly related to forest health. Our children and their children have a right to see Old growth forests and eat wild fish and breath clean air.

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 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). 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. 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.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Janet
Last name: Prince
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Janet Prince and I live in Nashua, New Hampshire.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Janet Prince

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Kenneth
Last name: Prince
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Kenneth Prince and I live in Sandy, Utah.

Without trees' how can we breathe? Our world is crying out for us to stop senseless destruction for just a few empty dollars. How is it that we now stand shameful in losing the essence of our once pristine forests that ensures oxygen and beauty to this planet and our daily lives? We elected you for your wisdom. Please act use it. Begin now to renew protective legislation to give a better world to our children than what we received from our parents.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Kenneth Prince

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Michelle
Last name: Prince
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Michelle Prince and I live in New Castle, Indiana.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Michelle Prince

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/10/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Milla
Last name: Prince
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Milla Prince and I live in Lopez Island, WA. 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 oppose the over-turning of The Roadless Rule because our commonly held National Forests should no longer be open to industry but should be held in public trust and protected. The Tongass National forests is unique in its biodiversity, its size and its role in the Salmon ecosystems of Southeast Alaska. The Southeast Alaska Native people who's land these forests are on are also asking for their protection and as a public entity the Forest Service needs to listen to both them and the public.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Noelle
Last name: Prince
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Noelle Prince and I live in San Diego, California.

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Regards, Noelle Prince

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First name: Steve
Last name: Prince
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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First name: Tamara
Last name: Prince
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Tamara Prince and I live in Silver Spring, Maryland.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Tamara Prince

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/12/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Jill
Last name: Principe
Organization:
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Comments:
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Regards, Jill Principe

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Last name: Prindle
Organization:
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Regards, Sarah Prindle

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Last name: Prine
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Regards, Nancy Prine

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Daphne
Last name: Pringle
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Daphne Pringle and I live in Lincoln, Vermont.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Daphne Pringle

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/28/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: jamie
Last name: pringle
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
public comment

To whom it may concern,

I would like to comment on the draft environmental impact statement on the alternatives to roadless management and a proposed Alaska Roadless Rule.

I am totally against alternative 6 and in favor of alternative 1 taking no action and leaving all of Alaska under the 2001 Roadless Rule, including the Tongass National Forest.

Thank you for allowing my input,

Jamie Pringle

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Patty
Last name: Pringle
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Patty Pringle and I live in St. Louis, Missouri.

I back my President, but completely disagree with his enviormental policies.

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Regards, Patty Pringle

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Alma
Last name: Prins
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Alma Prins and I live in Berkeley, California.

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Regards, Alma Prins

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Marisol
Last name: Prins
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Last name: Printz
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/8/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Peggy J.
Last name: Printz
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Thank you,

Peggy J. Printz

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Last name: Prioleau
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Last name: pris
Organization:
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Comments:
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Regards, Tammie Priselac

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First name: Fiona
Last name: Priskich
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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First name: Alvera
Last name: Pritchard
Organization:
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Regards, Alvera Pritchard

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/13/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Andy
Last name: Pritchard
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Tongass

Dear Secretary Perdue and Chief Christensen,

I'm writing today to urge you to please select the "no-action" alternative on the Alaska-specific Roadless Rule and protect all inventoried roadless areas on the Tongass National Forest under the 2001 National Roadless Rule.

The roadless rule was implemented in 2001 to protect the last large remaining areas of roadless forest within the USFS lands. The revision was considered critical for the protection of endangered species as well as preservation of rapidly dwindling areas of true old growth. The rule has been successful both in protecting these species, but, in the case of the Tongass, also preserving key habitat for salmon - whose population along the rest of the west coast, in areas with not nearly these same levels of protection, is rapidly approaching extinction.

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Furthermore, SE Alaska has a history of clear-cuts with the timber then not going to (now non-existent) local mills, but rather shipped as whole logs overseas to Asian markets. So not only are we - the taxpayers - subsidizing the removal of these forests, but the profits are also not, in any meaningful way, going to the people of SE Alaska. And, to make matters worse, the negative impact of clear-cuts on both salmon habitat and tourism - two of SE Alaska's biggest industries - will far exceed any short term gains from timber harvest. In a nutshell, we're not only selling out our heritage in SE Alaska, but we're also doing so while simultaneously damaging the two largest sustainable industries SE Alaska has. And all just to satisfy the Asian market for our whole logs.

I write this knowing my voice on this matter has no chance of impacting the final decision. As a former resident of Alaska, and now resident of Washington state I've seen the devastation of massive, wide-spread clear-cuts. I've also watched our salmon population here in Washington slowly but surely dwindle because of a variety of decisions, habitat loss being but one of many. We have a chance to do things right in the Tongass - to preserve the sustainable industries bringing money to SE Alaska while also preserving the roadless areas of the Tongass. Please - weigh this decision carefully.

For these reasons, again, I strongly urge you to select the "no-action" alternative on the Alaska-specific Roadless Rule and keep the 2001 National Roadless Rule on the Tongass.

Thank you,

Andy Pritchard

Seattle, Washing (and formerly of Anchorage/Wasilla, Alaska)

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Holly
Last name: Pritchard
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Holly Pritchard and I live in Luling, Texas.

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Last name: Pritchard
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Roger
Last name: Pritchard
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Roger Pritchard and I live in Berkeley, California.

It's so obvious. And you are the person who really understands this!

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/26/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Carolyn
Last name: Pritchett
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC278

November 7, 2019

Dear Secretary Perdue,

I have been an Alaska resident since 1978 when my husband and I moved to Petersburg to teach, and I remain a year round resident of Petersburg. One of the biggest factors in our choosing this as our home is the vast, wild Tongass National Forest with its old growth rainforest. It has remained important over all these years as an integral part of the activities that are important to the quality of our lives: kayaking and boating, fishing, gathering wild edibles and wildlife watching.

But not only is the Tongass important to the things that bring quality to my life, it is essential in preserving clean water as well as fish and wildlife habitat. These things are essential to our lives but also to the economy of Southeast Alaska. Opening up the Tongass to more roads would have a negative impact on both fishing and tourism, which combined provide 25% of the jobs in Southeast Alaska. Logging, on the other hand, accounts for less than 1% of the jobs and costs taxpayers millions of dollars in subsidies for logging contracts whose costs vastly exceed timber revenues. Tourism is one of the fastest growing segments of the economy here in Southeast Alaska; any diminishment of the quality of the viewshed and the animals would negatively impact the future revenue it brings in.

Every proposed action except alternative #1 would lead to more clearcut logging and costly, unnecessary road building in the national forest; I am adamantly opposed to both. *Please select alternative #1, the No Action Alternative* [text bolded for emphasis] and keep the National Roadless Rule on the Tongass, protecting all inventoried roadless area designated under the 2001 National Roadless Rule.

Thank you.

[Signature]

Carolyn Pritchett

Petersburg, Alaska

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Last name: Pritchett
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, Thomas Pritchett

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/14/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Pam
Last name: Pritzl
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Comments to oppose modification to the Roadless Rule

Dear U.S. Forest Service,

I oppose weakening of the Roadless Rule in southeast Alaska's Tongass National Forest. This 18 million acre national forest is the largest temperate rainforest in the world and tremendously important for wildlife habitat, sequestration of atmospheric carbon, and sheet natural beauty. The 2001 Roadless Rule has kept about half the Tongass National Forest off-limits to timber harvest since the rule was established under the Clinton Administration. The present Administration in Washington, D.C., is moving to exempt the Tongass from the Roadless Rule, which would both degrade this world treasure and set a precedent for exempting other national forests from the Rule, including about 2 million acres in Washington State.

I am adamantly opposed to any change to the Roadless Rule.

Sincerely,

Pam Pritzl

Stanwood, WA 98292

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Lou
Last name: Priven
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, Lou Priven

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First name: Salvatore
Last name: Privitera
Organization:
Title:
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First name: Elaine
Last name: Probasco
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Elaine Probasco and I live in Montrose, Colorado.

We should look generations ahead. My great grandchildren should have the Tongass National Forest without clearcutting.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Elaine Probasco

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First name: Penelope
Last name: Prochazka
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, Penelope Prochazka

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First name: Ora
Last name: Prochovnick
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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First name: Richard
Last name: Prochowski
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Richard Prochowski and I live in Yale, Michigan.

Here in Michigan, PFAS's have been found in numerous locations across the state. The EPA needs to go after the companies that used those chemicals and make them pay for the clean up...not taxpayers.

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Last name: Proctor
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Julia
Last name: Proctor
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Public Opinion: Alternative 1 is the ONLY acceptable option

As a citizen of the U.S., I STRONGLY OPPOSE any action to remove land from the 2001 Roadless Rule.

The first alternative is the only right choice.

The shrinking of protections for natural ecosystems is abhorrent. National parks and national forests are the gems of America, and should be preserved as they are, preferably even expanded upon.

The proposed change would be just another step in the wrong direction, valuing greed over common sense, and would do more irreparable damage to our already-changing planet. Old-growth forests are becoming rarer, but they are vital habitats and ecosystems. Bottom line: they should be protected, not exploited.

Alaska is one of the most beautiful states. Help keep it that way. Preserve the Tongass National Forest!!

From a concerned citizen-

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Michael
Last name: Proctor
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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First name: Steven
Last name: Proe
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Steven Proe and I live in Greenwood, California.

Stop the Greed and Cool the Earth.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/25/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Thomas
Last name: Proett
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Thomas Proett and I live in Valley Springs, California.

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Regards, Thomas Proett

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Carmine
Last name: Profant
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Carmine Profant and I live in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

We all have a right to breathe clean air.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Carmine Profant

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Last name: Profet
Organization:
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Regards, Karen Profet

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Last name: Proffitt
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Ashley
Last name: Profitt
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: Susan
Last name: Proietta
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/24/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Camala
Last name: Projansky
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Camala Projansky and I live in Brooklyn, New York.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Mary
Last name: Prokop
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Mary Prokop and I live in Albany, New York.

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Regards, Mary Prokop

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Janice
Last name: Prokop-Heitman
Organization:
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Comments:
My name is Janice Prokop-Heitman and I live in Plymouth, Michigan.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/14/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Michael
Last name: Prokosch
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Tongass Roadless Rule revision

I favor Alternative 1 because it supports a long-term, sustainable regional economy. Alternative 6, exempting the Tongass National Forest from the 2001 Roadless Rule, would devastate Alaska businesses (salmon fishing, tourism...) that employ far more people and generate far more income than logging the forest will do.

Please do not allow the old-growth Tongass forest to be developed and logged.

Michael Prokosch

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Candela
Last name: Prol
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Micaela
Last name: Pronio
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, Micaela Pronio

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/23/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Marilyn
Last name: Propp
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Marilyn Propp and I live in Chicago, Illinois.

Stop putting corporate profits above the public interest and protect our national forests, our air, and our water for future generations! The Tongas is the largest national forest. Protect it!

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First name: Paula
Last name: Propst
Organization:
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Comments:
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First name: Gregory
Last name: Prosen
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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First name: Gregory
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Organization:
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Comments:
Leave the Alaska Roadless Rule in place

Dear Comment Period Alaska Roadless Rule,

Support the 'no action' alternative to leave the Roadless Rule unchanged in Alaska. Changes to this 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. Such activities increase sedimentation, hurt water quality, often block salmon migration, and add to an already large backlog of needed road maintenance and restoration. Alaskan fisheries and wild forests are critical to its economy. Intact habitat is needed for its economy to grow. Leave the Roadless Rule alone in Alaska.

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Last name: Prosl
Organization:
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Comments:
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Regards, C. Prosl

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/1/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Anon
Last name: prospect_avenue
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
America's largest national forest is protected

I am not sure what part of "protected" you don't get but my National Forests are supposed to be protected for all of us (and that includes all of nature). So, I urge you to select the "No Action" alternative on the Alaska-specific Roadless Rule instead of the sweeping changes the administration is promoting that would completely remove the Tongass National Forest from roadless protections.

The Tongass National Forest is one of the last intact temperate rainforests on Earth, with pristine old growth forests in its roadless lands. Home to a stunningly diverse array of wildlife including salmon, wolves, bear, deer, and birds of prey such as the Northern Goshawk, the Tongass is America's largest and wildest national forest. It plays a vital role in absorbing greenhouse gas emissions, storing approximately 8 percent of the total carbon of all the national forests of the lower 48 states combined. It also contains sacred sites of great importance to Native people of Alaska.

The proposed rule opens an additional 165,000 acres to logging and strips Roadless Rule protections from all 9.2 million acres of inventoried roadless areas in the Tongass. It does so with little to no justification or documented support. The rule will fragment the forest and harm wildlife that rely on old-growth habitat. For example, the rule will allow new roads and logging that threaten important wild salmon populations.

The proposed rule's claim that exempting the entire Tongass National Forest from the Roadless Rule will have only minimal environmental effect is simply not justified by the record, and an overwhelming majority of public and stakeholder input favored either maintaining roadless areas or making small modifications. The course chosen by the administration ignores the public, fails to find balance, and threatens the crown jewel of the National Forest System.

I strongly urge the Forest Service to select Alternative 1, the "no-action" alternative.

Thank you,

Elizabeth Bols

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Johnnie
Last name: Prosperie
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Last name: Prosser
Organization:
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Comments:
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Last name: Prost
Organization:
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Comments:
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Last name: Prostko
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First name: Mary
Last name: Proteau
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Mary Proteau and I live in Los Angeles, California.

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First name: Jennifer
Last name: Protil
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Jennifer Protil and I live in Silver Spring, Maryland.

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Last name: Proto
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Mike Proto and I live in Northbridge, Massachusetts.

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Regards, Mike Proto

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/16/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Alexander
Last name: Protzman
Organization: private citizen
Title:
Comments:
Opening Tongass to logging is a terrible idea with no short or long term benefit. I am completely opposed to this.

[Position]

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Nadia
Last name: Protzuk
Organization:
Title:
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Regards, Nadia Protzuk

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/1/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Anon
Last name:
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
You are at war

Yes you are at war with those you are paid to protect: the residents of America's shrinking forests.

The Alaska Roadless Rule saves wildlife. There are few places where native life is free of the threats roads pose and the "invasion" of ever more people that inevitably follows.

Please select the "No Action" alternative instead of the sweeping changes that would completely remove the Tongass National Forest from roadless protections.

Do your job and protect, preserve, respect FORESTS. Don't pander to the greedy directives of politicians, industrialists, and other profiteers. They are not worth the life of a single Alexander Archipelago Wolf ... or Chipmunk for that matter.

I strongly urge the Forest Service to select Alternative 1, the "no-action" alternative.

Thank you,

Dolores Proubasta

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Anne
Last name: ProudFire
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Anne ProudFire

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Linda
Last name: Proudfit
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Linda Proudfit and I live in Chesterton, Indiana.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Denise
Last name: Proulx
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, Denise Proulx

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First name: Kamela
Last name: Proulx
Organization:
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Comments:
My name is Kamela Proulx and I live in Baywood-los Osos, California.

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Regards, Kamela Proulx

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Tracy
Last name: Prouty
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Regards, Tracy Prouty

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: D
Last name: Provance
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Autum
Last name: Provateare
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Leave this land alone! Must humans exploit every part of the planet???

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First name: Diane
Last name: Provenz
Organization:
Title:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/8/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Fredric
Last name: Provenzano
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
I strongly support Alternative 1 of the proposed Alaska Roadless Rule alternatives. We need to stop making decisions solely based on short-term economic baes and look to the current and future health of the earth. This strategy of ignoring long-term problems and leaving them for future generations is terrible policy.

[Position]

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Rosemary
Last name: Provenzano
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Rosemary Provenzano and I live in Roselle, Illinois.

No forest should ever be clear cut

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Regards, Timothy Provenzano

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/18/2019 8:48:32 PM
First name: Craig
Last name: Provost
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Comments to oppose modification to the Roadless Rule

Dear U.S. Forest Service,

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Sincerely,
Craig Provost
Salt Lake City, UT 84103

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Craig
Last name: Provost
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Craig Provost and I live in Salt Lake City, Utah.

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First name: Lin
Last name: Provost
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Lin Provost and I live in Seattle, Washington.

Do our job and PROTECT the communities and people from industries that just pollute our waters and air.

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Exeter, ME 04435

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Nancy
Last name: Prowell
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Nancy Prowell and I live in Honeoye, New York.

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First name: Emily
Last name: Prud'homme
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Emily Prud'homme and I live in Seattle, Washington.

I rode the Alaska State Ferry past the Tongass National Forest several years ago, and it is magnificent. The value of those trees cannot be measured in dollars, and as such must be left to grow, keeping that ecosystem intact. The Roadless Rule is an important benchmark by which we protect some few remaining tracts of wildlands in this country, and it must not be rolled back.

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Regards, Emily Prud'homme

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Last name: Prudden
Organization:
Title:
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Last name: Prudden
Organization:
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Regards, Missy Prudden

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First name: Mary
Last name: Prude
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Mary Prude and I live in Statesboro, Georgia.

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Regards, Mary Prude

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First name: Jordan
Last name: Prudente
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Roadless Rule 2001

Alternative 1 or whatever protects the forest.

Jordan

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/21/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Oakey
Last name: Pruett
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Keep Dozers and Chainsaws out of Tongass National Forest!

Dear U.S. Forest Service,

I strongly urge you to keep the "Roadless Rule" protections for the Tongass National Forest intact and urge you to select the "no action" alternative instead.

Along the same line, I also vehemently 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 and clearcutting for logging.

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

Sincerely,

Oakey Pruett

Lexington, VA 24450

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/5/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Brock
Last name: Pruitt
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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First name: Steve
Last name: Pruitt
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Steve Pruitt and I live in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

We know several persons in New Mexico who have suffered directly from PFAS contamination. One, who owns a large dairy in Clovis cannot sell his milk to the local cheese producer nor can he sell his cattle for meat due to PFAS water contamination. Many others in Clovis are having to drink bottled water due to the PFAS in their water supply. All caused over the years by Cannon Air Force Base use of fire fighting foams that contain PFAS. Please help. Thank you.

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Last name: Pruitte
Organization:
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First name: carol
Last name: pruner
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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First name: Connie
Last name: Prunty
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Maintain protections for Alaska Roadless Rule

Dear Secretary Secretary Perdue,

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Connie Prunty

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Laura
Last name: Prushinski
Organization:
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Last name: Prusinowski
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Regards, Fran Prusinowski

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: JOHN
Last name: PRYBYLSKI
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is JOHN PRYBYLSKI and I live in Cheektowaga, New York.

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First name: Nicholas
Last name: Prychodko
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Last name: PRYHOROCKI
Organization:
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First name: Ann
Last name: Pryich
Organization:
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Comments:
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Last name: Pryich
Organization:
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Mount Vernon, WA 98273

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First name: C
Last name: Pryor
Organization:
Title:
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First name: Aaron
Last name: Pryzbek
Organization:
Title:
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Last name: Psaras
Organization:
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Last name: Psychas
Organization:
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First name: Richard
Last name: Puaoi
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Novato, CA 94949

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First name: jean
Last name: publee
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
logging hurts all other resources, it hurts wildlife, wilderness, aesthetics. save this site and protect it to the fullest. our kids deserve no less. our presen selfish govt appears to want to use up everthig so that nothing on earth is left for our kids. what a selfish greedy idea. i oppose changing from roadless. i do not believ tongass shoudl be exempted from roadless rule. i do not want chugash invaded and logged to death either. dont log it. those trees are providing immense climate change help to us. they should not be logged. the wildlife cant survive when the trees are cut down. they rely on treesw for food, lodging, etc. save tghe trees save the roadless area at tongass chugash.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Elizabeth
Last name: Publicover
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Elizabeth Publicover and I live in Lancaster, Ohio.

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First name: jean
Last name: publiee
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is jean publiee and I live in Flemington, New Jersey.

we horrified at amazon cutting and yet usa cutting our forests - makes no sense stop teh logging

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First name: Rob
Last name: Puc
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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No clear cutting off Alaska forests ever

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Last name: Puca
Organization:
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Regards, Laurie Puca

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First name: Carol
Last name: Pucak
Organization:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: josh
Last name: pucci
Organization:
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Comments:
My name is josh pucci and I live in Richmond, Virginia.

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Regards, josh pucci

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Robert
Last name: Puccinelli
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Robert Puccinelli and I live in Salinas, California.

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First name: A.R.
Last name: Puccio
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is A.R. Puccio and I live in Walnut Creek, California.

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First name: Philip
Last name: Puccio
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Last name: Puckett
Organization:
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First name: Mary
Last name: Puckett
Organization:
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Comments:
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Last name: Pudvan
Organization:
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First name: Alvin
Last name: Pudwill
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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First name: Kevin
Last name: Puent
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): 11/11/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Felena
Last name: Puentes
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Leilani
Last name: Puerto
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Leilani Puerto and I live in The Bronx, New York.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
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Last name: Puffer
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Why would you even consider allowing logging when by the governments own accounting they lose money? I want the forest to remain road free.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 1/1/0001 12:00:00 AM
First name: Ashley
Last name: Pugh
Organization:
Title:
Comments:

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Last name: Pugh
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Last name: Pugh
Organization:
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Comments:
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First name: Janice
Last name: Pugh
Organization:
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Comments:
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First name: Richard
Last name: Puglisi
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Last name: Pulcini
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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First name: Beth
Last name: Puleo
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Last name: Puleo
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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First name: Lynn
Last name: Pulford
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Last name: Pulliam
Organization:
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First name: Kimberly
Last name: Pultz
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Kimberly Pultz and I live in Waupun, Wisconsin.

Stop polluting our AIR!!! Water !!! Land!!!

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Last name: Punday
Organization:
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Last name: Punneo
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First name: Juanita
Last name: Puntasecca
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Juanita Puntasecca and I live in Lilburn, Georgia.

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First name: Greg
Last name: Puppione
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Last name: Purcell
Organization:
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Regards, Nikala Purcell

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/24/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Cynthia
Last name: Purchase
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Comments to oppose modification to the Roadless Rule

Dear U.S. Forest Service,

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9 million acres of roadless areas make the Tongass America's wildest remaining national forest. The Roadless Rule protects old-growth habitat for birds, mammals, and fish. 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.

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Sincerely,

Cynthia Purchase

Atlanta, GA 30305

[Position]

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/21/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Cynthia
Last name: Purchase
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Keep 'Roadless Rule' Protections for the Tongass National Forest

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Clearcutting and bulldozing are short-sighted and irresponsible ,and will forever destroy the Tongass National Forest and the Chugach National Forest. National Forests belong to all Americans, NOT the timber industry.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Purchase

Atlanta, GA 30305

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Caitlin
Last name: Purdome
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC6267

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

I live in Southeast Alaska because of the Tongass National Forest. I camp and hike on the Tongass and it's important to me that it stays intact. I am concerned about the potential damage to salmon habitat, which is so important to our economy and way of life.

Sincerely,

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

Yes[Text circled] No

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/13/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: D
Last name: Purdue
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is D Purdue and I live in Mount Arlington, New Jersey.

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Organization:
Title:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Ken
Last name: Purdy
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Do not log in the Tongas forest. Stop raping our environment!!!

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/25/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Kent
Last name: Purdy
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Comments to oppose modification to the Roadless Rule

Dear U.S. Forest Service,

Roads bring people and machinery which threaten the existing habitat, yet all drafts of the impact study allow allow more roadbuilding and logging across the Tongass National Forest. This is so sad.

Logging roads and timber operations are an implicit subsidy to corporations who want to raid the forest, costing tens of millions of taxpayer dollars every year.

Preservation is a one way road. Let's keep it.

Sincerely,

Kent Purdy

Elk Ridge, UT 84651

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Patricia
Last name: Purdy
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Patricia Purdy and I live in Mission Viejo, California.

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Regards, Patricia Purdy

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First name: Scott
Last name: Purificato
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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First name: M
Last name: Purkays
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is M Purkays and I live in Aurora, Colorado.

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Regards, M Purkays

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Last name: Purkey
Organization:
Title:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Thomas
Last name: Purnell
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Last name: Purpuri
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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First name: Renee
Last name: Purse
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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Last name: pursell
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is kim pursell and I live in Hotchkiss, Colorado.

May anyone in a position of power who for whatever reason does not stand up for this planet against rapacious corporate greed,burn in hell.

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.

In Southeast Alaska, tourism accounts for 28% of employment and generate an annual $1 billion in economic benefit, making it far more of an economic driver than the timber industry, which is less than 1% of the regional economy.

Any choice but the No Action alternative would also put wildlife and critical habitat at risk, threaten access to clean water, and be a step in the wrong direction on climate change jeopardizing Alaskans at a time when the state already faces severe challenges related to rising temperatures. I urge you not to abandon the Roadless Rule in Alaska and instead to put the public interest above corporate profits by choosing to keep the rule in place unchanged.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, kim pursell

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As a supporter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers and our wild public lands, waters and wildlife, I am very concerned with the 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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RE: Comments on Alaska Roadless Rule, 84 Fed. Reg. 55,522 (Oct. 17, 2019) Dear Mr. Tu:

The undersigned Attorneys General of the States of California, Washington, Oregon, Illinois, and New York and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (hereinafter, "the States") respectfully submit these comments on the U.S. Forest Service's October 17, 2019 proposed rule to exempt the Tongass National Forest from the national Roadless Rule. Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 84 Fed. Reg. 55,522 (Oct. 17, 2019) ("Proposed Rule"). If adopted, the Proposed Rule would open up 9.2 million acres of formerly-protected forest land to potential new roadbuilding and logging. The Proposed Rule thus threatens the undersigned States' interest in the Tongass, which provides habitat for vulnerable wildlife species with a nexus to some of the undersigned States, as well as an important sink for greenhouse gas emissions that is critical to national efforts to mitigate the impacts of climate change. As discussed further below, the Proposed Rule fails to meet governing legal requirements under the Administrative Procedure Act ("APA"), National Environmental Policy Act ("NEPA"), and the Endangered Species Act ("ESA"). The Service must correct these legal defects or withdraw the Proposed Rule.

The Forest Service's proposal is the latest chapter in a long battle to eliminate the Roadless Rule's important protections for clean water, intact wildlife habitat, and wild places. The Roadless Rule, adopted in 2001, protects critical undeveloped forest lands from the roadbuilding and logging that have left permanent scars on vast areas of our nation's public lands. Industry groups and hostile federal administrations have worked tirelessly to gut the Roadless Rule from the day it was adopted, and the efforts of several of the undersigned States and other stakeholders were critical in fending off those attacks and ensuring that the Roadless Rule remains in force nationwide.

The Tongass National Forest has been at the vanguard of the fight to preserve the Roadless Rule since the beginning, as the Rule's opponents have repeatedly attempted to exempt the Tongass from national roadless area protection. The last attempt to adopt a Tongass exemption faltered in the courts. Just four years ago, the

Ninth Circuit held that the Forest Service failed to provide a rational explanation for its previous attempt to discard roadless area

protections that, in 2001, it had deemed critical to preserving the Tongass's unique

environmental values. See Organized Vill. of Kake v. U.S. Dep't of Agric., 795 F.3d 956 (9th Cir. 2015).

The Forest Service's Proposed Rule suffers from the same flaw. The Service now asserts that a Tongass exemption is justified because roadless area management in Southeast Alaska is controversial, and it is therefore preferable to decide the fate of roadless areas on a case-by-case basis. This reasoning ignores that the Service found the opposite in adopting the 2001 Roadless Rule, concluding that national protection for roadless areas was necessary to avoid the cost and litigation of case-by-case decisionmaking. The Service fails to explain why its previous finding in the Roadless Rule is no longer valid, and thus fails to satisfy the basic APA requirement that an agency rationally explain a change in policy.

The Proposed Rule and supporting Draft Environmental Impact Statement ("Draft EIS") further fail to comply with NEPA's requirement that the Service rationally consider and disclose all of the potential environmental impacts of the proposed Tongass exemption. In this regard, the Forest Service asserts that the Proposed Rule, if adopted, will have no meaningful environmental impact because, according to the Service, the Tongass exemption would not increase the amount of logging in the National Forest. The Service, however, does not provide any analysis, study, or citation to support this prediction, which forms the foundation of the Service's entire Draft EIS. In addition to this pervasive flaw, the Draft EIS unlawfully discounts the Proposed Rule's climate impacts, including by relying on scientific findings that directly contradict findings the Service made just three years ago when it adopted the 2016 Tongass National Forest Plan; unlawfully ignores potential impacts to migratory birds; and unlawfully defers analysis of certain foreseeable impacts until site-specific projects are proposed. The Service's environmental analysis is therefore incomplete, unsubstantiated, and unlawful.

The Service has further unlawfully failed to reinitiate consultation with the National Marine Fisheries Service ("NMFS") and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service ("FWS") regarding the Proposed Rule's possible impacts on ESA-listed species, including Pacific humpback whales and short-tailed albatross. The Service must engage in such required consultation before moving forward with the Proposed Rule.

To be clear, the Service cannot avoid these legal defects by choosing one of the less extreme management alternatives proposed in the Draft EIS. On the contrary, the Service has failed to provide a rational justification and adequate environmental analysis for any of the proposed management alternatives, other than the no action alternative that would maintain status quo Roadless Rule protection. The Service must therefore correct the fundamental legal flaws identified in these comments or withdraw the Proposed Rule.

BACKGROUND

I. The Tongass National Forest and the Roadless Rule

The Tongass National Forest, located in Southeast Alaska's Alexander Archipelago, is a largely untouched remnant of the vast temperate rainforest that once extended along the Pacific Coast from Alaska to northern California. See Final Rule, Roadless Area Conservation, 66 Fed. Reg. 3,244, 3,254 (Jan. 12, 2001). Stretching "roughly 500 miles from Ketchikan to Yakutat," the Tongass features a diverse landscape of boundless forests, sweeping glaciers and towering coastal mountains. Draft EIS at 3-23.

As the Forest Service recognizes, the Tongass is "an important national and international resource." Draft EIS at 3-23. Its unique ecosystem provides seasonal and permanent habitat to many important species, including some with a nexus to California and Washington, such as vulnerable humpback whales, green sturgeon, short-tailed albatross, Southern Resident killer whales, and salmon. See Proposed Rulemaking to Revise Critical Habitat for the Southern Resident Killer Whale Distinct Population Segment, 84 Fed. Reg. 49,214, 49,217 (Sept. 19, 2019) (Southern Resident killer whales' coastal range "extends from the Monterey Bay area in California, north to Chatham Straight in southeast Alaska."). The Tongass further supports migratory birds that spend part of the year in or migrate through some of the undersigned States. The Tongass, as the largest National Forest, also has an enormous capacity to absorb and store carbon dioxide, and thus is an invaluable carbon sink for purposes of climate change mitigation, providing substantial benefits to every state.

The Tongass is further important to the millions of people[mdash]including 1.2 million people in 2016 alone[mdash]who have visited the area. These visitors include residents of the undersigned States. For many of these visitors, "a visit to the Tongass is a[] once-in-a-lifetime experience." Draft EIS at 3-23. Even people who have not visited value the Tongass and "benefit from knowing that [it] is there" and that it will be "left for future generations to inherit." Draft EIS at 3-23.

The Tongass's unique values have been preserved in large part because of the Roadless Rule. First adopted in 2001, the Roadless Rule generally prohibits roadbuilding and logging in areas of National Forests designated as "inventoried roadless areas." 66 Fed. Reg. at 3,244, 3,272-73. When the Service adopted the Roadless Rule, it recognized that roadless areas in National Forests provide unique ecological values that warrant special protection. Specifically, "roadless areas provide large, relatively undisturbed blocks of important habitat for a variety of terrestrial and aquatic wildlife and plants, including hundreds of threatened, endangered, and sensitive species." Id. at 3,247. Preventing roadbuilding and logging in these areas is critical to maintaining their environmental values: "Road construction, reconstruction, and timber harvesting activities can result in fragmentation of ecosystems, the introduction of non-native invasive species, and other adverse consequences to the health and integrity of inventoried roadless areas[.]" Id. Habitat fragmentation caused by logging and roadbuilding in particular "results in decreased connectivity of wildlife habitat and wildlife movement, isolating some species and increasing the risk of local extirpations and extinctions." 66 Fed. Reg. at 3,247. Road construction can also impact watersheds, including by contributing to stream sedimentation

and harmful landslides that can disrupt waterways' beneficial ecological functions and impair public drinking water supplies. Id. at 3,245-47.

The Forest Service chose to promulgate a national Roadless Rule rather than manage roadless areas through case-by-case decisionmaking in large part to avoid the cost and controversy of local land use management. Id. at 3,253. As the Roadless Rule explained, "roadless area management has been a major point of conflict in land management planning ... particularly on most proposals to harvest timber, build roads, or otherwise develop inventoried roadless areas." Id. According to the Roadless Rule, "[t]hese disputes are costly in terms of both fiscal resources and agency relationships with communities of place and communities of interest," and they have produced a "large number of appeals and lawsuits." Id. The Forest Service therefore determined, "[b]ased on these factors ... that the best means to reduce this conflict is through a national level rule." Id.

Some states, industry groups, and prior federal administrations have repeatedly attempted to undo the Roadless Rule since it was adopted. Several of the undersigned States and other stakeholders have resisted these efforts, including through successful litigation opposing attempts to repeal the Roadless Rule. See, e.g., California ex rel. Lockyer v. U.S. Dep't of Agric., 575 F.3d 999 (9th Cir. 2009) (affirming district court order enjoining attempted repeal of the national Roadless Rule and reinstating the Rule). The Tongass in particular has proven to be a bellwether in this larger national fight, as opponents to roadless protection have repeatedly sought to exempt the Tongass from protection under the national Roadless Rule. Thus, in 2003, the George W. Bush administration adopted a rule carving the Tongass out of the Roadless Rule. A coalition of tribal and environmental groups successfully challenged this exemption in the District of Alaska, and an en banc panel of the Ninth Circuit affirmed the district court's decision vacating the exemption rule in 2015. See Organized Vill. of Kake, 795 F.3d 956. The undersigned States have a continued interest in blocking attempts to carve out

Roadless Rule exemptions, which threaten to erode the Roadless Rule's national reach and undermine efforts by several of the undersigned States to protect National Forest roadless areas within their borders and nationwide.

II. The Proposed Rule

In the Proposed Rule, the Service again proposes to exempt the Tongass from Roadless Rule protection. See 84 Fed. Reg. 55,522. If adopted, the Proposed Rule would allow new road construction and logging on 9.2 million acres of formerly-protected roadless areas. See id. at 55,526. The Service asserts this sweeping policy change is justified because "[t]here is not consensus over how to manage the Forest" and management "through the local planning processes" is therefore preferable to maintaining its protected status under the national Roadless Rule. Id. at 55,524. (The Proposed Rule also discusses and rejects several other management alternatives, each of which would substantially reduce protections for the Tongass's roadless areas. See id. at 55,526.)

Despite the radical management change the Service proposes, it nevertheless claims in the Draft EIS accompanying the Proposed Rule that removing roadless protection from 9.2 million acres of National Forest land will have no meaningful environmental impact because,

according to the Service, the amount of logging in the Forest will not increase, but will instead remain at the level the Service calculated in its 2016 Tongass National Forest Plan. See, e.g., 84 Fed. Reg. at 55,525; Draft EIS at 1-7, 3-92. The Proposed Rule provides no justification for this prediction. As a result, the Draft EIS does not discuss the potential impacts of new logging and roadbuilding that would be allowed if the Tongass exemption is adopted.

STATUTORY BACKGROUND

1. National Environmental Policy Act

NEPA "is our basic national charter for protection of the environment." 40 C.F.R. [sect] 1500.1(a). Congress enacted NEPA in 1969 "to create and maintain conditions under which man and nature can exist in productive harmony, and fulfill the social, economic, and other requirements of present and future generations of Americans." 42 U.S.C. [sect] 4331(a). NEPA has two fundamental purposes: (1) to guarantee that agencies take a "hard look" at the consequences of their actions before the actions occur by ensuring that "the agency, in reaching its decision, will have available, and will carefully consider, detailed information concerning significant environmental impacts;" and (2) to ensure that "the relevant information will be made available to the larger audience that may also play a role in both the decisionmaking process and the implementation of that decision." Robertson v. Methow Valley Citizens Council, 490 U.S. 332, 349-50 (1989).

To achieve these purposes, NEPA requires the preparation of a detailed environmental impact statement for any "major Federal actions significantly affecting the quality of the human environment." 42 U.S.C. [sect] 4332(2)(C). NEPA's implementing regulations broadly define such actions to include "new or revised agency rules, regulations, plans, policies, or procedures." 40 C.F.R. [sect] 1508.18(a). In preparing environmental impact statements, federal agencies must consider all of the direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts of their proposed actions. Din[eacute] Citizens Against Ruining Our Env't v. Bernhardt, 923 F.3d 831, 851 (10th Cir. 2019); 40 C.F.R. [sect][sect] 1508.7, 1508.8(a)-(b).

1. Administrative Procedure Act

Under the Administrative Procedure Act, courts will set aside an agency action that is "arbitrary, capricious, an abuse of discretion, or otherwise not in accordance with law." 5 U.S.C. [sect] 706(2)(A). An agency action is arbitrary and capricious where the agency: (i) "has relied on factors which Congress has not intended it to consider"; (ii) "entirely failed to consider an important aspect of the problem"; (iii) "offered an explanation for its decision that runs counter to the evidence before the agency"; or (iv) offered an explanation "so implausible

that it could not be ascribed to a difference in view or the product of agency expertise." Motor Vehicle Mfrs. Ass'n v. State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins., 463 U.S. 29, 43 (1983). When promulgating a rule, "the agency must examine the relevant data and articulate a satisfactory explanation for its action including a 'rational connection between the facts found and the choice made.'" Id. (quoting Burlington Truck Lines v. United States, 371 U.S. 156, 168 (1962)).

These core principles apply to an agency's decision to change existing policy. FCC v. Fox Television Stations, Inc., 556 U.S. 502, 513-15 (2009). While an agency need not show that a new rule is "better" than the rule it replaced, it still must demonstrate that the rule "is permissible under the statute, that there are good reasons for it, and that the agency believes it to be better, which the conscious change of course adequately indicates." Id. at 515 (emphasis omitted). Further, an agency must "provide a more detailed justification than what would suffice for a new policy created on a blank slate" when "its new policy rests upon factual findings that contradict those which underlay its prior policy." Id. An "[u]nexplained inconsistency" between a new rule and its prior version is "a reason for holding an [agency's] interpretation to be an arbitrary and capricious change." Nat'l Cable & Telecomms. Ass'n v. Brand X Internet Servs., 545 U.S. 967, 981 (2005); see also Organized Vill. of Kake, 795 F.3d at 968 (holding Forest Service failed to provide a rational explanation for its decision to exempt the Tongass National Forest from the Roadless Rule, where the exemption was based on "a direct, and entirely unexplained, contradiction" of the 2001 Roadless Rule's findings).

III. The Endangered Species Act

The Endangered Species Act requires that every federal agency "insure that any action authorized, funded, or carried out by such agency ... is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of any endangered species or threatened species" listed pursuant to the Act. 16 U.S.C. [sect] 1536(a)(2). To that end, agencies must consult with NMFS or FWS[mdash]depending on the species[mdash]to determine whether their actions will harm listed species. See id.; Karuk Tribe of Cal. v. U.S. Forest Serv., 681 F.3d 1006, 1020 (9th Cir. 2012). "The purpose of consultation is to obtain the expert opinion of wildlife agencies to determine whether the action is likely to jeopardize a listed species or adversely modify its critical habitat and, if so, to identify

reasonable and prudent alternatives that will avoid the action's unfavorable impacts." Karuk Tribe of California, 681 F.3d at 1020.

COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED RULE The Proposed Rule and Draft EIS violate NEPA and the APA by:

1. failing to provide a rational explanation for changing the Service's roadless policy in the Tongass;
2. failing to justify the Service's claim that the Proposed Rule will not lead to new logging in the Tongass, with accompanying environmental impacts;
3. unlawfully discounting the Proposed Rule's potential climate impacts;
4. failing to rationally analyze potential impacts to migratory birds; and
5. unlawfully postponing the environmental analysis of certain key impacts.

The Service has also unlawfully failed to reinitiate ESA consultation with NMFS and FWS regarding the Proposed Rule's potential impacts on ESA-listed species, including Pacific

humpback whales and short-tailed albatross. The Service therefore cannot lawfully adopt the Proposed Rule without providing additional required justification and environmental analysis and engaging in required ESA consultation. The Service's other management alternatives, which suffer from the same legal flaws, are also unlawful. The Service must therefore remedy these legal defects or withdraw the Proposed Rule.

I. The Proposed Rule Fails to Provide a Rational Explanation for Changing the Service's Roadless Policy in the Tongass

The Proposed Rule is unlawful because it fails to provide a rational explanation for the Service's decision to exempt the Tongass from the Roadless Rule and thus radically change its policy concerning the Tongass's 9.2 million acres of roadless areas. The Proposed Rule thus falls short of APA requirements.

In this respect, the Proposed Rule repeats the legal error the Forest Service committed the last time it attempted to exempt the Tongass from Roadless Rule protection. As the Ninth Circuit explained in the Organized Village of Kake decision, the Forest Service considered and rejected a proposed Tongass exemption in 2001, when the Roadless Rule was first adopted. At that time, the Forest Service determined that "wholly exempting the Tongass from the Roadless Rule ... would risk the loss of important roadless area values, and that roadless values would be lost or diminished even by a limited exemption." Organized Vill. of Kake, 795 F.3d at 968 (quotations omitted). Yet in 2003, when the Forest Service reversed course and promulgated a rule exempting the Tongass, it found exactly the opposite, concluding that "the Roadless Rule was unnecessary to maintain the roadless values ... , and that the roadless values in the Tongass are sufficiently protected under the Tongass Forest Plan." Id. (quotation omitted). The Ninth Circuit thus held that the 2003 rule's conclusions in this regard, which were "a direct, and entirely unexplained, contradiction" of the 2001 Roadless Rule's findings, were inadequate to support the Service's changed policy concerning management of the Tongass. Id. at 968.

The 2019 Proposed Rule once again relies on "findings that contradict those which underlay" the 2001 Roadless Rule. Organized Vill. of Kake, 795 F.3d at 967 (quoting FCC v. Fox, 556 U.S. at 515). The Service stated in adopting the Roadless Rule that a national rule was preferable to case-by-case decisionmaking at the local level because a national policy would avoid the cost and controversy that local land use decisions produce. 66 Fed. Reg. at 3,253. As the Roadless Rule explained, "roadless area management has been a major point of conflict in land management planning ... particularly on most proposals to harvest timber, build roads, or otherwise develop inventoried roadless areas." Id. According to the Forest Service, "[t]hese disputes are costly in terms of both fiscal resources and agency relationships with communities of place and communities of interest," and they have produced a "large number of appeals and lawsuits" Id. The Forest Service therefore determined, "[b]ased on these factors ... that the best means to reduce this conflict is through a national level rule." Id.

The Proposed Rule, however, reaches the exact opposite conclusion, finding that because "[t]here is not consensus over how to manage the Forest," "the circumstances of the Tongass National Forest appear to be best managed through the local planning processes," rather than through the national Roadless Rule. 84 Fed. Reg. at 55,524. The Forest Service, however, fails

to explain why its finding in 2001 that such case-by-case decisionmaking will produce lengthy, costly, and undesirable disputes is no longer valid. The Service's explanation for the Proposed Rule thus fails to pass APA muster. See id. (an agency must "provide a more detailed justification than what would suffice for a new policy created on a blank slate" when "its new policy rests upon factual findings that contradict those which underlay its prior policy.").

The Service's appeal to the controversy over roadless area management and the need for local decisionmaking is further inadequate on its face. State Farm, 463 U.S. at 43 ("the agency must examine the relevant data and articulate a satisfactory explanation for its action including a rational connection between the facts found and the choice made.") (quotation omitted). The fact that roadless protection is controversial does not justify abandoning it, especially in light of the Tongass's important environmental values, which the Service cited in adopting the Roadless Rule. See Organized Vill. of Kake, 795 F.3d at 968. And rather than leave the question of roadless area management to local agency planners, the Proposed Rule decides that question for the foreseeable future by putting a heavy weight on the scales in favor of new development. See 84 Fed. Reg. at 55,526 (Proposed Rule would remove roadless protection from 9.2 million acres).

The Forest Service's other reasons for adopting the Proposed Rule also fail. The Proposed Rule states that its "overarching goal ... is to reach a long-term, durable approach to roadless area management" in the Tongass. Id. at 55,524. But that is not what the proposed rule does at all. Rather than settle the controversy around the Tongass's roadless areas, the Proposed Rule reopens an issue that was closed after the Ninth Circuit's Organized Village of Kake decision. The Proposed Rule, if adopted, will inevitably generate a raft of litigation and appeals, which may not be resolved for years. See, e.g., Organized Vill. of Kake, 795 F.3d 956. Further, as discussed, the Tongass exemption would radically change management direction in the National Forest by allowing new roadbuilding and development projects in the Tongass's roadless areas. Each of these projects would be subject to lengthy disputes by local stakeholders, including litigation. The Roadless Rule, which the Tongass exemption would abandon, was designed to avoid precisely that sort of contentious and piecemeal decisionmaking. See 66 Fed. Reg. at 3,253. The Forest Service cannot rely on a desire to settle the controversy over the Tongass's roadless areas when it itself proposes to poke the bear.

The Proposed Rule also asserts that removing Roadless Rule protection "would allow local managers greater flexibility in the selection and design of future timber sale areas," thus potentially improving the Service's "ability to offer economic timber sales that better meet the needs of the timber industry and contribute to rural economies." 84 Fed. Reg. at 55,524. This statement contradicts the Service's own representation that timber harvest levels in the Tongass would not increase if the Proposed Rule is adopted. See, e.g., Draft EIS at 1-7, 3-92; see State Farm, 463 U.S. at 43 (agency action is arbitrary where agency has "offered an explanation ... [that] is so implausible that it could not be ascribed to a difference in view or the product of agency expertise"). It is hard to understand how Tongass timber sales can "better meet the needs of the timber industry and contribute to rural economies" if the Service is not also expecting to sell more timber, and the Service makes no attempt to resolve this apparent contradiction. 84

Fed. Reg. at 55,524. The Service may not justify the Proposed Rule on the basis of new development that it itself asserts will not occur.

The Proposed Rule further states that the Forest Service "has given substantial weight" to the State of Alaska's preference for using Tongass forest lands "to emphasize rural economic development opportunities." 84 Fed. Reg. at 55,523. While promoting rural development is no doubt important, the Service makes no meaningful attempt to evaluate whether the Tongass exemption would indeed contribute to rural economies. State Farm, 463 U.S. at 43 ("the agency must examine the relevant data and articulate a satisfactory explanation for its action including a rational connection between the facts found and the choice made.") (quotation omitted). This lack of analysis starkly contrasts with the Roadless Rule, which examined in detail the economic impacts of curbing new timber development in the Tongass's roadless areas. See 66 Fed. Reg. at 3,266-67.

Indeed, what evidence there is in the record contradicts the Service's purported prioritization of rural economic development opportunities. As discussed, the Draft EIS states that the Tongass exemption will not increase logging sales in the Tongass. See Draft EIS at 1-7. Thus, the record suggests that any boost to the timber industry due to the Tongass exemption would have a negligible effect on Southeast Alaska's economy as a whole. The Draft EIS further indicates that weakening roadless area protections would not increase opportunities for mineral exploration or development, either. Draft EIS at ES-13. Accordingly, a preference for rural economic development does not provide a rational basis for the Proposed Rule. State Farm, 463 U.S. at 43.

To be clear, the Service fails to justify any reduction in Roadless Rule protection, and it cannot avoid this legal deficiency merely by choosing a less extreme management alternative. The Service must therefore provide a rational justification for weakening roadless protection for the Tongass or withdraw the Proposed Rule.

II. The Forest Service Fails to Provide any Support for its Claim that the Proposed Rule Will Not Increase Logging in the Tongass

The Proposed Rule and the Draft EIS further fail to justify the Forest Service's claim that logging levels will not increase if the Tongass exemption[mdash]or any of the other management alternatives discussed in the Draft

EIS[mdash]is adopted. See Native Vill. of Point Hope v. Jewell, 740 F.3d 489, 499 (9th Cir. 2014) (agency violated NEPA where its claim that a leasing program would produce only one billion barrels of oil was not supported by the record). This claim is the key finding supporting the majority of the Draft EIS's environmental analysis, including its conclusions that the rule, or any of the other proposed management alternatives, will not cause meaningful impacts to (1) humpback whales and other marine mammals, Draft EIS at 3-92; (2) terrestrial mammals, including American marten, wolves, and brown bears, Draft EIS at 3-97 through 3-99; (3) migratory birds, Draft EIS at 3-101; (4) fish, including several endangered species of salmon and endangered green sturgeon, Draft EIS at 3-116 through 3-117; and (5) climate change and greenhouse gas emissions, Draft EIS at 3-126. See Native Vill. of Point Hope, 740 F.3d at 504 (agency's estimate of amount of oil likely to be produced by leasing program "informed an assessment of seismic effects, habitat effects, oil production, and ...

global warming"). The Draft EIS's finding that increased roadbuilding in roadless areas will be minimal relies on the same claim, "because roads on the Tongass are largely developed in support of timber harvesting." Draft EIS at 3-144.

The Forest Service, however, provides no analysis to support its claim that logging will not increase if the Tongass loses Roadless Rule protection. In this regard, the Draft EIS cites the Projected Timber Sale Quantity ("PTSQ") established by the 2016 Tongass National Forest Plan, under which the Forest Service predicted that the Tongass would sell an average of 46 million board feet of timber per year. Draft EIS at 1-10. The PTSQ calculated in the 2016 Forest Plan assumed, of course, that logging would not occur on the 9.2 million acres of the Tongass that were protected by the Roadless Rule. See Tongass Land and Resource Management Plan, Final Environmental Impact Statement ES-7 (June 2016) ("Forest Plan EIS"). The Proposed Rule asserts, without elaboration, that it "does not change the projected timber sale quantity or timber demand projections set out in the Tongass Forest Plan." 84 Fed. Reg. at 55,525. In the Draft EIS, the Service likewise represents that it "considered the current market situation and determined that no change to the PTSQ are [sic] needed at this time for purposes of this rulemaking." Draft EIS at 1-10. Neither the Proposed Rule nor the Draft EIS provides any economic data or further analysis to support this conclusion. 84 Fed. Reg. at 55,525; Draft EIS at 1-10.

To the contrary, the record[mdash]including the Forest Service's own statements[mdash]suggests that removing roadless protection from some or all of the Tongass will create new sources of timber and will therefore increase demand for logging the Tongass's trees. For example, in the Proposed Rule, the Forest Service asserts that "improved flexibility" in offering timber sales without roadless restrictions could "improve the Forest Service's ability to offer economic timber sales that better meet the needs of the timber industry and contribute to rural economies." 84 Fed. Reg. at 55,524; accord Draft EIS at 1-11. It is highly unlikely that the Forest Service will not sell more timber if it is able to offer more economic timber sales. See State Farm, 463 U.S. at 43 (agency action is arbitrary where agency has "offered an explanation ... [that] is so implausible that it could not be ascribed to a difference in view or the product of agency expertise"). Indeed, a recent Forest Service analysis of logging in the Tongass found that, under status quo management, "there has been a lack of economic timber volume available for the Forest Service to offer across the Tongass National Forest." Draft EIS at 3-32. The Proposed Rule will likely address that issue by opening more timber to logging. Draft EIS at 1-11. The Service's finding that it will not sell more timber is therefore "counter to the evidence before the agency" and unlawful. Cachil Dehe Band of Wintun Indians of Colusa Indian Cmty. v. Zinke, 889 F.3d 584, 602 (9th Cir. 2018) (agency cannot offer "an explanation for its decision that runs counter to the evidence before the agency") (quotation omitted).

Importantly, the PTSQ set by the 2016 Forest Plan does not put a ceiling on timber sales[mdash]it is only an estimate of how much timber the Tongass expects to sell. Tongass Land and Resource Management Plan, Record of Decision 31 (Dec. 2016) (PTSQ "is also not a ceiling[mdash]it is an estimate. It is the annualized average amount of timber expected to be sold over a ten-year period ...."). The so-called "Sustained Yield Limit," also set by the 2016 Forest Plan, does cap total logging, Forest Plan EIS at 2-9, but that limit is set at 248 million board feet, id. at 3-348,

many times the amount the Forest Service predicted would be sold before the Service proposed to remove roadless protection from the Tongass. The Sustained Yield Limit therefore does not place a meaningful limit on new logging in the Tongass, either.

The 2016 Forest Plan's suitable timber designations also do not meaningfully restrain additional logging. Although "timber harvest for the purposes of timber production" is apparently not allowed on lands the Service has designated "not suited for timber production," 36 C.F.R. [sect] 219.11(d)(1), the Draft EIS itself acknowledges that the Proposed Rule will increase the total area of such suitable timber lands by 185,000 acres, Draft EIS at 3-48 through 3-49[mdash]an area over four times the size of the District of Columbia. The other action alternatives likewise substantially increase the available timber base. See Draft EIS at 3-46. The Service is further required to revisit its suitable timber designations "at least once every 10 years." 36 C.F.R. [sect] 219.11(a)(2). As a result, the Forest Plan's designations will be up for revision by 2026 at the latest, at which time the Service may deem that logging should be allowed on more of the 9.2 million acres that would be opened for new development under the Proposed Rule. See also Forest Plan EIS at 3-328 (noting that 5.5 million acres of the Tongass "is classified as productive forest land; these lands are considered biologically capable of producing industrial wood products").

The Forest Service must therefore substantiate its claim that logging will not increase on the Tongass if the Proposed Rule or any of the Service's other management alternatives is adopted, including by divulging the analysis on which it is basing that conclusion. See Native Vill. of Point Hope, 740 F.3d at 499-505; Nat. Res. Def. Council v. U.S. Forest Serv., 421 F.3d 797, 812 (9th Cir. 2005) (holding EIS violated NEPA where its calculations of the employment effects of an agency proposal were based on a "mistaken interpretation" of an economic study); see Ecology Ctr. v. Castaneda, 574 F.3d 652, 667 (9th Cir. 2009) ("NEPA requires that the Forest Service disclose the hard data supporting its expert opinions to facilitate the public's ability to challenge agency action."). If the Service cannot rationally justify this claim, it must analyze and disclose the expected impacts of logging, including on fish, wildlife, water resources, and climate, as required by NEPA. See 42 U.S.C. [sect] 4332(2)(C).

III. The Draft EIS Inadequately Analyzes and Unlawfully Discounts the Proposed Rule's Potential Climate Impacts

The Draft EIS further unlawfully discounts the Proposed Rule's potential climate impacts, including by discarding sub silentio the Service's earlier conclusions that logging in the Tongass can cause significant greenhouse gas emissions. As discussed, the Tongass National Forest is a critical sink for greenhouse gas emissions. The Draft EIS explains:

The Tongass stores more forest carbon than any other national forest in the United States ... , due to its very large size and high density carbon. As such, an important ecosystem service sustained by this forest is carbon uptake and storage (i.e., the removal of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and storage of it in live or dead biomass as well as organic soil matter). This makes the Tongass, along with forests worldwide, an important component in the global carbon cycle.

Draft EIS at 3-123.

Despite the Tongass's importance for the global climate, the Draft EIS concludes that the Proposed Rule, as well as any other management alternative discussed in the Draft EIS, would cause a "negligible" increase in greenhouse gas emissions because, according to the Service, the amount of logging will not change. Draft EIS at 3-126. As discussed above, however, the Draft EIS provides no justification for the Service's conclusion that logging levels will not increase if the Tongass exemption is adopted. The Service's analysis of the potential

greenhouse gas emissions of reducing Tongass roadless area protection is therefore unsupported and legally deficient.

The Draft EIS further attempts to discount the climate impacts of logging in the Tongass by claiming that logging causes little or no net greenhouse gas emissions. In this regard, the Draft EIS asserts that "[i]n some cases, removing carbon from forests for human use can result in lower net contributions of [greenhouse gases] to the atmosphere than if the forest was not managed, when accounting for carbon stored in wood products, substitution effects, and forest regrowth." Draft EIS at 3-125. For example, "management activities" can "result in long-term maintenance or increases in forest carbon uptake and storage by improving forest health and resilience to various types of stressors." Draft EIS at 3-123. According to the Draft EIS, "[c]arbon can also be transferred and stored outside of the forest system in the form of wood products, further influencing the amount of carbon entering the atmosphere." Draft EIS at 3-123.

These findings are inconsistent with findings the Service made just three years ago when it adopted the 2016 Tongass National Forest Plan. As the Service explained in the Final EIS for that Plan, a scientific study found that "even when timber is used for permanent construction purposes, 35 to 45 percent of the wood's biomass is lost to sawdust or scraps created during processing." Forest Plan EIS at 3-16; accord id. at 3-20. As a result, "the final amount of carbon ultimately stored in permanent construction is much less than what was originally harvested." Forest Plan EIS at 3-16 (citing Harmon 1990, attached as Exhibit 1); accord id. at 3-20. Further, the carbon in wood products produced from logging "will transition back into the atmosphere over time as they degrade or are disposed of." Forest Plan EIS at 3-20. Thus, "because harvest levels" in Alaska "peaked in the 1970s, and much of the resulting wood products may now be in landfills, wood products from the Alaska Region are now believed to be a net emitter of carbon." Forest Plan EIS at 3-20 (citing Barrett 2014, attached as Exhibit 2). In addition, some wood products resulting from logging in the Tongass "could be burned as part of biomass energy production, which would rapidly release the stored carbon into the atmosphere." Forest Plan EIS at 3-20 (citing Holtsmark 2012, attached as Exhibit 3; DellaSala and Koopman 2015, attached as Exhibit 4).

The Final EIS for the 2016 Forest Plan also states that "timber harvesting and active forest management can affect"[mdash]negatively[mdash] "a forest's ability to store and ultimately sequester carbon." Forest Plan EIS at 3-16. Scientific research, for example, "suggested that a logged forest would emit substantial amounts of carbon for at least the first 15 years following harvest, and that a young regenerating forest would remain a net carbon emitter for up to 50 years." Forest Plan EIS at 3-20 (citing DellaSala 2016, attached as Exhibit 5). Another study "suggested

that it can take more than 200 years following a timber harvest for forests to reach ... the point where carbon released from the initial harvest as well as ongoing decay of organic materials equals the amount of carbon that is absorbed into the system." Forest Plan EIS at 3-16 (citing Janisch and Harmon 2002, attached as Exhibit 6); accord id. at 3-20. Other studies of forestry in Southeast Alaskan ecosystems "indicate that the Tongass National Forest would generate a net release of carbon to the atmosphere if active harvest of old growth is pursued ...." Forest Plan EIS at 3-16 (citing Harmon et al. 1990; Leighty et al. 2006, attached as Exhibit 7); accord Law et al., Land use strategies to mitigate climate change in carbon dense temperate forests, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (Jan. 2018) (attached as Exhibit 8) (finding that forest management in Oregon, including logging, emitted the equivalent of over 34 million tons of carbon dioxide between 2011 and 2015); Buotte et al. (attached as Exhibit 9) (concluding that preserving certain temperate forests in the western United States could sequester the equivalent of about six years of fossil fuel emissions from the same region).

Based on these and other studies, the Forest Service concluded when it adopted the 2016 Tongass Forest Plan "that the past harvests and management of the Forest has likely resulted in a net release of carbon to the atmosphere due in part to the practice of harvesting of old-growth timber on the Forest." Forest Plan EIS at 3-16. Likewise, future logging contemplated under the 2016 Forest Plan "would result in a net release of carbon to the atmosphere." Forest Plan EIS at 3-21.

The Draft EIS for the Proposed Rule does not analyze or address these findings in the 2016 Forest Plan EIS, which contradict the Forest Service's present conclusion that logging in the Tongass can reduce, rather than increase, carbon emissions. The Draft EIS thus fails to explain the Service's change in position regarding the carbon impacts of logging, as required by governing law. California by & through Becerra v. U.S. Dep't of the Interior, 381 F. Supp. 3d 1153, 1166 n.8 (N.D. Cal. 2019) ("[T]he Supreme Court requires a detailed or reasoned explanation when the current findings in support of a policy change contradict earlier

findings ....").

The Draft EIS further attempts to discount carbon emissions from logging in the Tongass by asserting that any such emissions will be small on a global scale. Draft EIS at 3-126. This assertion also contradicts the 2016 Forest Plan EIS, in which the Service found that the Tongass National Forest by itself is "a critical component in the global carbon cycle." Forest Plan EIS at 3-13; see also Forest Plan EIS at 3-19 ("The Tongass National Forest plays an important role in [the] amount of carbon that is stored globally as well as the global climatic condition ...."). The Forest Service thus concluded in the Forest Plan EIS that "land management and other actions taken on the Tongass National Forest can affect climate change at a local, regional, and global scale." Forest Plan EIS at 3-19. The Draft EIS does not explain why it departed from these previous findings, either. California by & through Becerra, 381 F. Supp. 3d at 1166 n.8.

The Draft EIS's assertion that logging under the Proposed Rule "would have a small contribution to [greenhouse gas] emissions and therefore would have a negligible effect on ... climate change," Draft EIS at 3-126, is further inconsistent with the Council on Environmental Quality's ("CEQ") 2016 guidance on how agencies should evaluate greenhouse gas emissions

under NEPA. As CEQ explained in that guidance document, "a statement that emissions from a proposed Federal action represent only a small fraction of global emissions is essentially a statement about the nature of the climate change challenge" and is therefore not "an appropriate method for characterizing the potential impacts associated with a proposed action and its alternatives." CEQ, Final Guidance for Federal Departments and Agencies on Consideration of Greenhouse Gas Emissions and the Effects of Climate Change in NEPA Reviews 11 (Aug. 1, 2016).1 Although the Trump Administration withdrew this CEQ guidance in 2017, see CEQ, Withdrawal of Final Guidance, 82 Fed. Reg. 16,576 (Apr. 5, 2017), CEQ's 2016 findings still hold true today, and demonstrate why the Draft EIS's dismissive climate analysis is inadequate under NEPA.

In sum, the Service must explain why it believes its 2016 conclusions regarding the climate impacts of logging in the Tongass are no longer valid. California by & through Becerra, 381 F. Supp. 3d at 1166 n.8. The Service must also revise its climate analysis to provide "a reasonable, good faith, and objective presentation" of the Proposed Rule's climate impacts, including by accounting for the Service's 2016 findings cited above, which contradict the Draft EIS's findings. Nat. Res. Def. Council, 421 F.3d at 811 (such revision may be necessary "[w]here the information in the initial EIS was so incomplete or misleading that the decisionmaker and the public could not make an informed comparison of the alternatives"); Ctr. for Biological Diversity v. Nat'l Highway Traffic Safety Admin., 538 F.3d 1172, 1225 (9th Cir. 2008) (holding environmental assessment was unlawful where agency's conclusion that rule's climate impacts would not be significant lacked adequate record support).

IV. The Draft EIS Fails to Rationally Assess Impacts to Migratory Birds

The Draft EIS also ignores or unlawfully discounts potential impacts to migratory birds. As discussed, the Draft EIS arbitrarily dismisses impacts to migratory birds as negligible or, at worst, minor, on the ground that logging will not increase in the Tongass if roadless area protections are weakened or eliminated. Draft EIS at 3-101. The Service must either provide a rational justification for this finding or analyze and disclose the potential impacts new logging will have on migratory birds.

The Draft EIS in particular largely ignores potential impacts to shorebirds and waterfowl. The Draft EIS focuses on impacts to birds that occupy old growth forests in the Tongass, Draft EIS at 3-86, but the Draft EIS also

acknowledges that new roadbuilding in the Tongass, including new roadbuilding associated with logging, could increase the amount of sediment delivered to streams. Draft EIS 3-112 ("Roads have been found to contribute more sediment to streams than any other land management activity ...."). Such sediment can impact wetlands associated with streams and nearshore marine habitats, including habitat used by many

1 Available at https://ceq.doe.gov/docs/ceq-regulations-and-guidance/ nepa_final_ghg_guidance.pdf.

shorebirds and waterfowl. Draft EIS at 3-117 ("Sediment runoff to streams from land-based activities could have some effects to nearshore marine habitat ...."). Logging may also affect wetlands directly, as the Draft EIS acknowledges. Draft EIS at 3-113. However, the Draft EIS fails to analyze or disclose potential impacts to waterfowl and shorebirds that use wetlands and other nearshore or riparian areas that may be impacted by logging and roadbuilding. The Forest Service must correct this error and fully disclose these impacts in the Final EIS.

V. The Draft EIS Unlawfully Postpones Analysis of Key Impacts

The Draft EIS further unlawfully defers analysis of certain environmental impacts until the Service receives specific development proposals. "NEPA is not designed to postpone analysis of an environmental consequence to the last possible moment." Kern v. U.S. Bureau of Land Mgmt., 284 F.3d 1062, 1072 (9th Cir. 2002). Instead, the agency must analyze the environmental consequences of a broadly applicable rule or policy when such impacts are "readily apparent at the time the EIS was prepared." Id. at 1073.

The Draft EIS improperly defers analysis of environmental impacts that are foreseeable now, before any specific projects have been proposed pursuant to the Proposed Rule's lax management framework. For example, the Draft EIS declines to consider impacts to nearshore marine habitats due to roadbuilding, logging, and associated activities, on the ground that "[s]ite-specific nearshore marine habitat-disturbing actions, or any other ground-disturbing action, are not ... directly authorized under the" Proposed Rule. Draft EIS at 3-117. The Draft EIS likewise dismisses potential impacts to water quantity and quality because "[i]mpacts to water quantity or quality would be based on site-specific proposals, which are currently unknown, and would be addressed in subsequent project environmental analyses." Draft EIS at 1-8; see also id. at 1-8 through 1-9 (dismissing on the same ground impacts to soil characteristics, "general wildlife habitat," "general aquatic species," "essential fish habitat," and wetlands).

Although it is true that the Forest Service cannot, at this stage, describe site-specific impacts of logging and roadbuilding with particularity, it can examine the general extent of such impacts caused by removing or weakening Roadless Rule protection. Thus, for example, the Service may not be able to determine at this time whether logging will impact a specific nearshore wetland, but it nevertheless has adequate information to determine how many additional wetlands are likely to be degraded if the Proposed Rule is adopted. Similarly, although the Service cannot predict at this time which rivers or streams will be affected by sedimentation associated with new roadbuilding, the Service can estimate the extent to which stream water quality throughout the Forest will be affected, based on the well-established fact that roadbuilding causes significant sediment pollution. Draft EIS at 3-112 ("Roads have been found to contribute more sediment to streams than any other land management activity ...."). The Service therefore may not lawfully defer analyzing these impacts, which are a "readily apparent" consequence of the Proposed Rule. Kern, 284 F.3d at 1072-73; Ctr. for Biological Diversity v. Bureau of Land Mgmt., 422 F. Supp. 2d 1115, 1165 (N.D. Cal. 2006) (agency unlawfully "deferred any consideration of the environmental impact" of a management plan on endemic invertebrates).

VI. The Forest Service Must Reinitiate Endangered Species Act Consultation Before Adopting the Proposed Rule

The Forest Service must also reinitiate ESA consultation with NMFS and FWS before finalizing the Proposed Rule. As discussed, consultation is required before a federal agency may take any action that may affect ESA-listed species. See California ex rel. Lockyer, 575 F.3d at 1019 (Forest Service was required to engage in ESA consultation before promulgating new rule replacing Roadless Rule).

The Draft EIS acknowledges that logging and associated industrial activity could impact federally-listed species, including humpback whales and short-tailed albatross. Draft EIS at 3-91 through 3-92. As to humpback whales, the Draft EIS explains that the whales "could be exposed to disturbance and noise associated with [log transfer facility] activity, young-growth timber harvest in the beach fringe, ... potential collisions with vessels, and fuel or oil spills associated with vessel traffic." Draft EIS at 3-92. Short-tailed albatross, in turn, "could be affected by reduced marine water quality due to activities in the nearshore environment, including [log transfer facility] use, log raft towing, vessel traffic, and timber harvest within the beach fringe." Draft EIS at 3-92.

However, the Draft EIS finds that impacts to these species associated with the Proposed Rule and other management alternatives "would be essentially unchanged" from the status quo "because predicted harvest volumes would be the same under each alternative and the potential for other developments would be similar." Draft EIS at 3-92 (discussing humpback whale impacts); see id. (impacts to short-tailed albatross "are expected to remain comparable to that anticipated under the current Forest Plan"). Thus, the Forest Service concludes that it can continue to rely on a biological assessment prepared for the 2016 Forest Plan and that additional ESA consultation regarding listed species is not required. See Draft EIS at 3-92.

The Service is wrong that it may forgo additional consultation. As discussed, the Service's prediction that logging will not increase if roadless areas are opened to new development is unsubstantiated. Thus, impacts to humpback whales and short-tailed albatross could increase, contrary to the Forest Service's dubious prediction. Under these uncertain circumstances, consultation with the expert wildlife agencies will be critical in reaching an informed conclusion about whether the Proposed Rule could impact these listed species in a manner that violates the ESA. Karuk Tribe of California, 681 F.3d at 1020 ("The purpose of consultation is to obtain the expert opinion of wildlife agencies to determine whether the action is likely to jeopardize a listed species or adversely modify its critical habitat and, if so, to identify reasonable and prudent alternatives that will avoid the action's unfavorable impacts."). ESA consultation for these species is therefore required before the Service may proceed with adopting the Proposed Rule or any other management alternative discussed in the Draft EIS. California ex rel. Lockyer, 575 F.3d at 1019 (Forest Service was required to engage in ESA consultation before promulgating new rule replacing Roadless Rule); see also 50 C.F.R. [sect] 402.16 ("Reinitiation of consultation is required ... [i]f new information reveals effects of the action that may affect listed species or critical habitat in a manner or to an extent not previously considered[.]").

CONCLUSION

For the reasons stated, the Proposed Rule fails to comply with NEPA, APA, and ESA requirements, and cannot be adopted in its current form. The other management alternatives discussed in the Draft EIS are likewise unlawful for the same reasons. The undersigned States therefore urge the Forest Service to correct these fundamental legal defects or withdraw the Proposed Rule.

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[Exhibit 1 Attachment contains a journal article titled "Effects on Carbon Storage of Conversion of Old-Growth Forests to Young Forests]

[Exhibit 2 Attachment contains USDA Report titled "Storage and Flux of Carbon in Live Trees, Snags, and Logs in the Chugach and Tongass National Forests"]

[Exhibit 3 Attachment contains a journal article titled "The Outcome is in the Assumptions: analyzing the effects on atmospheric CO2 levels of increased use of bioenergy from forest biomass"]

[Exhibit 4 Attachment contains a report titled "Thinning Combined With Biomass Energy Production May Increase, Rather Than Reduce, Greenhouse Gas Emissions"]

[Exhibit 5 Attachment contains a report titled "The Tongass Rainforest As Alaska's First Line of Climate Change Defense and Importance To The Paris Climate Change Agreements"]

[Exhibit 6 Attachment contains a journal article titled "Successional changes in live and dead wood carbon stores: implications for net ecosystem productivity"]

[Exhibit 7 Attachment contains a journal article titled "Effects of Management on Carbon Sequestration in Forest Biomass in Southeast Alaska"]

[Exhibit 8 Attachment contains a journal article titled "Land use strategies to mitigate climate change in carbon dense temperate forests"]

[Exhibit 9 Attachment contains a journal article titled "Carbon sequestration and biodiversity co-benefits of preserving forests in the western USA"]

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Exhibit 4

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Thinning Combined With Biomass Energy Production May Increase, Rather Than Reduce, Greenhouse Gas Emissions

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Thinning and energy production from biomass are being increasingly implemented in the Western U.S. as a "win-win" approach to reducing fire risk and replacing fossil fuels.[1] Yet questions and uncertainty about ecological impacts and carbon neutrality are highlighted in recent research. Many assumptions justifying the thinning/biomass approach need to be substantiated to determine whether they are in fact accurate. Due to the global urgency for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and limiting climate change impacts, wide-scale implementation of forest thinning and energy production from biomass without sufficient scientific support is a highly risky approach to limiting climate change, with potentially irreversible long term impacts to forests. In Western U.S. forests, thinning combined with energy production from biomass is based on two core assumptions: (1) fires are increasing in intensity and/or acres burned and thinning is needed to reduce these fire effects; and (2) when the byproducts (trees and shrubs) of thinning are used to replace fossil fuels for energy production, emissions are reduced. Based on our review of the literature, we conclude that:

- **Wildfire is not increasing compared to historic periods** – Wildfires, including very large ones, for the most part, are not increasing in western forests based on published accounts that use historical baselines. Recent increases (past few decades) in acres burned in places (e.g., Sierra Mountains) are ostensibly due to a climate signal but even those have less fire today compared to historical times when fire was much more prevalent.
- **Large fires are driven more by climate than fuels** – Large fires are mainly controlled by extreme weather events, and extreme events are likely to increase as the climate changes.
- **Most carbon is stored, not emitted, during fires** – Large fires are not currently big emitters of carbon dioxide given that fine fuels, not large trees, are combusted and most carbon remains stored in dead trees on site with sequestration rapidly following re-vegetation post-fire.
- **Maturing natural forests are not accumulating more fuels** – As the time between fires increases in mixed-severity fire systems, this is not necessarily associated with higher fire risk presumably due to shading of combustible understory plants as forests mature. Tree plantations accumulate unnaturally high fuel loads and are the biggest fire risk.
- **Thinned areas and fire outbreaks are unlikely to overlap** – Because fires in any single location are extremely rare, the chance of thinned areas, even over large landscapes, encountering fire within the timeframe that thinning is most effective is very low. Thinning over large landscapes is a net emitter of carbon dioxide. To reduce emissions, thinning should be limited to small trees, areas nearest homes, and plantations.
- **Biomass is "renewable" only over long time frames while drastic greenhouse gas emissions cuts are needed over shorter time frames** – There is a mismatch between the deep and immediate cuts that are needed to prevent catastrophic climate change and the emissions trajectory associated with using biomass for energy production, which immediately releases decades to centuries of carbon stored in forests to the atmosphere and requires many decades of regrowth to sequester that carbon again.
- **Biomass can produce higher CO_2 emissions than coal** – The amount of carbon dioxide released from woody biomass combustion per unit of energy produced is comparable to coal and much larger than oil and natural gas.

INTRODUCTION

Many municipalities, electric companies, and small energy producers are replacing fossil fuel energy production with biomass energy in response to global concerns about greenhouse gas emissions and the negative impacts of climate change. Biomass is often classified as a "renewable" energy source and therefore receiving of various incentives and credits because when trees and shrubs grow back they are able to sequester the carbon that was emitted during combustion for energy. This abundant energy source is seen as a "win-win" because it is often sourced from forest thinning byproducts with the intention of reducing the risk of wildfire. According to the Western Governor's Association,[1] 10.6 million acres are available for "hazard fuel reduction" yielding 270 million dry tons of biomass.

Logging slash near the Greensprings area, southwest Oregon, D. DellaSala

Unfortunately, after quick and often large-scale implementation of biomass energy production in Europe and parts of the U.S., studies are revealing

Rim fire 2013, Stanislaus National Forest, D. Bevington

that this approach can result in higher greenhouse gas emissions compared to combustion of fossil fuels, especially within the first few decades.[2] If we are to truly reduce our emissions, as the best science indicates that we must do quickly and substantially, thinning and biomass for energy production may be misguided in many forest systems and especially in fire-adapted forests of the western U.S. as discussed.

Thinning forests to reduce fire occurrence or intensity and using byproducts of thinning in energy production is gaining traction in southwest Oregon[3] and northern California.[4] Concerns have been raised that fires are increasing in intensity and/or area burned and that thinning is needed to reduce these fire effects and related emissions. The byproducts (trees and shrubs) of thinning are increasingly being used as fuel in biomass energy production. Proponents assume such activities are carbon neutral or result in lower greenhouse gas emissions than if these actions were not taken and if fossil fuels were used instead in energy production.

We address many of the assumptions associated with thinning and biomass by reviewing the science and assessing the level of support, including that (1) thinning lowers fire intensity, fire occurrence, and carbon dioxide emissions compared to emissions from wildfire, and (2) biomass is a clean, renewable energy source with lower greenhouse gas emissions than fossil fuels. We examine such claims in relation to best available science to inform managers about whether fuel reduction approaches are ecologically sound and carbon neutral. We caution that based on numerous published studies, improper accounting of carbon and biomass lifecycles could lead to large-scale clearing of forests[5] at a time when enhanced forest growth and reduced deforestation/degradation is needed to combat climate change. Finally, we provide guiding principles for fuel reductions in fire-adapted western forests.

WHAT WE EXAMINED

Thinning in the Ashland watershed, southwest Oregon; photo: D. Odion

In this report, we examine two core assumptions about why thinning is advocated in biomass projects, including it: (1) can be used to lower fire intensity and occurrence and therefore carbon emissions compared to wildfires that are increasing; and (2) biomass produced from thinning can be used as a clean, renewable energy in place of fossil fuels.

CORE ASSUMPTION:
Thinning lowers fire intensity and occurrence, and carbon dioxide emissions compared to wildfires and is needed because wildfires are increasing

The Chance That a Thinned Site Will Encounter A Fire When Fuels Are Lowest is Slim

The likelihood of thinning treatments and wildfire overlapping in time and space is quite low when the treatment is most effective (<20 yrs[6]). In fact, the chance that thinning will influence fire behavior is based on a number of improbable factors that, in turn, affect emissions, including:

1. Probability of a thinned site encountering a fire when fuels are lowest (<20 years) is only 5–8% based on computer simulations.[7] Similarly, there is just a 2% chance that a thinned site will encounter a severe fire. Therefore, costly fuel treatments would need to be applied every decade or so over large areas in order to keep fuels at lowest levels and even then the thinned sites would have a very low probability of co-occurrence with fire. Repeating fuel treatments increases net carbon dioxide emissions over the life of a project.

2. Thinned sites must encounter a fire during "average" weather conditions when fire intensity is likely to remain low enough to be affected by fuel treatments. Large fires in western forests are mostly driven by severe weather and less so by fuel densities.[8] During severe weather events, even thinned sites will burn.

3. Done incorrectly thinning can actually increase the chance of a severe fire if forest canopies are opened up too much due to increased understory vegetation growth rates, increased surface fuels, (e.g., slash piles), moisture reduction, and greater wind penetrance affecting fire spread.[9] Note – post-fire logging also elevates fuel loads and increases future re-burn potential.[10]

Thinning also decreases carbon storage in a forest and when forests are thinned repeatedly the emitted carbon is never recouped because forests accumulate carbon slowly (decades–centuries) but release much of it quickly in a disturbance.[11]

Forest Fires Are Not Large Emitters of Carbon

Contrary to popular belief, individual fires do not emit large quantities of carbon dioxide to the atmosphere.[12] For all fire severities, most of the vegetation combustion consists of fine fuels, litter and duff, rather than large trees. Even severe fires that kill most of the trees in an area emit only 5–30% of the stored forest as carbon dioxide.[6] Thus, most of the carbon in the burned forest is transferred (stored) from live vegetation to dead trees and is not released to the atmosphere. Lightly to moderately burned areas also continue to sequester (absorb) carbon for decades to centuries while new vegetation in severely burned patches rapidly sequesters carbon. Unless forest fires increase greatly in frequency or severity, they will have little overall impact on carbon dioxide emissions.

High-severity fire on average only accounts for about 12–14% of the total burn area in large fires.[13] Notably, the difference between forest biomass combusted in high-severity crown fire and low-severity fire is small because even in high-severity fire, less than 5% of total stem mass is combusted.[14]

Fires Are Not Increasing in Much of the West Compared to Historical Baselines

The fire regime in most of the fire-adapted low- to mid-elevation forests of the western U.S. is what fire ecologists call "mixed severity," which includes patches of unburned, low, moderate, and severe fire effects (Figure 1).[15] Despite assumptions that fires are unprecedented in this fire severity type due to a build up of fuels, severe fires, the biggest concern of managers and a component of large

"Although wildfire smoke looks impressive, less carbon is emitted than previously thought" Dr. Beverly Law, Prof. Global Change Biology & Terrestrial Systems Science, Oregon State University. Photo: B. Law

mixed-severity fires, have changed little from historical (early European settlement) times based on multiple studies.[16]

Large fires like the Biscuit fire (2002) near Cave Junction, OR and Rim fire (2013) on the Stanislaus National Forest (Sierra Mountains, CA) illustrate this typical fire mosaic pattern that is considered ecologically beneficial.[17] Such patchy fire behavior in the Klamath-Siskiyou region of southwest Oregon, northern California, for instance, has resulted in a diverse mixture of densely stocked forests composed of mixed evergreens (conifers and hardwoods) interspersed with Douglas-fir and ponderosa pine with more open canopy structures and chaparral and oak woodlands at lower elevations as reported in historical accounts.[18] In this region, forests and shrublands have retained most of their former spatial extents and composition, except for developed areas in low elevations. Notably, closed-canopy forests were common historically in places much like they are today.[20] Thus, over-emphasizing thinning to achieve more open conditions, as done in many fuels-reduction projects, may result in novel ecosystems, a loss of moist microclimates, with consequences to forest resilience, soils, and wildlife populations.

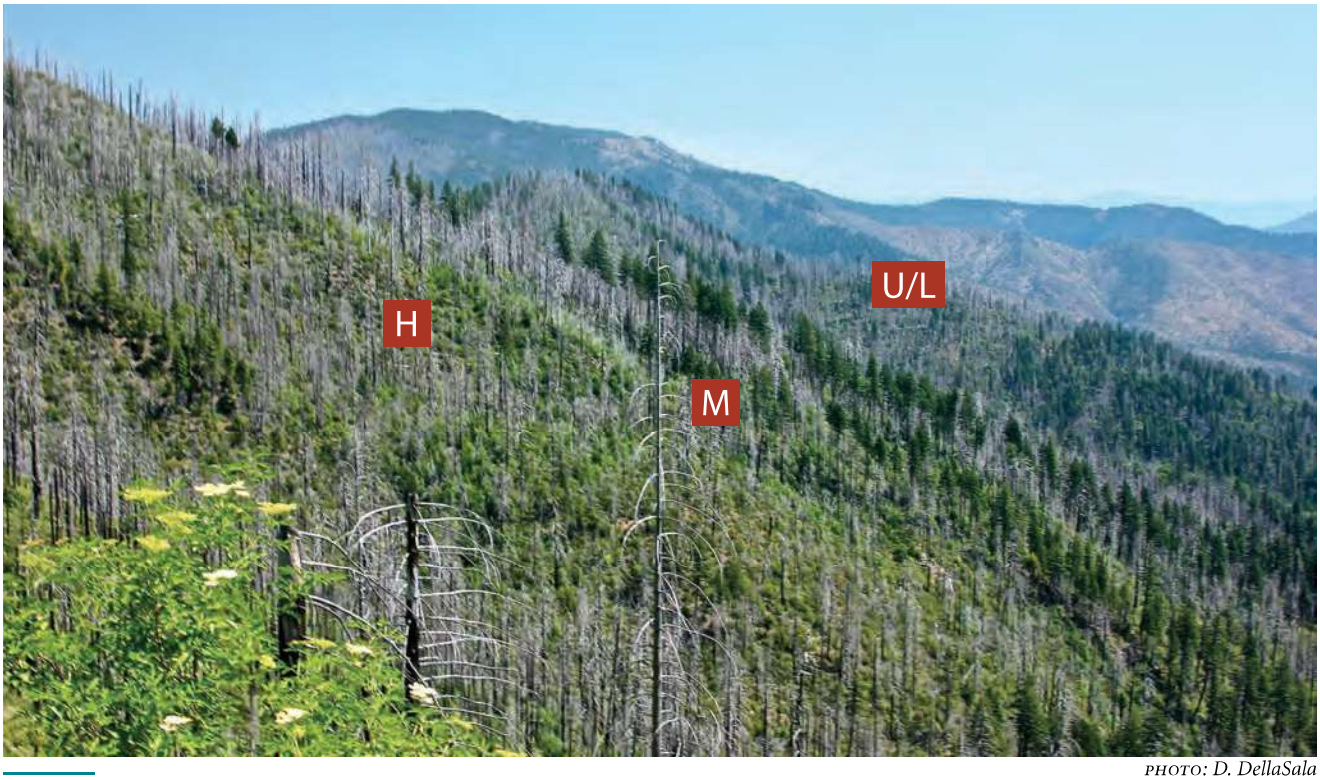

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Figure 1 Mixed-severity Biscuit 2002 fire, southwest Oregon, taken July 2012. Note patches of unburned/low (U/L), moderate (M), and high (H) severity are typical of mixed-severity fires governed mainly by extreme weather.

Fire Risks Do Not Necessarily Increase As Time Between Fire Increases

Mixed-evergreen forests of the Klamath-Siskiyou region do not show the same fire and fuels relationships as low elevation ponderosa pine forests that they are often compared with in fuel-reduction projects. In the Klamath-Siskiyou, as the time since fire increases, fuel densities and fire severity does not increase, with the exception of plantations where trees are unnaturally dense and fires are severe (Figure 2).[19] This is presumably because as mixed-evergreen forests mature, they begin to shade out more flammable understory vegetation, naturally lowering fire severity. Additionally, because large fires in this region are influenced mainly by extreme weather (climate-influenced fires) and less so by fuels,[20] thinning for fuels reduction (a secondary driver of fire behavior) will become less effective as the fire-climate gets more extreme. Finally, fuel reduction models have been criticized because they have had a tendency to over-predict effects of thinning on fire intensity and they lack empirical testing.[21] Relying too much on thinning to reduce fire intensity using these models is creating a false sense of security that fires will burn in low intensity in what are predominately mixed-severity, climate-influenced systems.

Mixed-evergreen forest, southwest Oregon, Photo: K. Schaffer

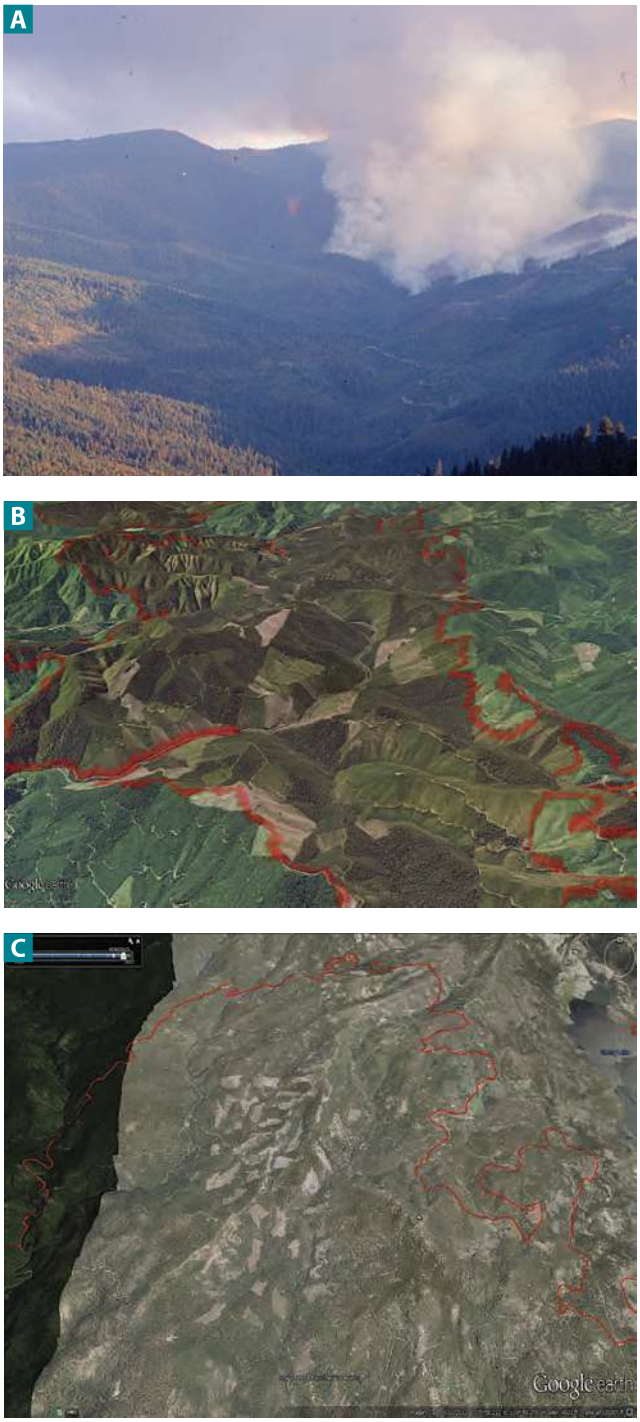

Figure 2 Three views of where fires burned unnaturally severe: (a) Quartz fire 2001, southwest Oregon, burned hottest in cut over lands; (b) Douglas-fire 2013 complex (red border) in southwest Oregon burned hottest in tree plantations; (c) Rim fire 2013(red border), Stanislaus National Forest, burned hottest in the image center where tree plantations were dominant. Fire severity analysis in preparation.

CORE ASSUMPTION:
Biofuels are clean, renewable energy with lower greenhouse gas emissions than fossil fuels

> *"... clearing or cutting forests for energy, either to burn trees directly in power plants or to replace forests with bioenergy crops, has the net effect of releasing otherwise sequestered carbon into the atmosphere, just like the extraction and burning of fossil fuels. That creates a carbon debt, may reduce ongoing carbon uptake by the forest, and as a result may increase net greenhouse gas emissions for an extended time period and thereby undercut greenhouse gas reductions needed over the next several decades."* [22]

Burning Woody Biomass for Fuel Emits More Carbon Dioxide than Coal

Biomass is often considered a clean, renewable fuel because, under ideal conditions and over long timeframes, carbon emitted during combustion for energy is re-sequestered once trees regrow. Because wood byproducts from lumber mills and other manufacturing are plentiful and would decompose anyway, there are many situations where energy production from biomass at lumber mills can be carbon neutral. The amount of carbon dioxide released from woody biomass combustion per unit of energy produced, however, is often comparable to coal and much larger than that of oil and natural gas due to inefficiencies in burning wood for fuel compared to more energy-dense fossil fuels.[23] Additionally, it takes decades to recoup carbon removed from a forest for biomass production as some estimates indicate this source of energy would actually release more carbon dioxide emissions compared to coal and natural gas (Figure 3). Biomass emissions would especially accumulate from projects that include short-

rotation timber harvests and repeat thinning to keep fuels at low levels (not shown in Figure 3).

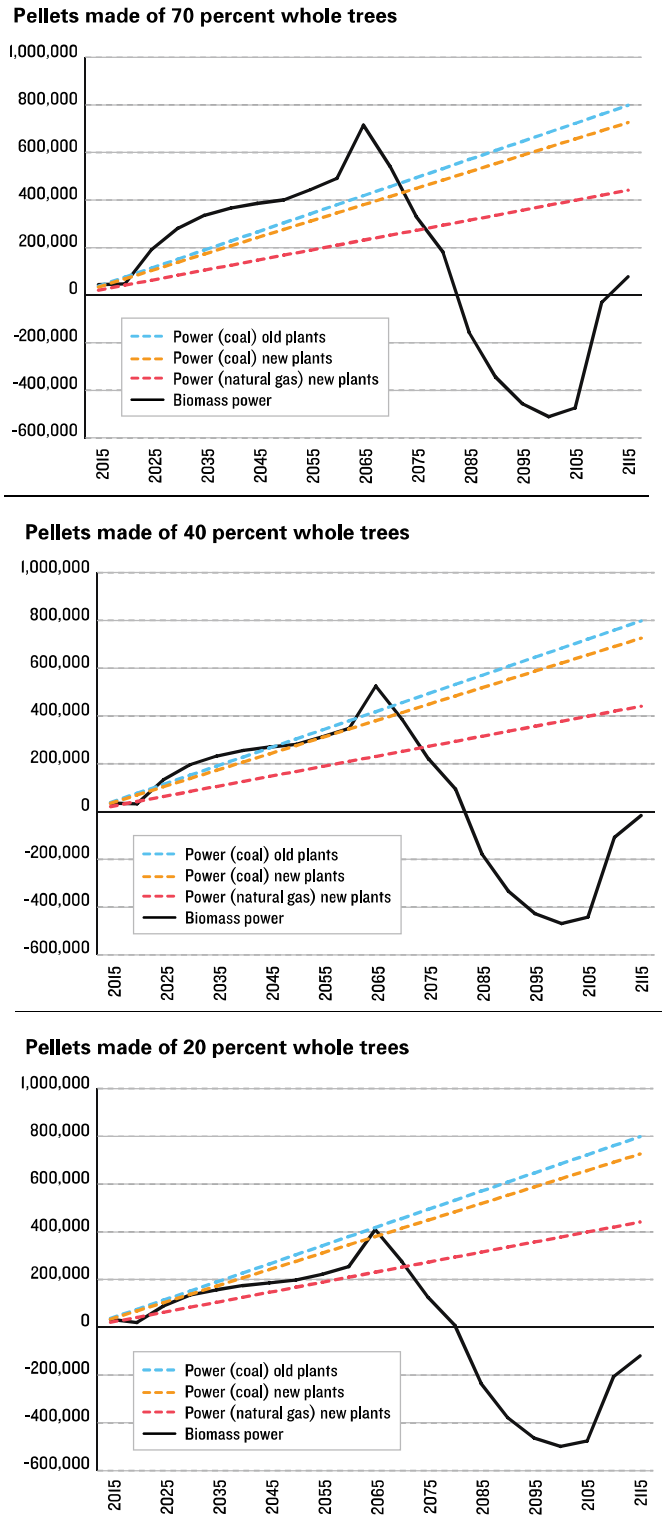

Figure 3 Cumulative emissions ($MgCO_2e/MW$) from pellets made of various percentages of whole trees (reprinted from NRDC 2015[24]). For the first few decades, wood burning creates a pulse of emissions that rival coal and natural gas production.

Even if the trees are allowed to grow back (if they are not perpetually thinned), the timeframe for re-sequestering the original quantity of carbon conflicts with current policy imperatives requiring drastic cuts in emissions over the near term.

In tree plantations, thinning can benefit ecosystem health and may lead to faster tree growth and carbon sequestration, potentially making the thinning/biomass combination lower in emissions than fossil fuels.[25] A thorough carbon accounting must be done for each particular situation. In sum, the large demand of many biomass plants for "feedstock" and the economics of woody debris removal often lead to whole trees, rather than just woody debris, being removed, chipped, or turned into pellets for combustion that emits more carbon than fossil fuels.

GUIDELINES AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THINNING AND BIOMASS

The best way to store carbon in a forest is to protect from logging the older high-biomass forests and increase the interval between timber harvests.[26] For instance, compared to tree plantations, older forests store 3-10 times more carbon than young forests,[27] and continue to sequester at high rates as they mature.[28] Also, if timber harvest rates were lengthened by 50 years compared to status quo logging, carbon stores would increase by 15.[29]

We close with 11 principles for fuel reduction projects qualifying for public incentives based on recommendations modified from conservation groups[30] and 90 scientists submitted to the House Natural Resources and Senate leadership in 2010.[24]

Require full carbon accounting: Assess net carbon flux from thinning and biofuels using published probabilities of treatment efficacy under "average" vs. extreme weather. Invest in carbon flux

Low-elevation fuel treatment, Lomakatsi Restoration Project, D. DellaSala

models[31] and ground verification of fuel models and carbon assessments (accuracy assessment). Independent verification of assessments should be factored into a project's operating costs, much like carbon offset projects.

Assure Sustainability: Production, sourcing, and utilization of biomass must assure the protection of all natural ecosystems (including those on public and private lands), habitat values, and air and water quality and quantity, and must not adversely affect soils or contribute to soil erosion.

Prevent Global Warming & Ocean Acidifying Emissions: Projects must result in lower life cycle, cumulative and net emissions, and ocean acidifying emissions within 20 years and also over the longer term than the energy sources they replace or compete with.

Protect Conservation Land: Biomass must not come from protected areas or agricultural conservation lands including but not limited to any area designated by federal or state governments for conservation purposes such as Wilderness or Wilderness study Areas, old-growth forests, Inventories Roadless Areas, or aquatic buffers except for invasive alien species and for material whose removal is necessary to protect public health and safety (i.e., near homes).

Safeguard Special Ecosystems: Biomass must not come from lands identified at the federal or state level as endangered, rare, or threatened; at the global, national, or state level, such as old-growth forests and native grasslands or other seriously diminished ecosystems such as late-successional stands except for material whose removal is required for restoration of characteristic structure, composition, and function of the ecosystem involved if consistent with the other principles herein and with the regional and local fire regimes and characteristic vegetation of the area.

Prevent Loss of Natural Ecosystems: Biomass removed from lands converted from forests, grasslands or other natural systems into plantations or simplified, intensively managed or cultivated systems shall not qualify for incentives if the conversion occurs after the adoption date of such incentive program.

Protect Threatened and Endangered Species: Biomass harvest must not occur on lands identified at the federal or state level as harboring or potentially harboring any species classified as endangered, rare, or threatened at the global, national, or state level, or is a candidate for such status, except for material whose removal is required for restoration of the species' habitat and protection of the species.

Avoid Toxic and Other Air Pollutants: Biomass energy facilities must not contribute to greater air pollution per unit of energy produced than would result from the energy source they replace or compete with, including, for example, nitrogen oxides (NOx), volatile organic compounds (VOCs), and particulate matter (PM), must not increase local community exposure to such pollutants, and must not be afforded special treatment under the Clean Air Act.

Be Energy Efficient: Biomass energy production must meet strong standards for efficiency in the conversion of biomass to useful energy.

Require Sustainable Procurement: Biomass energy producing facilities must develop and implement a biomass source plan that satisfies the above principles and is capable of supplying the facility for its operational life, accounting for competing biomass demand in the sourcing area.

Prioritize Fuel Reduction Treatments: Fuel reduction is most likely to influence fire intensity during average weather conditions, within unnaturally overstocked tree plantations, and by removal of small trees.[32] Proponents should factor in the likely occurrence of more extreme fire behavior due to climate change, provide realistic estimates of thinning efficacy, and account for collateral damage to ecosystems.

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Exhibit 3

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TECHNICAL ADVANCE

The outcome is in the assumptions: analyzing the effects on atmospheric CO_2 levels of increased use of bioenergy from forest biomass

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Abstract

Recently, several studies have quantified the effects on atmospheric CO_2 concentration of an increased harvest level in forests. Although these studies agreed in their estimates of forest productivity, their conclusions were contradictory. This study tested the effect of four assumptions by which those papers differed. These assumptions regard (1) whether a single or a set of repeated harvests were considered, (2) at what stage in stand growth harvest takes place, (3) how the baseline is constructed, and (4) whether a carbon-cycle model is applied. A main finding was that current and future increase in the use of bioenergy should be studied considering a series of repeated harvests. Moreover, the time of harvest should be determined based on economical principles, thus taking place before stand growth culminates, which has implications for the design of the baseline scenario. When the most realistic assumptions are used and a carbon-cycle model is applied, an increased harvest level in forests leads to a permanent increase in atmospheric CO_2 concentration.

Keywords: atmosphere, bioenergy, carbon, climate change, Faustmann, impulse response functions

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Introduction

The literature draws attention to the fact that the conversion of natural habitats to cropland leads to release of carbon, thus creating a biofuel carbon debt with a potential payback period of several decades or even centuries (see, for example, Gurgel *et al.*, 2007; Fargione *et al.*, 2008; Searchinger *et al.*, 2008; Melillo *et al.*, 2009; Gibbs *et al.*, 2010; Lapola *et al.*, 2010).

The articles mentioned, however, studied biofuels based on fast-growing crops, in which the biomass harvested within 1 year is replaced by a new crop. In that case, the CO_2 released by combustion of the biomass could, for practical purposes, be ignored because the growth of the new crop requires the capture of the same amount of CO_2 within 1 year.

The issue becomes more complex if the source of bioenergy is a forest. The rotation period of a boreal forest stand is usually 70–120 years. Hence, a century might be required for the regrowth of a harvested boreal forest stand and recapture of the amount of CO_2 released originally. Despite this considerable time lag, recent studies have considered wood fuels from boreal forests as being carbon neutral, thus ignoring the amount of CO_2 released by the combustion of that wood (see, for example, Bright & Strømman, 2009; Sjølie *et al.*, 2010).

Keeping in mind that the carbon intensity of wood fuels is approximately at the level of coal, it is obvious that, from a methodological perspective, ignoring these emissions is not satisfactory. A body of literature has thus emerged that accounts for the amount of CO_2 released from combustion of biomass from forests and other slow-growing sources of biomass (see, for example, Manomet Center for Conservation Sciences, 2010; Cherubini *et al.*, 2011a,b; McKechnie *et al.*, 2011; Holtsmark, 2012).[1]

The conclusions of the articles mentioned vary significantly. For example, Holtsmark (2012) found that increasing the harvest of a forest permanently lowered the carbon stock of the forest and, consequently, permanently heightened the amount of CO_2 in the atmosphere. In contrast, Cherubini *et al.* (2011a,b) found that the CO_2 concentration in the atmosphere was *lower* 60–70 years after harvesting a relatively slow-growing forest than if the forest had not been harvested. Figure 1 illustrates these differences. The dashed line (left axis) depicts the atmospheric CO_2 that remains after harvest and combustion of a stock of biomass containing one metric ton of

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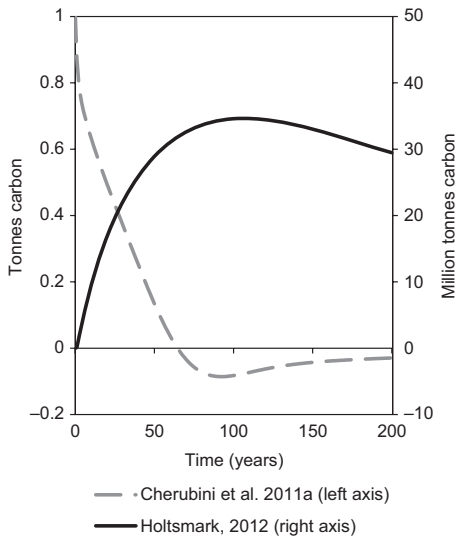

Fig. 1 The dashed line (left axis) shows the atmospheric carbon that remains at time t after a single harvest event at time $t = 0$, according to Cherubini *et al.* (2011a). The solid line (right axis) shows the atmospheric carbon that remains after a series of subsequent harvest events as a result of the application of an impulse response function to the results of Holtsmark (2012).

carbon, as found by Cherubini *et al.* (2011a). The solid line (right axis) shows the corresponding result in the work of Holtsmark (2012), in which increased harvest levels were predicted to increase the amount of CO_2 in the atmosphere in the long term.[2]

The different conclusions reached in these papers are explained by different methodological choices or assumptions. Therefore, an analysis of the importance of different simplifications and methodological choices is needed. Here, I will focus on four methodological choices.

1 Some studies consider a single harvest event occurring at the present time, with no biomass to be harvested in the future. However, a single harvest event performed at the present time will not produce any biomass in the future and is, therefore, not satisfactory if one wants to gather knowledge related to the consequences of the increased use of biomass presently *and* in the future. A single harvest event performed at the present time will not produce the required biomass if one aims to replace fossil fuels with biomass on a permanent basis. I will, therefore, demonstrate the effects of the replacement of a single harvest approach with a permanently increased harvest approach.
2 In some studies, it is assumed that a rotation period ends when the growth of the trees has culminated. Other studies take into account that, since the publication of the work of Faustmann (1849), and even earlier,[3], forest economists have known that a commercial forester will not postpone harvest until the growth of the trees has culminated, but will usually harvest at an earlier stage, following the so-called Faustmann rule. I will demonstrate the effects of the application of a rotation-period length that is in accordance with this rule.
3 Taking into account that harvest usually takes place in stands that are still growing, the baseline scenario becomes important. Not all studies take into account that the harvest scenario should be measured against a baseline scenario (with no harvest) in which the trees are still growing, thus capturing CO_2 from the atmosphere. I will demonstrate the importance of the use of a realistic baseline scenario along these lines.
4 In some studies, it is assumed, for simplicity, that the CO_2 released from the combustion of biomass accumulates and remains in the atmosphere forever. In other studies, an impulse response function is applied that models the ability of the ocean and of the terrestrial biosphere to absorb CO_2 from the atmosphere.

Table 1 provides an overview of how the five studies on the bioenergy from forests mentioned deal with these methodological choices. The approach of Cherubini *et al.* (2011a,b) was the inclusion of an impulse response function in the analysis, whereas the other studies listed applied a simple accumulation of CO_2. However, Cherubini *et al.* (2011a,b) and Manomet Center for Conservation Sciences (2010) considered a single harvest event exclusively. The methodology used for the construction of the baseline scenarios also varied.

To demonstrate quantitatively how the methodological choices influence the conclusions of this type of study, I will use the articles of Cherubini *et al.* (2011a) and Holtsmark (2012) as the starting point, adjust their methodological choices, and demonstrate the consequences of these adjustments. In contrast with the approach of Cherubini *et al.* (2011a), Holtsmark (2012) considered the consequences of permanently increasing harvest levels by studying a series of harvests. Moreover, Holtsmark (2012) took into account that the harvest usually takes place before the growth of the stand culminates and how the baseline scenario then should be designed. Holtsmark (2012), however, ignored the decay functions of atmospheric CO_2 and considered, for simplicity, accumulated emissions exclusively.

[2]See the red curve in Fig. 4, page 423, in Holtsmark (2012). To achieve the somewhat different solid line in Fig. 1 here, the impulse response function of the Bern 2.5CC carbon-cycle model was applied; see Eqn (1).

[3]See the discussion of early contributions to this issue in Samuelson (1976) and Scorgie & Kennedy (1996).

Table 1 Methodological differences in five recent papers dealing with bioenergy from forest biomass

	Cherubini *et al.* (2011a)	Cherubini *et al.* (2011b)	Manomet Center for Conservation Sciences (2010)	McKechnie *et al.* (2011)	Holtsmark (2012)
Single harvest event or permanently higher harvest level?	Single	Single	Single	Permanent	Permanent
Does the no harvest baseline take growth and carbon capture in mature stands into account?	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Is the time of harvest in accordance with the Faustmann rule?	No	Some of the scenarios	Yes	Yes	Yes
Impulse response function (IRF) or simple accumulation of CO_2?	IRF	IRF	Simple accumulation	Simple accumulation	Simple accumulation

This study builds a bridge between the approaches of these two studies by taking atmospheric decay functions into account, as in Cherubini *et al.* (2011a), and including the realistic baseline scenario and the multiple harvest approach of Holtsmark (2012) in the analysis.

This paper is organized as follows. The model and the basic methodological choices are presented in the next section, the results are presented in the third section, and the results are discussed in the fourth section, which also includes the conclusions of the study.

Materials and methods

Based on Forster *et al.* (2007) and the Bern 2.5CC carbon-cycle model, which those authors recommend, Cherubini *et al.* (2011a) applied the following atmospheric CO_2 decay function:

$$y(t) = \Delta_0 + \sum_{i=1}^{3} \Delta_i e^{(-t/\alpha_i)}, \tag{1}$$

where $y(t)$ represents the fraction of an initial pulse of CO_2 at time $t = 0$ that remains in the atmosphere at time t and where α and Δ_i are parameters (Table 2). The time unit is 1 year. The decay is caused by the uptake of CO_2 by the ocean and by the terrestrial biosphere. Cherubini *et al.* (2011a) considered two cases. In the first case, those authors did not take into account the oceanic absorption of anthropogenic CO_2 from the atmosphere, although they considered this effect in the second case. For the purpose of this study, only the latter case is considered, as it is the most realistic and, therefore, the most interesting case.

It is assumed that the harvesting of biomass from forests is followed by replanting and the growth of new biomass. Regrowth implies carbon capture from the atmosphere. Cherubini *et al.* (2011a) assumed that the growth and carbon capture of the stand after a harvest follow the analytic form:

$$g(\tau) = \left(2\pi\sigma^2\right)^{1/2} e^{-(\tau-\mu)^2/2\sigma^2}, \tag{2}$$

Table 2 Parameter values

			Cherubini *et al.* (their case with $r = 100$)	Present case
Δ_0	0.217	σ	25	37.5
Δ_1	0.259	μ	50	75
Δ_2	0.338			
Δ_3	0.186			
α_1	172.9			
α_2	18.51			
α_3	1.186			

where σ and μ are parameters and τ is the age of the stand. It can be deduced that a parcel with a stand age τ has the following carbon stock.[4]

$$C(\tau) = \left(2\pi\sigma^2\right)^{1/2} \sum_{\tau'=0}^{\tau} e^{-(\tau'-\mu)^2/2\sigma^2}. \tag{3}$$

The carbon captured by biomass regrowth should be considered in terms of negative emissions. Negative emissions should be treated symmetrically regarding positive emissions. Thus, the decay function presented in (1) should be applied to these negative emissions exactly as it is applied to the positive emissions.

Consider, for example, a parcel replanted at time $t = 0$. The carbon captured at time t_1 would be $g(t_1)$, and at time t_2, i.e., t_2-t_1 periods later, a fraction $y(t_2-t_1)$ of these negative emissions, i.e., $-g(t_1)\cdot y(t_2-t_1)$, is remaining in the atmosphere.

Assume now that, at time $t = 0$, the age of the stand is τ_m and that harvesting proceeds at this time. Combustion of the extracted biomass causes a CO_2 emission pulse $C(\tau_m)$, which, for simplicity, is labeled as C in the following equation. Taking the regrowth function described in (2) into account, the amount of CO_2 in the atmosphere $A_H(t)$ at time t, will be as follows:

[4]To show exactly how the numerical examples in the next section are constructed, I used discrete time in the theoretical model description as well.

$$A_H(t) = C \cdot y(t) - \sum_{t'=0}^{t} g(t')y(t-t'), \tag{4}$$

where the first term on the right-hand side represents what is left of the pulse in the atmosphere at t periods after harvesting, whereas the second term represents the effect of regrowth.

Thus far, I have followed the example of Cherubini *et al.* (2011a). However, the alternative to harvesting and combustion of biomass is to not harvest: i.e., letting the stand grow and capture more CO_2. In this case, the amount of CO_2 in the atmosphere would evolve as follows.

$$A_{\mathrm{NH}}(t) = -\sum_{t'=0}^{t} \mathrm{g}(\tau_{\mathrm{m}} + t')\mathrm{y}(t-t'). \tag{5}$$

Note the assumption of Cherubini *et al.* (2011a) that harvesting always takes place when the growth of the stand has culminated [see (c) in Fig. 2], which is the reason why those authors disregarded this effect. If we take this effect into account, the net effect of harvesting on the atmospheric carbon content will be as follows:

$$A_{\mathrm{S}}(t) = A_{\mathrm{H}}(t) - A_{\mathrm{NH}}(t). \tag{6}$$

The time at which harvesting takes place is a pertinent point. If we assume that the stock of trunks in the stand is proportional to the amount of biomass $C(t)$ and that the market interest rate is r, then, according to the Faustmann rule, a forest owner will harvest when the stand age τ satisfies the following equation.

$$\frac{C'(\tau)}{C(\tau)} = \frac{r}{1-e^{-r\tau}}. \tag{7}$$

As the interest rate approaches zero, (7) is reduced to

$$\frac{C'(\tau)}{C(\tau)} = \frac{1}{\tau}. \tag{8}$$

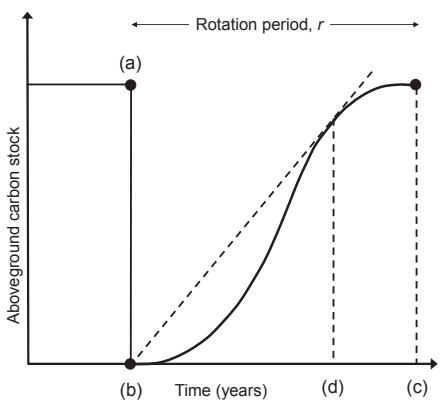

Fig. 2 This diagram is identical to Fig. 1 in Cherubini *et al.* (2011a), with the exception of the addition of the dashed lines. Cherubini *et al.* (2011a) assumed that harvest takes place at (c), whereas the Faustmann rule says that harvest usually will take place somewhere between (b) and (d).

Harvesting at a time at which τ satisfies (8) implies a maximum sustained yield (MSY) and harvesting at point (d) in Fig. 2. To the extent that the forest owner discounts future income, the rotation period will be shorter.

The intuition behind the Faustmann rule is as follows. The forest owner takes into consideration his opportunity to invest the harvest profit, creating postharvest periodic revenue of $rC(\tau)$. Postponing the harvest has an alternative cost corresponding to this revenue. This could easily be interpreted as that harvest should take place when τ satisfies the equation $C(\tau) = rC'(\tau)$. However, the Faustmann rule (7) also takes into account that, if the first harvest is postponed, all future harvests must also be postponed. This leads to Eqn (7), which implies an even earlier harvest than is indicated by the more simple equation $C(\tau) = rC'(\tau)$.

The application of the limiting case of the Faustmann rule described in (8) to the slower growing forest studied by Cherubini *et al.* (2011a), i.e., a forest with a rotation span of 100 years, implies that harvesting occurs when the stand is 70 years old. In other words, the slower growing forest considered by Cherubini *et al.* (2011a) is actually a relatively rapidly growing boreal forest. The rotation period for MSY in most Scandinavian forests is reportedly 70–120 years.

I shall, therefore, adjust the parametric assumptions to allow for a MSY rotation period of 100 years for the stand in question. I will accomplish this using the parameters $\sigma = 37.5$ and $\mu = 75$ (Table 2). Given these assumptions, the growth and carbon capture of the stand will culminate at a stand age of approximately 150 years. In other words, the stand will continue to grow and capture CO_2 from the atmosphere, as specified in Eqn (5), if it is not harvested after reaching maturity. The two compared (re)growth scenarios are shown in Fig. 3. The solid line traces the carbon stock of the stand if it is harvested at time $t = 0$, whereas the dashed line traces the carbon stock of the stand if its age is 100 years at time $t = 0$ and if it is not harvested.

Results

Single harvest event

First, consider the case studied by Cherubini *et al.* (2011a), with a rotation period of 100 years. The harvest gives rise to a pulse emission of one metric ton of carbon at time 0, which is recaptured completely by the regrowth of the stand over the next 100 years. After these 100 years, there is no further growth on the stand. The dashed line in Fig. 4 shows the atmospheric carbon remaining from this pulse, according to the calculations of those authors. Note that, after ca. 65 years, a lower carbon concentration in the atmosphere is estimated in the presence of a harvest event compared with the case without harvest. This is so because increased atmospheric CO_2 levels lead to an increase in the accumulation of carbon in the terrestrial ecosystems, as well as to an increase in oceanic CO_2 absorption.

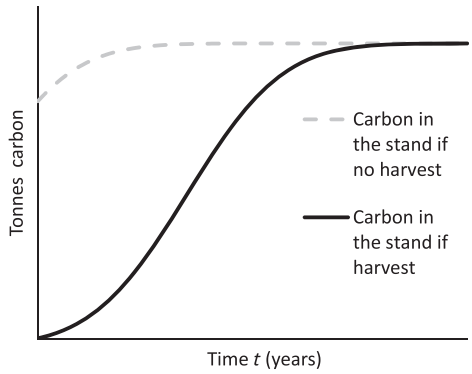

Fig. 3 Development of the carbon stock of a stand that is mature at time 0. The solid line represents the harvest case. The dashed line represents the no-harvest case.

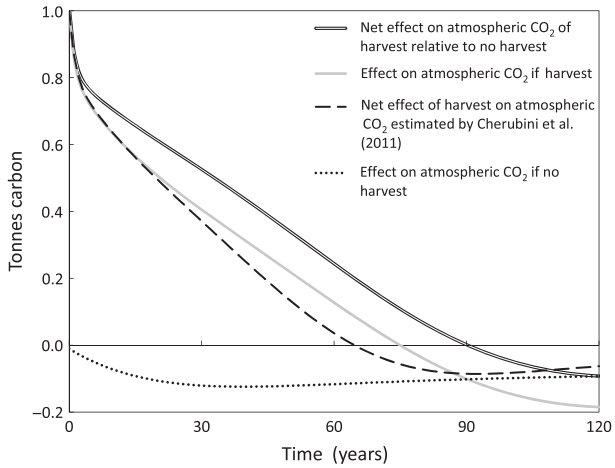

Fig. 4 The dashed line depicts the remaining atmospheric carbon for the methodology applied by Cherubini *et al.* (2011a), with a rotation period of 100 years. The gray, solid line represents the atmospheric carbon remaining with a slower growing stand with harvesting occurring at a stand age of 100 years. In both cases, harvesting of this stand at time 0 is assumed to cause an emission pulse of one ton of carbon. The dotted curve traces the effect on atmospheric carbon levels in the no-harvest case, whereas the double-line curve shows the net effect of harvest compared with no harvest.

As argued in the previous section, when dealing with a boreal forest, it would be appropriate to consider a MSY rotation period of 100 years and culmination of growth after approximately 150 years, which would be consistent both with the Faustmann rule and with a typical boreal forest stand. The harvest of this forest stand at time 0 is assumed to lead to a pulse of emission of one ton of carbon. The gray, solid line in Fig. 4 shows the level of atmospheric carbon from the pulse that remains in this case; cf. Eqn (4).

The question of the use of an appropriate baseline arises at this point. As Cherubini *et al.* (2011a) assumed that there is no further growth on the stand in the no-harvest case, there is no change in atmospheric carbon in their baseline scenario. The scenario is different if it is assumed that there is continued growth in the no-harvest case. The dotted curve in Fig. 4 traces the effect on atmospheric CO_2 levels in the no-harvest case and corresponds to Eqn (5). This curve dips below zero because there is no emission pulse at time $t = 0$, although carbon is still captured by continued growth after this time point.

Our interest is related to the *net* effect of harvesting on atmospheric CO_2 levels. This can be computed by subtracting the amount of atmospheric carbon in the no-harvest case from the amount of atmospheric carbon in the case with harvest; cf. Eqn (6). The result is the double-line curve in Fig. 4. Compared with the case studied by Cherubini *et al.* (2011a), this case gives a somewhat longer period of enhanced levels of atmospheric CO_2.

Multiple harvest events

The numerical examples presented in the previous section measure the effect of a *single harvest event*. However, IPCC documents, such as Chum *et al.* (2012), envisage a permanent increase in the use of bioenergy and, accordingly, a higher harvest rate. Therefore, in the following paragraphs, I will consider a case in which the harvest events described in the previous section take place every year on a permanent basis.

Consider now a forest with an age structure such that every year one parcel, each with a growth function described by Eqns (1) and (2), reaches the stand age τ_m and is, therefore, considered mature and ready for harvest. The net effect on atmospheric carbon of harvesting a stand every year compared with the case where the parcels are left unharvested, is given by the following equation.

$$A(t) = \sum_{t'=0}^{t} A_S(t'). \tag{9}$$

The function $A_S(t)$ is defined in Eqn (6). Given the numerical assumptions, the expression is shown by the solid line depicted in Fig. 5. Other than the difference in scale (million tons and tons of carbon), the solid line shown in Fig. 5 is not far off the corresponding result that is obtained when the impulse response function is applied to the data of Holtsmark (2012), which is indicated by the dotted curve shown in Fig. 5.

To have intuition to the above described results, study the dashed curve shown in Fig. 5, which is identical to the double lined curve depicted in Fig. 4. These curves show that the effect of a single harvest on atmospheric CO_2 levels is a two-stage process. During the first stage, the level of atmospheric CO_2 is higher than it would have been in the absence of harvest, whereas the reverse is true in the second stage. The observation

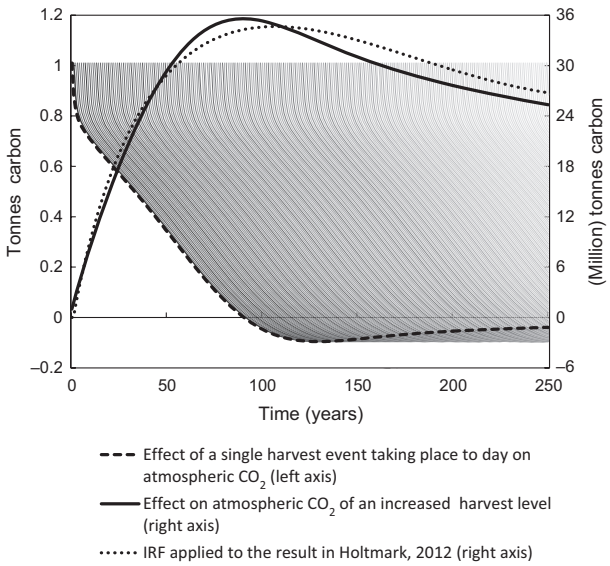

Fig. 5 The dashed curve (left axis) shows the net effect on atmospheric carbon of a single harvest event taking place today compared with the no-harvest case. The set of thin curves depicts similar net effects of subsequent annual harvest events. The thick solid line (right axis) shows the total net atmospheric carbon that remains after this series of identical annual harvest events. The dotted curve (right axis) represents the effect of an increased harvest level, as described in Holtsmark (2012).

that the negative effect in the second stage is smaller than the positive effect during the first stage is important to predict the outcome of a series of harvest events.

Next, consider the case in which harvest takes place annually. Every year, there is a pulse of emissions of 1 ton of carbon with subsequent regrowth on the stand. The set of thin curves shown in Fig. 5 represent the effects of these subsequent annual harvest events. The net effect on atmospheric CO_2 of this series of harvest events is calculated via vertical summation of this set of curves and the dashed curve. This gives the solid line depicted in Fig. 5, which is measured on the right axis.

Note that the dashed curve converges toward zero, whereas the solid line converges toward 19 tons of carbon (result not shown here). Hence, a single harvest event has no long-term effect on atmospheric carbon, whereas a permanently increased harvest level will increase atmospheric CO_2 permanently. It follows that an increased harvest level is not a carbon-neutral activity not even in the long term, whereas a single harvest event is a carbon-neutral activity in the long term.

Discussion

The realization that wood fuels are not carbon neutral gives rise to a number of methodological questions or assumptions regarding the manner via which CO_2 emissions from wood fuels should be modeled. In this study, I have focused on four methodological choices. First, I analyzed whether the consideration of a single harvest event is sufficient when the consequences of the increased use of biomass presently and in the future are to be analyzed. Second, I analyzed whether the assumption that the rotation period ends when the growth of the trees has culminated is satisfactory. Third, I analyzed the manner via which the baseline no-harvest scenario should be constructed. Finally, I studied the importance of including impulse response functions in the analyses.

The work of Cherubini *et al.* (2011a) was used as a starting point to evaluate the importance of these methodological choices. The approach of those authors of using an impulse response function was adopted. However, their model was adjusted taking into account that harvest usually takes place before the growth of the trees has culminated. The baseline (no harvest) scenario was adjusted accordingly. Finally, a single harvest approach was supplemented with a multiharvest approach, which reflects the fact that the policy proposal to be analyzed addresses the question of whether biomass should be harvested at the current time *and* in the future.

The numerical simulations provided information on the importance of these methodological choices. First, they showed that the results change fundamentally when a single harvest approach is replaced with a multiharvest approach reflecting a permanently increased harvest level. A single harvest approach could lead to the conclusion that wood fuels are carbon neutral in the long term, but not in the short term, whereas a multiharvest approach leads to the conclusion that wood fuels are not carbon neutral, neither in the long term nor in the short term. The multiharvest approach revealed that a permanently increased harvest level leads to a permanent increase in atmospheric carbon also when a realistic carbon-cycle model is taken into account.

Second, it was found that the consideration that harvest usually takes place before growth of the trees has culminated and the consequent adjustment of the baseline have a significant effect on the results, although they are not changed fundamentally.

Third, the results of Holtsmark (2012) were adjusted by incorporating an impulse response function in the analyses. This approach did not change the results fundamentally. Using simple accumulation of CO_2 in the atmosphere in this type of study is an approximation that is acceptable.

Another question, which was not discussed here, concerns the extent to which the increased harvest of a forest may reduce atmospheric carbon if the extracted biomass

replaces fossil energy sources. For a discussion of this question, see Holtsmark (2012) and McKechnie *et al.* (2011).

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Effects of Management on Carbon Sequestration in Forest Biomass in Southeast Alaska

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Abstract

The Tongass National Forest (Tongass) is the largest national forest and largest area of old-growth forest in the United States. Spatial geographic information system data for the Tongass were combined with forest inventory data to estimate and map total carbon stock in the Tongass; the result was 2.8 ± 0.5 Pg C, or 8% of the total carbon in the forests of the conterminous USA and 0.25% of the carbon in global forest vegetation and soils. Cumulative net carbon loss from the Tongass due to management of the forest for the period 1900–95 was estimated at 6.4–17.2 Tg C. Using our spatially explicit data for carbon stock and net flux, we modeled the potential effect of five management regimes on future net carbon flux. Estimates of net carbon flux were sensitive to projections of the rate of carbon accumulation in second-growth forests and to the amount of carbon left in standing biomass after harvest. Projections of net carbon flux in the Tongass range from 0.33 Tg C annual sequestration to 2.3 Tg C annual emission for the period 1995–2095. For the period 1995–2195, net flux estimates range from 0.19 Tg C annual sequestration to 1.6 Tg C annual emission. If all timber harvesting in the Tongass were halted from 1995 to 2095, the economic value of the net carbon sequestered during the 100-year hiatus, assuming $20/Mg C, would be $4 to $7 million/y (1995 US dollars). If a prohibition on logging were extended to 2195, the annual economic value of the carbon sequestered would be largely unaffected ($3 to $6 million/y). The potential annual economic value of carbon sequestration with management maximizing carbon storage in the Tongass is comparable to revenue from annual timber sales historically authorized for the forest.

Key words: carbon sequestration; geographic information system; climate change; forest management; Alaska.

Introduction

Concern over rising levels of atmospheric carbon dioxide, a primary greenhouse gas (GHG), has given impetus to the construction of global carbon budgets. Forest carbon dynamics are a key component of these budgets. Although the Kyoto Protocol of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change provides for a potentially active and regulated market in Certified Emission Reduction credits (CERs) for some types of forest management, implementing such a program has been controversial, and as of 2006 the United States has not ratified the Kyoto Protocol. Quantifying sources and sinks of carbon and the fluxes resulting from forest management is essential for the accurate estimation of national emissions and transparent functioning of a CER market that could help a country meet GHG emission reduction targets.

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Terrestrial vegetation and soil represent important sources and sinks of atmospheric carbon (Watson and others 2000), with land-use change accounting for 24% of net annual anthropogenic emission of GHGs to the atmosphere (Prentice and others 2001). Managing these terrestrial carbon stocks to mitigate future climate change requires information on global and national carbon budgets. Specifically, the management of public lands represents a policy challenge, because there is often a mandate to consider multiple uses, including carbon storage or reduced emissions. Consequently, estimating the potential economic value of the carbon held in these lands, and the impacts of management on carbon stocks, may become an important part of managing public lands.

It is likely that CERs would be allocated based on the change in total carbon stock caused by a shift in forest management. Consequently, quantifying net carbon flux under varied management regimes and establishing a ''business as usual'' baseline are key to planning for future uses of public lands.

We chose to study the carbon implications of forest management of the Tongass National Forest (Tongass) in southeast Alaska for several reasons. First, the Tongass is the largest national forest in the United States, and it is part of the largest intact old-growth temperate rainforest in the world (USDA Forest Service 2005). Second, few estimates of terrestrial carbon pools include Alaska, and we are aware of no estimates of net carbon flux that include the Tongass (Turner and others 1995; R. A. Birdsey personal communication). Based on studies of similar ecosystems in the US Pacific Northwest, however, it is reasonable to assume there is a large net carbon flux due to harvesting in the Tongass (Harmon and others 1990; Smithwick and others 2002). Third, the dearth of information about carbon flux in the Tongass has prevented inclusion of the economic value of carbon storage in the development of forest management policies for the Tongass. Economic value provides a common metric for comparison of the relative merits of carbon management with other goods and services provided by the forest. Finally, knowledge about the effects of management regimes on net carbon flux in the Tongass will help define the relative importance of the management of these federal lands on GHG emissions in the United States.

Commercial timber harvesting began in the Tongass in the early 20th century, and harvest intensity increased in 1954 after the granting of two 50-year timber contracts to large pulp mills (Ketchikan Pulp Corporation and the Alaska Pulp Corporation). In the 1990s, the timber volume harvested from the Tongass declined as a result of the closure of these two pulp mills. There was a net loss to the Tongass timber program in 1998 of about $29 million on $6.5 million in timber sales (USDA Forest Service 2001).

The research reported in this study was designed to assess Tongass carbon stocks in 1995, historic net carbon flux from the Tongass, effects of future management regimes on net carbon flux, and the economic value of any net carbon sequestration resulting from possible future management regimes.

In this research, existing (1995) and historic carbon stocks of the Tongass were estimated by integrating geographic information system (GIS) data with forest inventory data. Then this spatially explicit model was used with accretion data from permanent plots to examine the effects of five future management regimes on net carbon flux for the period 1995–2195.

Methods

The 70,000-km^2 Tongass National Forest lies within the Pacific Northwest coastal temperate rainforest biome, with average annual precipitation of 150–560 cm, average winter temperatures of −1° to 10°C, and average summer temperatures of 10° to 21°C (Nowacki and others 2001). Glaciers covered most of the region 14,000–20,000 y bp and are now found in some valleys (Nowacki and others 2001). Stretching 800 km along the southeast coast of Alaska, the Tongass includes 22,000 islands with forest, muskeg, alpine meadow, rock, fresh water, and ice (Nowacki and others 2001; Everest and others 1997). Twenty percent of the area of the Tongass is rock and ice, 12% is densely vegetated forestlands, 43% is moderately vegetated forestlands, and 25% is wetlands (USDA Forest Service 2000). The forest composition of the Tongass in 1995, based on species frequency in forest inventory data, was 43% Western hemlock (*Tsuga heterophylla*), 19% Alaska yellow cedar (*Chamaecyparis nootkatensis*), 16% mountain hemlock (*Tsuga mertensiana*), 9% Sitka spruce (*Picea sitchensis*), 7% western red cedar (*Thuja plicata*), 5% lodgepole pine (*Pinus contorta*), and 1% other species (USDA Forest Service 1995b). In the 1970s, over 2000 km^2 (3%) of the Tongass came under the control of Alaska Native Corporations as a result of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. These lands were excluded from this study because they lack comprehensive forest inventory data.

Estimate of Existing Carbon Stocks

Calculation of Carbon Stocks at Sample Plots across the Tongass. Carbon stocks were calculated for each of the USDA Forest Service 1995 Forest Inventory Assessment (FIA) Southeast Alaska Grid Inventory's 2000 systematic sample plots using data from these plots (USDA Forest Service 1995b). Data on live and dead vegetation (including diameter, height, and species), downed woody debris, and soil (including thickness of Oi, Oe, and Oa horizons) were collected at each sampling plot (USDA Forest Service 1995b) (see Appendix 1 at <http://www.springerlink.com>).

We used these data to quantify the following seven carbon pools for each FIA sampling plot: (a) trees, (b) saplings/seedlings, (c) standing dead wood, (d) coarse woody debris (CWD) (average diameter more than 7.62 cm), (e) small woody debris (SWD) (average diameter less than 7.62 cm and large-end diameter more than 2.5 cm), (f) understory vegetation, and (g) soil.

Allometric equations were used with tree diameter and height data to estimate biomass (Mg/ha) (see Appendix 2 at <http://www.springerlink.com>). For species with more than one suitable allometric equation, biomass was estimated using equations resulting in both the lowest and highest biomass estimates (see Sensitivity Analysis). To address the need to use most of the equations beyond the range of data from which they were created, three-dimensional surface plots were created to confirm consistent behavior of the equations (for example, no inflection points) over the range of diameter at breast height (dbh) and heights to which they were applied. Additionally, the total amount of carbon in trees larger than the allometric equation bounds was estimated in our sensitivity analysis. Root-to-shoot ratios for coniferous forests (with the exception of *Pinus sylvestris*, a European species) range from 15% to 26%, so belowground biomass was assumed to be 20% of aboveground biomass (Santantonio 1977; Cairns and others 1997; Hamburg and others 1997). Additionally, belowground biomass was calculated with the range 15%–26% of aboveground biomass in our sensitivity analysis. Carbon was assumed to account for 50% of tree biomass (Hamburg and others 1997).

Standing dead biomass was calculated with the same methods used for living trees, but with a decay factor (0%–100% depending on the extent of decay and component of the tree) (see Appendix 3 at <http://www.springerlink.com>). Likewise, the same allometric equations were used to calculate the amount of carbon in seedlings and saplings (dbh less than 2.5 cm and 2.5 to dbh 12.5 cm, respectively).

The amount of carbon in CWD was calculated using FIA methods ((K. L. Waddel) public communication 2001, An application of line intersect sampling to estimate attributes of coarse woody debris in resource inventories, USDA Forest Service Pacific Northwest Research Station, Forest Sciences Laboratory) (see Appendix 4 at <http://www.springerlink.com>). The amount of carbon in SWD was calculated with the methods described by Brown (1974) (see Appendix 4 at <http://www.springerlink.com>).

Understory biomass was calculated using the foliar cover-to-biomass relationships developed in Alaska by Yarie and Mead (1988). By aggregating understory species described by Yarie and Mead into the general taxonomic categories used in the FIA, we calculated a species-weighted biomass constant for each FIA category. Biomass in understory vegetation was then calculated by multiplying these constants by foliar percent cover data from the FIA horizontal/vertical (HV) subplot data. Biomass estimates for each layer described in the FIA HV data were summed to yield total understory carbon stocks (Mg C/ha) for each FIA plot.

Soils data from the FIA Grid Inventory were inadequate for accurately estimating soil carbon in southeastern Alaska because only the top 50 cm were sampled, but organic horizons alone are often much deeper (Alexander and others 1989). Consequently, total soil carbon in organic and mineral horizons was calculated by applying the soil-category carbon stocks developed for the Tongass by Alexander and others (1989) to each of the more than 800 soil management units (SMU) in the Tongass (USDA Soil Conservation Service 1992a, 1992b; 1994; D. V. D'Amore personal communication 2001). Alexander and others used soil samples and pedon descriptions to estimate average organic carbon stock (kg C/m^2) for 10 general soil categories in the Tongass (see Appendix 5 at <http://www.springerlink.com>). The SMU scheme defines soil profiles, with the area of each SMU mapped in polygons in a GIS database (GIS polygon data define areas with defined attributes).

We began by grouping each SMU into the soil categories described by Alexander and others (1989). Then each SMU was assigned the carbon stock given by Alexander and others for its associated category. When an SMU was intermediate to two soil categories, it was assigned to the category with a lower carbon stock to ensure a conservative carbon estimate. Finally, total soil carbon in the Tongass was calculated by multiplying the carbon

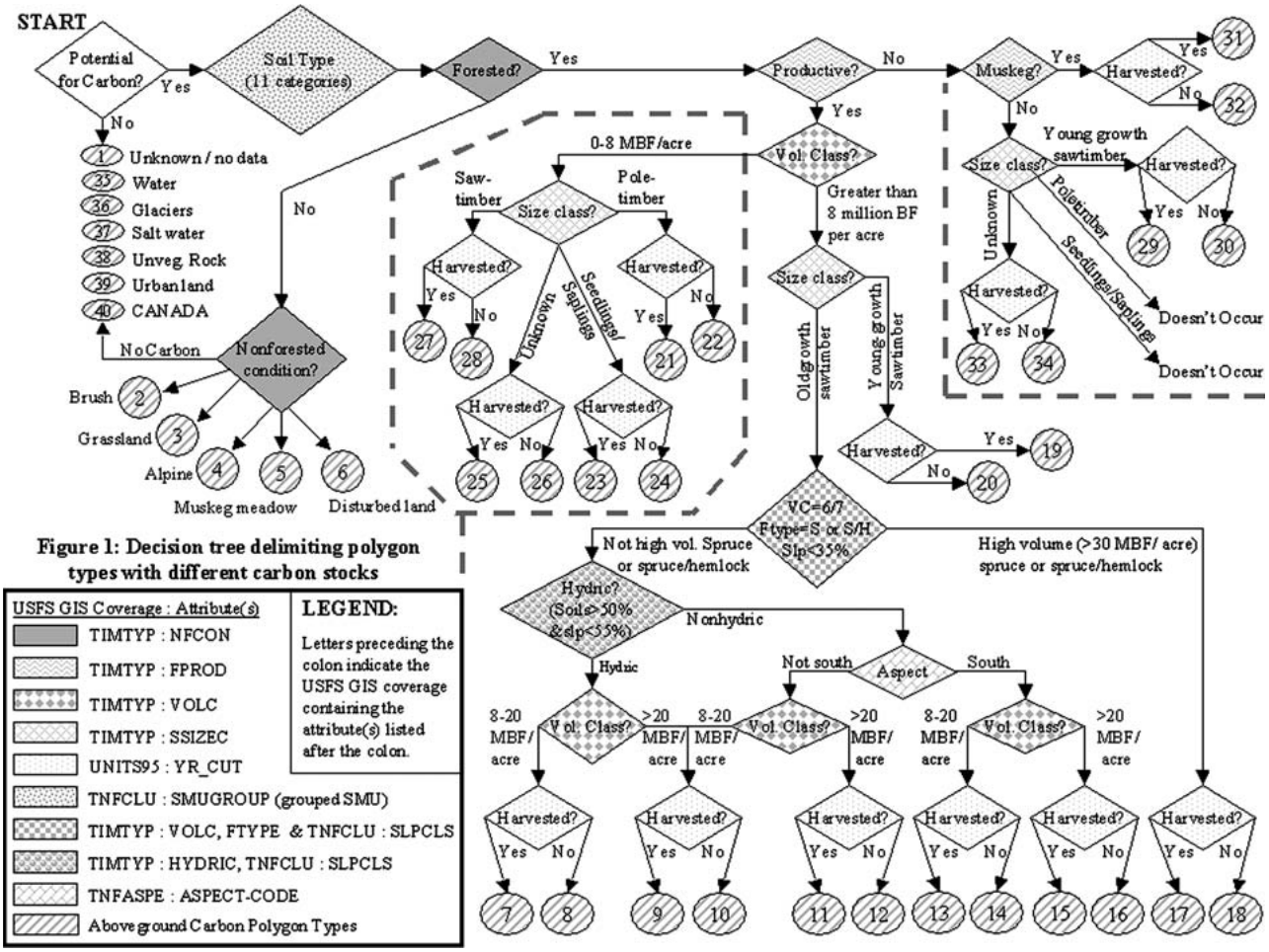

Figure 1. Decision tree delimiting polygon types with different carbon stocks. Ovals represent Aboveground Carbon Polygon Types (ACPTs). These 40 polygon types exist for each of 11 soil-type categories, for a total of 370 Total Carbon Polygon Types (TCPTs). Pattern-coded diamonds indicate data sources used in differentiating among polygons. Dotted lines divide the figure into four general classes of ACPTs for ease of interpretation. MBF, million board feet (2360 m^3); SMU, soil associations and complexes; NFCON, nonforested conditions; FPROD, expected annual growth; VOLC, timber volume; SSIZEC, dominant timber size; YR_CUT, year of timber harvest; FTYPE, general forest type; SLPCLS, slope gradient; HYDRIC, hydric and nonhydric soil conditions; ASPECT-CODE, slope aspect.

stock assigned to each SMU by its total area. In the 10% of the Tongass where soil type has not been mapped, mostly wilderness areas, soil carbon stock was assumed to be the spatially weighted average of all soil types. Total soil carbon in the Tongass was also calculated from FIA soil pit data (see Sensitivity Analysis).

Creation of Spatially Explicit Land-Cover Types and Carbon Stock Estimates. Existing USDA Forest Service GIS data (Figure 1) were combined using the computer software ArcInfo 380 New York Street Redlands, CA 92373-8100 (Environmental Systems Research Institute; Workstation ArcInfo, copyright 1982–2002, ver. 8.0). A decision tree (Figure 1) was applied to the resulting Complete Coverage for the Tongass using SAS (SAS Institute Inc; 100 SAS Campus Drive, Cary, NC 27513-2414 SAS System for Windows, copyright 1989, 1996, release 6.12) to define Total Carbon Polygon Types (TCPT) and Aboveground Carbon Polygon Types (ACPT) based on polygon attributes.

The decision tree uses available polygon attributes to predict polygon types with varying aboveground and belowground carbon stocks. For example, an unharvested, productive spruce–hemlock forest with high volume and size class (ACPT 18) contains greater aboveground carbon stocks than a harvested, productive forest with low volume and size class (ACPT 23) (Figure 1).

Next, the polygons in the Complete Coverage were aggregated based on their TCPT (370 polygon types) and ACPT (40 polygon types) designation.

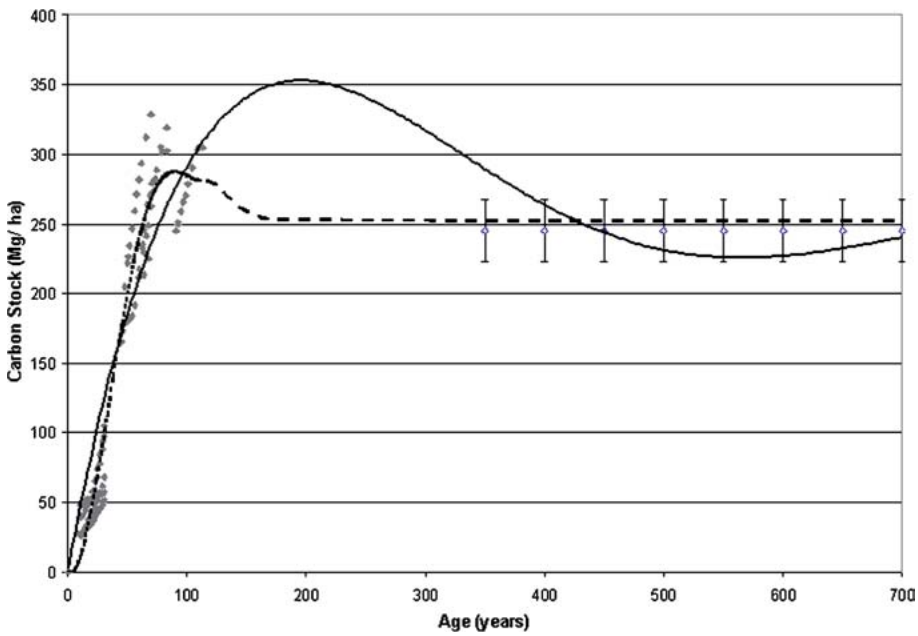

Figure 2. Carbon accretion curves for aboveground live biomass. Filled diamonds represent data from permanent plots; open diamonds are the area-weighted average of old-growth Aboveground Carbon Polygon Types (ACPTs). The solid line shows the best-fit polynomial model of carbon accretion; the dashed line is the asymptotic accretion curve. Variable site quality (site index) causes divergence among permanent plot data.

Polygon slivers caused by the aggregation processes in ArcInfo (defined as polygons with area less than 0.4 ha and *perimeter/area* ratio greater than 1) were merged with their largest neighboring polygon.

Finally, the location of each FIA plot was associated with a TCPT. The aboveground and belowground carbon stocks for each TCPT (Mg C/ha) were then calculated by averaging the carbon stocks for all FIA plots in the TCPT. The total carbon stock in the Tongass was calculated by multiplying the carbon stock for each TCPT by its area and summing all TCPTs.

Projecting Net Carbon Flux

Equations were constructed to model carbon accretion in aboveground biomass after harvesting (Figure 2). Forest inventory data from 272 permanent ''growth and yield'' plots from throughout the Tongass were used to estimate biomass accumulation over the first 100 years of regrowth (DeMars 2000). The area-weighted average aboveground carbon stock of all old-growth commercial forest ACPT was used to approximate the carbon stock of forests more than 350 years old (assumed to be in equilibrium) because prior research suggests it can take 350 years for forests in southeast Alaska to reach old-growth equilibrium (Janisch and Harmon 2002). We addressed the lack of data on biomass of stands 100 to 350 years old by employing two carbon accretion models for 500 y of forest growth: a polynomial ($y = 9 \bullet 10^{-12} \bullet x^5 - 3 \bullet 10^{-8} \bullet x^4 + 4 \bullet 10^{-5} \bullet x^3 - 0.0209x^2 + 4.6459x, R^2 = 0.8727$) and an asymptotic ($y = 10^5 \bullet x^4 - 0.0027x^3 + 0.2078x^2 - 1.0021x, R^2 = 0.9531$). Comparison between these two models enabled us to test the sensitivity of flux estimates to the uncertain shape of this accumulation curve.

Pools of CWD were assumed to increase after harvest by 40% of the preharvest aboveground standing biomass (estimated from FIA data) due to stumps and slash left on site, and then decline with decomposition (Sampson and Hair 1996). Carbon stocks in the soil before and after harvest were assumed to be unchanged due to lack of data informing us otherwise.

Past net carbon flux, since 1900, was based on historic harvest volumes. We split the harvest history in the Tongass into two time periods, 1900–54 and 1955–95, because the rate of timber harvest increased dramatically in 1954 with the initiation of two long-term timber contracts (USDA Forest Service 1995a). Because nearly all timber harvesting in the Tongass has involved clear-cutting, we assumed that this harvest method would continue in the future. Future net carbon flux was modeled for the following five forest management regimes: (a) no timber harvesting, regrowth of secondary forest, and equilibrium in unharvested areas (a lower bound for harvest intensity); (b) harvesting of all forested lands on 100-year rotations (an upper bound for harvest intensity); (c) harvesting of all forested lands on 200-year rotations (used to examine the impact of harvest rotation period); (d) harvesting of all lands currently available for harvest (exclusion of existing roadless areas) on 200-year rotations (represents an approximation of ''business as usual''); and (e) harvesting of all lands

currently available for harvest (exclusion of existing roadless areas) on 100-year rotations (used to examine the impact of harvest rotation period). Current land-use designations (USDA Forest Service GIS coverage LUD99) were used to identify areas available for harvest, and projected harvests were spread evenly across available land.

Forest regrowth was assumed to follow the biomass accretion models described above, with the amount of carbon in a specific polygon dependent on stand age and precut carbon stocks. For the modeling of past net carbon flux, the total carbon stock in 1900 was calculated by assuming that all polygons were unharvested in 1900 and assigning carbon stocks to harvested polygon types equal to their unharvested equivalents (Figure 1). We allocated the total net historic flux (difference between carbon stock in 1900 and 1995) between the time periods 1900–54 and 1955–95 in proportion to the volume of timber cut in each period.

To estimate net carbon flux associated with harvesting, we calculated the forest products stream, the amount of carbon left on site as slash and stumps, and the amount of carbon sequestered annually in secondary growth at annual time steps. Net annual carbon flux from the Tongass was calculated as the total amount of carbon leaving the forest less regrowth and does not include carbon storage in forest products. Carbon storage in forest products was included in estimates of net annual carbon flux to the atmosphere, assuming that 60% of the aboveground living biomass is merchantable and the rest is left on site as slash and stumps (Sampson and Hair 1996) (Figure 3). Historically, roughly half of the merchantable volume entered the sawtimber production process, whereas the other half entered the pulpwood production process (Warren 1999).

We assumed that 90% of the carbon in sawtimber products was emitted to the atmosphere over 75 years (assuming an exponential release pattern), and that the corresponding figures were 50 years for pulpwood products, and 100 years for slash and stumps left on site after harvesting (Skog and Nicholson 1998). The CWD and SWD present prior to harvesting was assumed to linearly lose half its carbon in the 50 years after harvesting, accounting for decreased deadwood formation in the early stages of secondary growth. These carbon pools were then increased to their preharvest stocks over the next 200 years.

Aboveground carbon stocks after harvesting were assumed to be equal to those in polygons defined as forested, productive, low-volume, harvested areas with seedlings/saplings (ACPT 23) in one set of model runs and to equal zero in another (see Sensitivity Analysis).

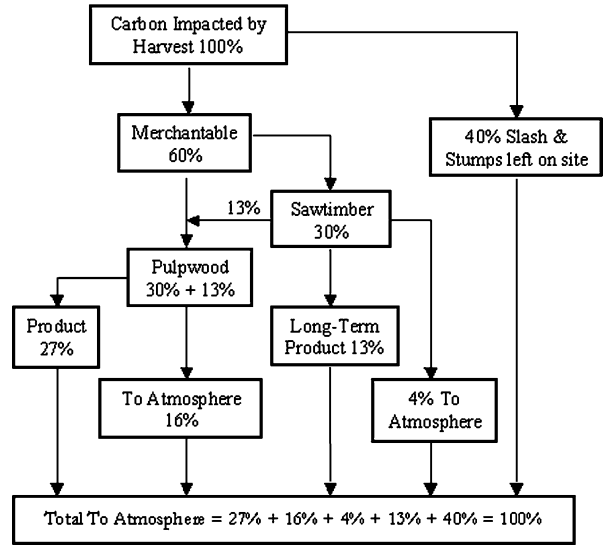

Figure 3. Product/waste flows for the southeast Alaska timber industry. The timing of carbon flux to the atmosphere varies among pathways. Percentages refer to the proportion of the total carbon impacted by harvesting in each product/waste. Figure modified from Sampson and Hair (1996).

Conversion of Net Carbon Flux to Monetary Units

Current estimates of the economic value of carbon in potential emissions trading markets vary widely, from \$5 to \$125 Mg^{-1} C (Weyant 2000); in this analysis, we assumed a market value of \$20 Mg^{-1} C for avoided emissions or sequestered carbon. We did not apply a discount factor or temporal variation in this value, so all monetary values are in 1995 US dollars. Leakage, the possibility of offsetting increases in emissions associated with increased harvest elsewhere, was not considered in estimating the economic value of different management scenarios.

Sensitivity Analysis

To test the influence of assumptions required for the analysis described above, we carried out sensitivity analyses involving the following issues: the selection of allometric equations, the use of allometric equations for trees outside their specified ranges, estimation of soil carbon, the shape of biomass accretion curves, old-growth biomass of cut-over lands, and postharvest carbon stocks. Using the results of specific sensitivity analyses, upper- and lower-bound estimates of net carbon

Table 1. Carbon Pools in the Tongass National Forest in 1995

	Model Runs			
Carbon Pool (Pg)	**1**	**2**	**3**	**4**
Roots	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.04
Soil	1.86	1.86	1.86	1.86
Total aboveground	0.87	0.85	0.82	0.38
Trees	0.42	0.42	0.53	0.18
Seedlings/saplings	0.16	0.16	0.05	0.03
Dead Snags	0.09	0.09	0.10	0.04
CWD	0.18	0.16	0.12	0.12
SWD	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Understory	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
Total (+ 95% CI)	2.85 (0.51)	2.83 (0.48)	2.80 (0.51)	2.28 (0.40)

CWD, coarse woody debris; SWD, small woody debris; CI, confidence interval.
Six model runs were made using the following combinations of allometric equations and assumptions to quantify the sensitivity of estimation to necessary assumptions: Run 1 used allometric equations predicting low carbon contents, did not include willow or birch, and included a CWD outlier. Run 2 used allometric equations predicting low carbon contents, included willow and birch, and did not include a CWD outlier. Run 3 used allometric equations predicting high carbon contents, included willow and birch, and did not include a CWD outlier. Run 4 used allometric equations predicting low carbon contents, included willow and birch, and did not include a CWD outlier or trees with dbh greater than specified for each allometric equation.

flux were calculated. These bounds indicate the potential impact on our estimates of these key sources of uncertainty, but they do not include all possible sources of uncertainty. As such, the sensitivity analysis cannot be considered an uncertainty analysis capable of providing absolute bounds on our estimates.

Tongass carbon pools were estimated using allometric equations resulting in the lowest and highest biomass estimates for all species (Table 1). Similarly, the importance of carbon in trees larger than the size specified for the allometric models employed was examined by calculating the total amount of carbon in these trees.

Carbon in CWD at one FIA plot was an outlier (more than twice the next nearest measurement); therefore it was excluded from calculation of our best estimates of carbon in CWD for this ACPT. We included this high value in our calculations during the sensitivity analyses to verify its relative insignificance.

In addition to the calculation of soil carbon from GIS SMU data described above, total soil carbon was calculated from FIA soil pit data (thickness of soil horizons) using carbon-density estimates (Mg/m^3) for each soil horizon (Alexander and others 1989). For each FIA soil pit, horizon thicknesses were multiplied by their associated carbon density estimate, as given by Alexander and others, to estimate carbon stock. These carbon stock estimates were used to estimate the carbon stock for each SMU, which were then multiplied by the total area of each SMU to calculate total soil carbon stock in the Tongass. The total amount of soil carbon in areas lacking soil GIS data was estimated, with both methods, to gauge the size of this uncertain carbon pool.

In calculating our upper- and lower-bound carbon pool and net flux estimates, belowground biomass was calculated using the upper (26%) and lower (15%) bounds of applicable published root-to-shoot ratios.

The time periods for 90% carbon emission from the saw timber, pulp products, and slash pools were both doubled and halved to gauge the influence of these rates on the shape of projected net carbon flux curves.

Net carbon fluxes were modeled using both asymptotic and polynomial biomass accretion curves (Figure 2). Net carbon flux was also calculated using mean and 95% confidence limits (CL) for carbon stock estimates for each ACPT.

In the no-harvesting scenario, there was uncertainty as to the long-term biomass accumulation on cut-over lands. For example, will ACPT 7 eventually reach the carbon stock of ACPT 8 or 10 (Figure 1)? To test the sensitivity of net flux projections to the assumed precut carbon stock, the model was run assuming biomass accumulation to a carbon stock of the most similar ACPT, as well as to the carbon stock of a related ACPT with the highest timber volume.

The carbon stock in aboveground standing biomass of ACPT 23 was used as an estimate of the amount of carbon present immediately after harvesting. However, this ACPT is defined as con-

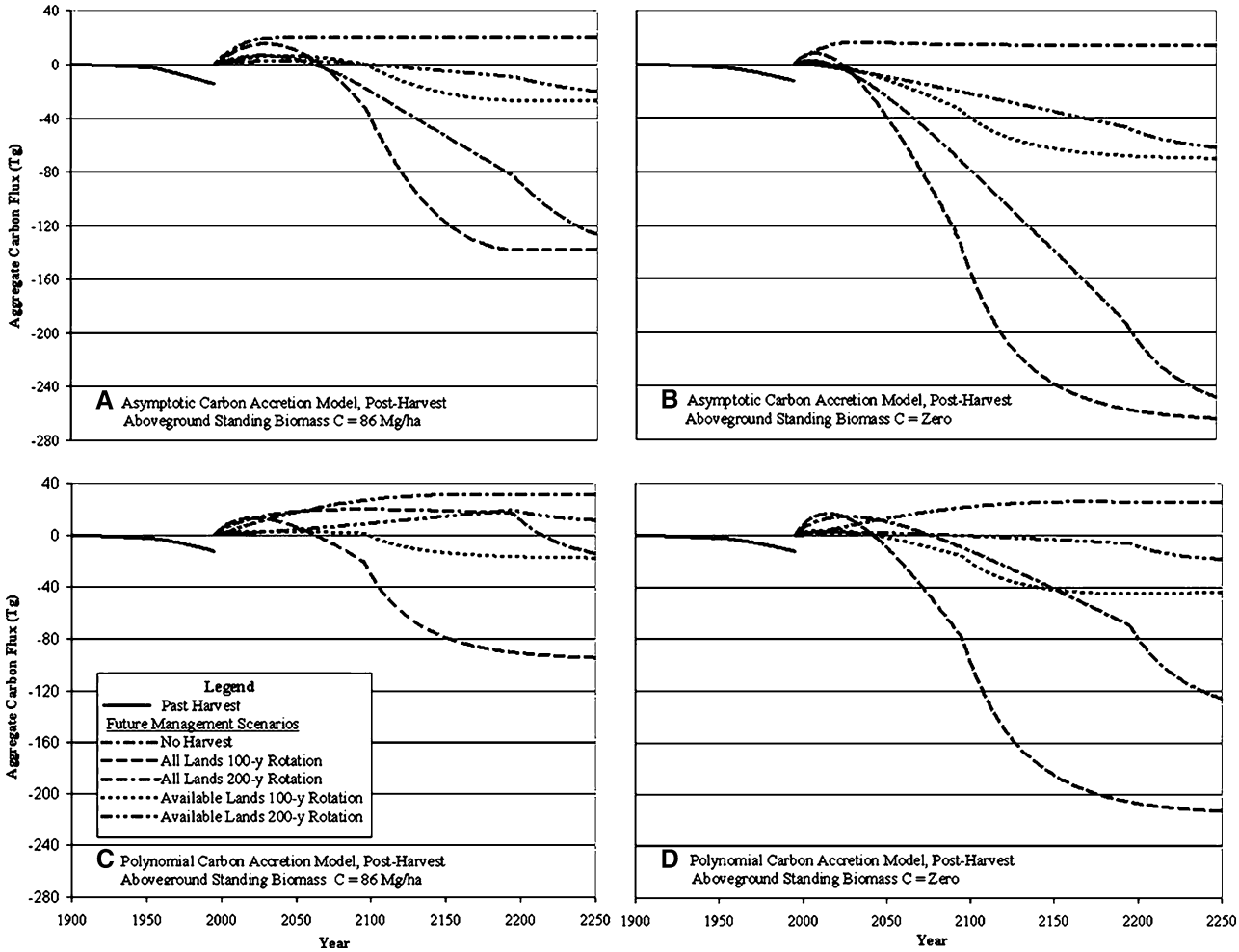

Figure 4. Past and potential future aggregate net carbon flux between the Tongass and atmosphere (excluding soils). **A–D** Aggregate net carbon flux between the Tongass and the atmosphere with each management scenario, re-zeroed in 1995. Asymptotic carbon accretion in secondary growth is assumed in A and B; polynomial carbon accretion in secondary growth is assumed in C and D. Carbon stock in standing aboveground biomass after harvesting is assumed to be equal to zero in B and D; carbon stock in standing aboveground biomass after harvesting is assumed to be equal to 86 Mg C/ha in A and C. The total carbon stock in the Tongass was estimated to be 2.83 Pg in 1995. Negative aggregate net flux indicates carbon emission from the Tongass; positive aggregate net flux indicates carbon accumulation in the Tongass.

taining forest composed of seedlings and saplings (86 Mg C/ha), which suggests that between 5 and 15 years have elapsed since harvesting in these areas. Consequently, net flux projections were also performed assuming zero carbon stocks in aboveground standing biomass after harvesting, a clear underestimate of aboveground living biomass on recently clear-cut lands.

We did not explore the effects of varying our assumptions about the forest products industry (for example, the proportion of biomass used for merchantable products or the ratio of sawtimber to pulp production) in the calculation of upper and lower bounds in our sensitivity analysis. Altering these assumptions does influence the shape of our projections of net carbon flux to the atmosphere (Figure 4) but does not impact the magnitude and was therefore not amenable to quantification in a sensitivity analysis. Changing these assumptions essentially hastens or delays carbon emission to the atmosphere depending on whether more carbon is entering product streams with longer or shorter life spans. More detailed examination of this effect is beyond the scope of this paper.

Results

Evaluation of our spatially explicit carbon stock estimates suggests that they are a realistic representation of forest structure. Comparison of GIS carbon stock coverages to aerial photographs showed a correlation between observable transi-

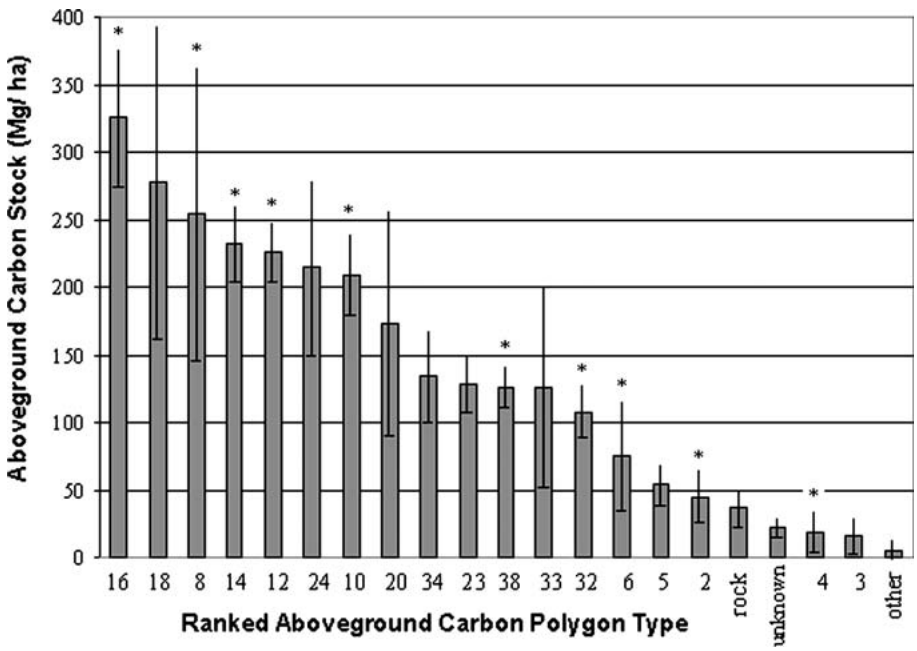

Figure 5. Aboveground carbon stock by Aboveground Carbon Polygon Type (ACPT) number, ranked by aboveground carbon stock. Carbon stocks for all ACPTs (polygon types with *n* less than 5 are omitted) are shown in gray. Asterisks identify the 10 ACPTs that account for 86% of total carbon in the Tongass (95% CI).

tions in forest characteristics and mapped carbon densities.

The creation of carbon stock polygons resulted in a limited number of distinct and unique landscape units. Twelve ACPTs account for over 90% of the area of the Tongass, and 10 of them account for 86% of the total carbon (Figure 5). Polygon types with few FIA sample plots have large uncertainty in carbon stock estimates, but they represent small land areas and contribute very little to the total carbon stock. The 17 ACPT with less than five FIA plots represent 2% of the area of the Tongass and 1% of the total carbon, whereas each of the 10 ACPTs that combine for 86% of the total carbon stock of the Tongass have between 43 and 312 FIA sample plots each.

The aboveground carbon stocks in each ACPT correspond with qualitative descriptions of the areas. Unharvested high volume old-growth forest (ACPT 18), for example, has over five times the aboveground carbon stock of a muskeg meadow (ACPT 5) (Figures 1 and 5). The influence of soil carbon, however, complicates this relationship when considering total carbon stock because the soil may contain over half of total ecosystem carbon, thereby preventing a simple relationship between the description of aboveground forest characteristics and total carbon stock. Total carbon stock in a muskeg meadow (ACPT 5), for example, averages about 1.5 times that of unharvested high volume old-growth forest (ACPT 18). However, we did find a relationship between aboveground and soil carbon stocks, one largely defined by the following ecosystem types: muskeg, forest, and alpine meadow/rock and ice (see Appendix 6 at <http://www.springerlink.com>).

Total carbon in the Tongass (soil, aboveground living biomass, and roots and dead woody debris) was estimated to be 2.8 ± 0.5 Pg (95% confidence interval [CI]) (Table 1). In all, 42% of the variability is the uncertainty in aboveground carbon stock estimates, 6% is from uncertainty in root carbon (root-to-shoot ratios), and 52% is from uncertainty in soil carbon. Assumptions about the allometric biomass equation used for willow and birch, the exclusion of an outlying CWD data point, and estimation of CIs for carbon stocks in polygons lacking sufficient data have insignificant influence on total carbon or the CI (Table 1). Trees outside the size range of the allometric models account for 19% of the total carbon estimate. Three-dimensional surface plots of the allometric equations maintained consistent shape outside the dbh range for which the equations were developed.

The carbon stock in the Tongass forest and soils (2.8 Pg) comprises 7.7% of the carbon in the forests and soils of the conterminous United States (36.7 Pg) (Turner and others 1995) and 0.25% of the carbon in the Earth's forest vegetation and soils (1,146 Pg) (Dixon and others 1994).

In all, 66% of the total carbon in the Tongass is in the soils, 30% is in aboveground biomass (15% in live trees, 6% in seedlings and saplings, 3% in standing dead wood, 6% in CWD, less than 1% in SWD, and 1% in understory vegetation), and 4% is in roots. Less than 1% of the total carbon estimates

were influenced by the assumptions involved in our calculation of aboveground carbon stocks (for example, selection of allometric equations and application of these equations beyond their specified range). Uncertainty in the density and distribution of understory vegetation did not affect the analysis. Twenty-two percent of total carbon in the Tongass is in the soils of polygons where soil types have not been mapped. Comparison of the results from application of soil carbon density estimates from Alexander and others (total soil carbon = 1.9 Pg) with total soil carbon given by calculations using FIA Grid Inventory soil pit data (total soil carbon = 0.49 Pg) suggests that more than 70% of soil carbon is not reported in the FIA data.

We produced several net carbon flux projections for each management regime to capture carbon dynamics associated with the following factors: variations in the residence time of carbon in slash, long-term forest products, and short-term forest products; and effects of the carbon accretion model (polynomial or asymptotic) (Figure 4). The annual rate of net carbon flux is the first derivative of the aggregate net carbon flux presented in Figure 4. Doubling or halving the time periods for 90% carbon emission from the saw timber, pulp products, and slash pools alters the shape of projected net carbon flux curves but causes less than 0.6% change in average annual net carbon flux for all modeled management regimes.

The average annual net carbon flux from the Tongass during the period 1900–54 was 60,000 Mg C/y, and the average annual net flux from the Tongass for the subsequent 41-year period was 307,000 Mg C/y. Estimates of future net carbon fluxes are presented in Table 2; upper- and lower-bound estimates were calculated using the results of the sensitivity analyses.

Our best estimate of the net annual economic value of carbon sequestration that would result from ceasing all harvesting in the Tongass is \$4 to \$7 million/y for the 100-year period 1995–2095 and \$3 to \$6 million/y for the 200-year period 1995–2195 (Table 3). Our best estimate of the net annual economic value of carbon emission resulting from increased harvesting of administratively available forested lands is −\$3 million/y for the 100-year period 1995–2095 and −\$2 to −\$4 million/y for the 200-year period 1995–2195.

Discussion

Using GIS data in combination with FIA data proved to be an effective and robust approach to estimating carbon stocks and modeling the effects of different management regimes on future net carbon flux. New spatially explicit data could be integrated into our existing models, enabling application of the models to other areas and refinement of net carbon flux estimates if future GIS data collection is carried out with this application in mind.

A lack of data on tree size and density necessitated the use of timber volume classes in mapping carbon stocks. Although tree size and density data are preferable, timber volume is tightly correlated with carbon stocks (Hamburg and others 1997), and low variances among the 10 most important ACPTs suggest the robustness of using existing volume data to map carbon stocks.

The range in estimates of net carbon flux from ceasing all timber harvesting may overestimate the uncertainty in this projection. We aggregated uncertainties of carbon stocks, assumptions about aboveground carbon stocks postharvest, and the carbon accretion model that we used; yet it is highly likely that these uncertainties are independent, and thus not additive.

The uncertainty in net flux estimates resulted largely from selection of the biomass accretion model, asymptotic or polynomial (Figure 2). The rapidity with which carbon accretion progresses to equilibrium in the asymptotic model may be unrealistic, but the polynomial model's prediction of carbon stocks greater than those found in old-growth stands may also be unrealistic. Unfortunately, the limited availability of chronosequence data leaves a gap in our understanding of carbon accretion during the transition period from early secondary growth to old growth. Furthermore, calculation of carbon stocks for old-growth stands from area-weighted averages of old-growth polygon types is not analogous to the FIA permanent plot data used for young stands and may confound our accretion models. Data from FIA permanent plots in old-growth forest could be used to test both our assumption of steady-state carbon stocks and 250 Mg C/ha in aboveground live biomass in old-growth forest. The actual pattern of carbon accretion probably lies somewhere between the polynomial and asymptotic models, but we have insufficient data to craft a more realistic model (Janisch and Harmon 2002).

Our use of the area-weighted average aboveground carbon stocks of all old-growth commercial forest types in creating the biomass accretion models could introduce bias if remaining old-growth forests are lower in biomass than the old-growth forests already harvested. Failure to area-weight

Table 2. Average Annual Net Carbon (C) Flux Projections from the Tongass

		Average Annual Net C Flux from Tongass National Forest (000s Mg C/y)						Average Annual Net C Flux from Tongass National Forest to the Atmosphere (000s Mg C/y)					
		Aboveground Standing Biomass C after Harvest = 86 Mg C/ha			Aboveground Standing Biomass C after Harvest = 0 Mg C/ha			Aboveground Standing Biomass C after Harvest = 86 Mg C/ha			Aboveground Standing Biomass C after Harvest = 0 Mg C/ha		
Management Regime	C accretion Model	Upper Bound	Best Estimate	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	Best Estimate	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	Best Estimate	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	Best Estimate	Lower Bound
1900–95													
Historic management	Polynomial accretion	180	160	67	180	160	67	140	130	54	140	130	54
	Asymptotic accretion	200	180	74	180	160	67	170	150	63	140	130	54
1995–2095													
Cessation of all harvesting	Polynomial accretion	−330	−270	−210	−330	−270	−210	−330	−270	−210	−280	−210	−180
	Asymptotic accretion	−270	−200	−120	−210	−150	−91	−270	−200	−120	−210	−150	−91
All forested lands harvested on a 100-y rotation	Polynomial accretion	840	440	71	1700	1200	880	470	200	−65	1100	790	520
	Asymptotic accretion	1300	780	390	2300	1800	1300	530	310	130	1700	1300	910
All forested lands harvested on a 200-y rotation	Polynomial accretion	−0.59	−110	−230	410	300	180	−160	−200	−280	140	95	12
	Asymptotic accretion	640	410	210	1200	910	650	280	170	84	920	710	480
Administratively available forested lands harvested on a 100-y rotation	Polynomial accretion	160	5.4	−140	400	250	97	100	−15	−160	280	160	17
	Asymptotic accretion	280	120	−12	600	420	230	91	0.43	−69	480	330	150
Administratively available forested lands harvested on a 200-y rotation	Polynomial accretion	−40	−100	−180	81	17	−58	−39	−87	−170	51	1.7	−86
	Asymptotic accretion	150	57	−16	330	230	140	55	−1.5	−43	300	200	73
1995–2195													
Cessation of all harvesting	Polynomial accretion	−190	−160	−130	−190	−160	−130	−190	−160	−130	−170	−130	−110
	Asymptotic accretion	−140	−100	−58	−100	−70	−44	−140	−100	−58	−100	−70	−44
All forested lands harvested on a 100-y rotation	Polynomial accretion	740	430	150	1300	1000	720	770	450	160	1300	1000	740
	Asymptotic accretion	1100	680	360	1600	1300	920	1100	690	360	1700	1300	930
All forested lands harvested on a 200-y rotation	Polynomial accretion	120	−39	−180	610	450	300	42	−84	−210	470	350	220
	Asymptotic accretion	850	540	280	1400	1100	770	670	420	210	1300	960	690
Administratively available forested lands harvested on a 100-y rotation	Polynomial accretion	160	57	−47	330	230	120	190	83	−37	350	220	100
	Asymptotic accretion	250	130	27	440	310	190	260	130	28	470	340	200
Administratively available forested lands harvested on a 200-y rotation	Polynomial accretion	−30	−110	−180	120	40	−33	−29	−97	−180	100	32	−48
	Asymptotic accretion	190	76	−17	360	250	150	140	47	−30	350	230	110

Annual net carbon flux was projected for total carbon leaving (or entering) the Tongass and for the portion of this carbon exchanged with the atmosphere. To quantify the influence of two important uncertainties, carbon accretion rate and carbon stock in aboveground standing biomass left after harvesting, net carbon flux was modeled for each management regime with both polynomial and asymptotic carbon accretion curves and with carbon in aboveground standing biomass after harvesting equal to zero or 86 Mg C/ha. Our best estimate of each net flux was calculated with reasonable judgments for other required assumptions; the upper and lower bounds were calculated with the combination of assumptions that yielded the highest and lowest possible net flux estimates.

Table 3. Average Annual Economic Values for Net Carbon Flux ($ million/y) from the Tongass to the atmosphere

	Secondary Growth Curve			
	Polynomial Accretion		Asymptotic Accretion	
Management Regime Modeled	**1995–2095**	**1995–2195**	**1995–2095**	**1995–2195**
Cessation of all harvesting	3.7	2.2	2.5	1.2
100-y rotation (all forested lands)	−16	−21	−26	−26
200-y rotation (all forested lands)	−1.9	−6.9	−14	−19
100-y rotation (admin. avail. forested lands)	−3.2	−4.5	−6.6	−6.8
200-y rotation (admin. avail. forested lands)	−0.03	−0.63	−4.0	−4.7
Maximum range of net annual carbon value from ceasing harvest	3.7–20	2.9–23	6.6–29	5.9–27
Best estimate of net annual carbon value from ceasing harvest	3.7	2.9	6.6	5.9

Average annual economic value of net carbon flux for each management regime modeled was calculated using our net carbon flux estimates and a value of $20 Mg^{-1} C. The maximum range of net annual carbon value from ceasing harvest is the difference between ceasing harvest and the alternative management regime with the most carbon emission (100-year rotation of all forested lands). The best estimates of net annual economic value are the difference between ceasing harvest and 200-year rotation of administratively available forest lands (a close approximation of ''business as usual''). These estimates assume zero carbon in standing aboveground biomass after harvesting and reduction of Certified Emission Reduction Credits (CERs) by 13% to account for reduced carbon storage in long-term forest products.

these mean values, however, could give too much importance to the rare forest conditions, which have relatively few representative FIA sample plots.

Net carbon flux projections for the 200-year rotation scenarios are more strongly influenced by selection of the carbon accretion model than are the 100-year rotation scenarios because the 200-year rotations allow enough time for secondary growth to reach the peak carbon stocks predicted by the polynomial model. Net carbon flux projections for management regimes involving 100-year rotations are less sensitive to the selection of carbon accretion curve because forested lands are reharvested before there is a significant difference in the trajectories of the two models. Resolution of the uncertainty in carbon accretion rates is imperative for informing forest management policy directed at carbon sequestration.

The distribution of carbon among soils (66%), aboveground living and dead biomass (30%), and belowground living biomass (4%) is consistent with carbon inventories completed in other ecosystems (Turner and others 1995). The large proportion of the carbon stocks found in soil is due to large areas of muskeg and deep organic soils in southeast Alaska and is consistent with the average for other temperate forests (Prentice and others 2001). Our approach to estimating soil carbon resulted in conservative estimates of the total carbon stock in this pool. Mapping conventions may have underestimated the depth of hemist soils in the Tongass by classifying them as saprists (none of which are deep), which would cause underestimation of carbon stocks (D'Amore and Lynn 2002). The large discrepancy in results from our two methods of estimating soil carbon stocks suggests severe underestimation when FIA data are used. Consequently, we did not combine our estimates or use them as separate lines of evidence in our uncertainty analysis.

Uncertainty in the soil carbon stock, which represents about half of the uncertainty in total carbon stock estimates, was not incorporated into our estimates of net carbon flux because we assumed equilibrium in soil carbon stocks. Although forest harvesting has little effect on soil carbon on average, specific harvesting techniques can cause increases or decreases in soil carbon (Johnson and Curtis 2001). There is insufficient information, however, on the effects of harvesting in southeastern Alaska to include soil carbon in our net flux models. Carbon flux from soils could represent a significant addition to the net carbon flux associated with harvesting in southeastern Alaska, but the assumption of soil equilibrium is necessary until more data are available.

In defining our ''best estimates'' of net carbon flux for the management regimes modeled, we made the following assumptions: zero carbon in standing aboveground biomass after clear-cutting; 13% reduction of CER allocations for carbon sequestration associated with cessation of harvesting as a result of reduced carbon storage in long-term forest products; and the 200-year rotation represents the baseline case upon which CER allocation is based (current forest management equates to a 180-year rotation). These assumptions significantly reduce the range in our net flux estimates, but some uncertainties (for example, carbon accretion model) persist.

Net carbon flux into or out of the Tongass is not large enough to significantly impact the US carbon budget. The US Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) 2003 inventory of GHG emissions and sinks estimated that net carbon flux from the forests of the conterminous United States amounted to 267 Tg C/y in 1995 (US Environmental Production Agency 2003). Our estimates for the Tongass of 0.13–1.8 Tg/y are 0.04%–0.7% of the EPA's inventory. Similarly, the potential for carbon sequestration due to management change in the Tongass is significantly less than that for other options for land-use change. Cessation of all harvesting of available lands in the Tongass (1.3×10^6 ha) results in annual sequestration of 0.04–0.33 Tg C/y, or 31 to 250 kg C ha^{-1} y^{-1}. By comparison, the land enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) in 1996 (16.2×10^6 ha) may sequester as much as 12 Tg C/y (Barker and others 1995), which is three to 30 times the rate per unit area in the Tongass. However, the economic cost of carbon sequestration in the Tongass may be significantly less than that for the CRP. Assuming that the lost revenue from US Forest Service timber sales is the cost of carbon sequestration in the Tongass, for example, the cost of carbon sequestration in the Tongass would be about one-quarter of the CRP cost (approximately \$0.02/kg C versus approximately \$0.08/kg C).

Past harvesting caused the net loss of 1.3–3.6 Tg C from the Tongass from 1900 to 1954 and 5.1–13.6 Tg from 1954 to 1995; these numbers include emissions from harvesting and sequestration from regrowth. For comparison, land use in the conterminous United States caused the loss of 27,000 ± 6000 Tg carbon from 1900 to 1945, but the regrowth of northeastern forests resulted in a net gain of 2000 ± 2000 Tg C from 1954 to 1995 (Houghton and others 1999).

The conversion of 6×10^6 ha of old-growth forest to young plantations in forests of Washington and Oregon is similar to the logging history of the Tongass, and resulted in the loss of 1500–1800 Tg C from aboveground and soil carbon pools (Harmon and others 1990). Harvesting in the Tongass has caused the loss, from aboveground carbon pools only and net of subsequent regrowth, of 13%–29% (6.4–17.2 Tg C on 0.2×10^6 ha) of the carbon per hectare released from the forests of Washington and Oregon. Harmon and others use of Covington's model of decline in O horizon soil carbon after harvesting may have led to a significant overestimate of the loss of soil carbon (Yanai and others 2003). Our estimates of net carbon flux from aboveground biomass (150–210 Mg C/ha) are similar to those of Harmon and others (187 Mg C/ha).

The economic value of carbon sequestration associated with the cessation of harvesting in the Tongass may be significant relative to the value of the timber harvested. Our best estimates of the net annual economic value of carbon sequestration resulting from cessation of all harvesting in the Tongass (\$3 to \$7 million/y) are of similar magnitude to the annual revenue from timber sales in the Tongass (\$6.5 million/y) (USDA Forest Service 2001). Potential cobenefits of harvesting timber and of ceasing harvest (for example, fisheries, tourism, timber processing) could influence the total net annual economic value for each management regime.

Some investigators have suggested that carbon sequestration from land-use change may not mitigate climate change as effectively as the reduction of GHG emissions from fossil fuel use, citing the possibility for leakage (that is, emissions associated with production may be displaced to another location). Reduced harvesting in the Tongass may require increased harvesting elsewhere to keep product supply constant. Consequently, estimates of the monetary value to Tongass managers for carbon sequestration may not reflect the net social benefit nor the benefit to the USDA Forest Service if another national forest increases its harvesting, buying CERs to do so, to keep the total product stream from national forest lands constant.

The net economic value of carbon sequestration associated with the elimination of harvesting in the Tongass clearly depends on the value of CERs. This value was assumed to be \$20 Mg^{-1} C, but estimates of the value of CERs in a regulated marketplace range from \$5 to \$125 Mg^{-1} C (Weyant 2000). Deviation in the value of CERs from \$20 Mg^{-1} C was not included in the estimated range of net economic value from carbon sequestration in the Tongass because the range scales linearly.

Some additional factors omitted from our analyses deserve mention. First, increasing atmospheric concentration of carbon dioxide and changing regional climates may alter some characteristics of the Tongass, including carbon stock and flux. However, the magnitude of changes in carbon stock caused by climate change is small compared to changes caused by land use (Caspersen and others 2000; Houghton and others 1999). Second, the assumption of steady-state carbon stocks in old-growth forests is ubiquitous, despite a dearth of data available to either confirm or disprove it, for Alaska or elsewhere. Third, young forests generally have lower levels of defect from decay than old-

growth forests. Consequently, the proportions of harvested material used in forest product streams may change with conversion of forested lands in the Tongass from old-growth forest to managed younger stands, with implications for the question of whether harvesting less area more intensely results in greater carbon storage than harvesting more area less intensely. Fourth, the possibilities for improving efficiency in timber harvesting (Fahey 1983) were not included in our models because they are highly dependent on a large number of economic variables that are beyond the scope of this research. Finally, changes in species composition, caused by management or climate change, could influence carbon flux due to associated shifts in the relative importance of white and brown rots in wood decay (Kimmey 1956).

The Tongass must be included in accurate national carbon budgets. Furthermore, management of the Tongass for carbon sequestration may be of equivalent economic value to timber harvesting. Valuation of potential carbon sequestration in the Tongass from ceasing all harvesting may be amplified by indirect benefits of eliminating harvesting, such as maintenance of the southeast Alaska fisheries and tourism industries and reduced expenses for the Tongass timber program. Complete valuation of timber harvesting may be influenced by cobenefits as well. The emerging economic value of carbon sequestration requires consideration of net carbon flux in the development of future Tongass management plans.

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Exhibit 8

Land use strategies to mitigate climate change in carbon dense temperate forests

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Strategies to mitigate carbon dioxide emissions through forestry activities have been proposed, but ecosystem process-based integration of climate change, enhanced CO_2, disturbance from fire, and management actions at regional scales are extremely limited. Here, we examine the relative merits of afforestation, reforestation, management changes, and harvest residue bioenergy use in the Pacific Northwest. This region represents some of the highest carbon density forests in the world, which can store carbon in trees for 800 y or more. Oregon's net ecosystem carbon balance (NECB) was equivalent to 72% of total emissions in 2011–2015. By 2100, simulations show increased net carbon uptake with little change in wildfires. Reforestation, afforestation, lengthened harvest cycles on private lands, and restricting harvest on public lands increase NECB 56% by 2100, with the latter two actions contributing the most. Resultant cobenefits included water availability and biodiversity, primarily from increased forest area, age, and species diversity. Converting 127,000 ha of irrigated grass crops to native forests could decrease irrigation demand by 233 billion $m^3 \cdot y^{-1}$. Utilizing harvest residues for bioenergy production instead of leaving them in forests to decompose increased emissions in the short-term (50 y), reducing mitigation effectiveness. Increasing forest carbon on public lands reduced emissions compared with storage in wood products because the residence time is more than twice that of wood products. Hence, temperate forests with high carbon densities and lower vulnerability to mortality have substantial potential for reducing forest sector emissions. Our analysis framework provides a template for assessments in other temperate regions.

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Strategies to mitigate carbon dioxide emissions through forestry activities have been proposed, but regional assessments to determine feasibility, timeliness, and effectiveness are limited and rarely account for the interactive effects of future climate, atmospheric CO_2 enrichment, nitrogen deposition, disturbance from wildfires, and management actions on forest processes. We examine the net effect of all of these factors and a suite of mitigation strategies at fine resolution (4-km grid). Proven strategies immediately available to mitigate carbon emissions from forest activities include the following: (*i*) reforestation (growing forests where they recently existed), (*ii*) afforestation (growing forests where they did not recently exist), (*iii*) increasing carbon density of existing forests, and (*iv*) reducing emissions from deforestation and degradation (1). Other proposed strategies include wood bioenergy production (2–4), bioenergy combined with carbon capture and storage (BECCS), and increasing wood product use in buildings. However, examples of commercial-scale BECCS are still scarce, and sustainability of wood sources remains controversial because of forgone ecosystem carbon storage and low environmental cobenefits (5, 6). Carbon stored in buildings generally outlives its usefulness or is replaced within decades (7) rather than the centuries possible in forests, and the factors influencing product substitution have yet to be fully explored (8). Our analysis of mitigation strategies focuses on the first four strategies, as well as bioenergy production, utilizing harvest residues only and without carbon capture and storage.

The appropriateness and effectiveness of mitigation strategies within regions vary depending on the current forest sink, competition with land-use and watershed protection, and environmental conditions affecting forest sustainability and resilience. Few process-based regional studies have quantified strategies that could actually be implemented, are low-risk, and do not depend on developing technologies. Our previous studies focused on regional modeling of the effects of forest thinning on net ecosystem carbon balance (NECB) and net emissions, as well as improving modeled drought sensitivity (9, 10), while this study focuses mainly on strategies to enhance forest carbon.

Our study region is Oregon in the Pacific Northwest, where coastal and montane forests have high biomass and carbon sequestration potential. They represent coastal forests from northern California to southeast Alaska, where trees live 800 y or more and biomass can exceed that of tropical forests (11) (Fig. S1). The semiarid ecoregions consist of woodlands that experience frequent fires (12). Land-use history is a major determinant of forest carbon balance. Harvest was the dominant cause of tree mortality (2003–2012) and accounted for fivefold as much mortality as that from fire and beetles combined (13). Forest land ownership is predominantly public (64%), and 76% of the biomass harvested is on private lands.

Significance

Regional quantification of feasibility and effectiveness of forest strategies to mitigate climate change should integrate observations and mechanistic ecosystem process models with future climate, CO_2, disturbances from fire, and management. Here, we demonstrate this approach in a high biomass region, and found that reforestation, afforestation, lengthened harvest cycles on private lands, and restricting harvest on public lands increased net ecosystem carbon balance by 56% by 2100, with the latter two actions contributing the most. Forest sector emissions tracked with our life cycle assessment model decreased by 17%, partially meeting emissions reduction goals. Harvest residue bioenergy use did not reduce short-term emissions. Cobenefits include increased water availability and biodiversity of forest species. Our improved analysis framework can be used in other temperate regions.

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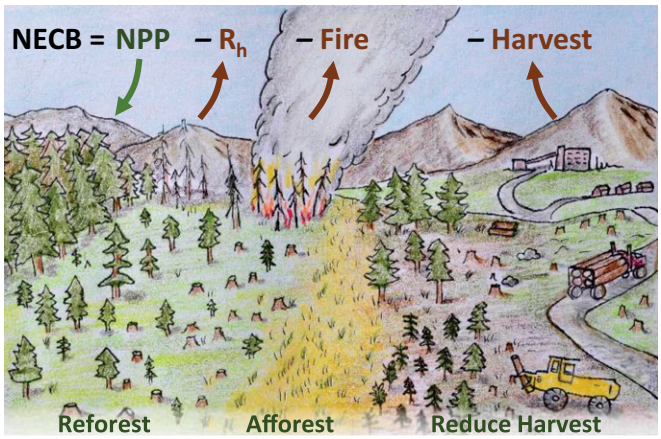

Fig. 1. Approach to assessing effects of mitigation strategies on forest carbon and forest sector emissions. NECB is productivity (NPP) minus Rh and losses from fire and harvest (red arrows). Harvest emissions include those associated with wood products and bioenergy.

Many US states, including Oregon (14), plan to reduce their greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in accordance with the Paris Agreement. We evaluated strategies to address this question: How much carbon can the region's forests realistically remove from the atmosphere in the future, and which forest carbon strategies can reduce regional emissions by 2025, 2050, and 2100? We propose an integrated approach that combines observations with models and a life cycle assessment (LCA) to evaluate current and future effects of mitigation actions on forest carbon and forest sector emissions in temperate regions (Fig. 1). We estimated the recent carbon budget of Oregon's forests, and simulated the potential to increase the forest sink and decrease forest sector emissions under current and future climate conditions. We provide recommendations for regional assessments of mitigation strategies.

Results

Carbon stocks and fluxes are summarized for the observation cycles of 2001–2005, 2006–2010, and 2011–2015 (Table 1 and Tables S1 and S2). In 2011–2015, state-level forest carbon stocks totaled 3,036 Tg C (3 billion metric tons), with the coastal and montane ecoregions accounting for 57% of the live tree carbon (Tables S1 and S2). Net ecosystem production [NEP; net primary production (NPP) minus heterotrophic respiration (Rh)] averaged 28 teragrams carbon per year (Tg C y^{-1}) over all three periods. Fire emissions were unusually high at 8.69 million metric tons carbon dioxide equivalent ($tCO_2e\ y^{-1}$, i.e., 2.37 Tg C y^{-1}) in 2001–2005 due to the historic Biscuit Fire, but decreased to 3.56 million $tCO_2e\ y^{-1}$ (0.97 Tg C y^{-1}) in 2011–2015 (Table S4). Note that 1 million tCO_2e equals 3.667 Tg C.

Our LCA showed that in 2001–2005, Oregon's net wood product emissions were 32.61 million tCO_2e (Table S3), and 3.7-fold wildfire emissions in the period that included the record fire year (15) (Fig. 2). In 2011–2015, net wood product emissions were 34.45 million tCO_2e and almost 10-fold fire emissions, mostly due to lower fire emissions. The net wood product emissions are higher than fire emissions despite carbon benefits of storage in wood products and substitution for more fossil fuel-intensive products. Hence, combining fire and net wood product emissions, the forest sector emissions averaged 40 million $tCO_2e\ y^{-1}$ and accounted for about 39% of total emissions across all sectors (Fig. 2 and Table S4). NECB was calculated from NEP minus losses from fire emissions and harvest (Fig. 1). State NECB was equivalent to 60% and 70% of total emissions for 2001–2005 and 2011–2015, respectively (Fig. 2, Table 1, and Table S4). Fire emissions were only between 4% and 8% of total emissions from all sources (2011–2015 and 2001–2004, respectively). Oregon's forests play a larger role in meeting its GHG targets than US forests have in meeting the nation's targets (16, 17).

Historical disturbance regimes were simulated using stand age and disturbance history from remote sensing products. Comparisons of Community Land Model (CLM4.5) output with Forest Inventory and Analysis (FIA) aboveground tree biomass (>6,000 plots) were within 1 SD of the ecoregion means (Fig. S2). CLM4.5 estimates of cumulative burn area and emissions from 1990 to 2014 were 14% and 25% less than observed, respectively. The discrepancy was mostly due to the model missing an anomalously large fire in 2002 (Fig. S3*A*). When excluded, modeled versus observed fire emissions were in good agreement (r^2 = 0.62; Fig. S3*B*). A sensitivity test of a 14% underestimate of burn area did not affect our final results because predicted emissions would increase almost equally for business as usual (BAU) management and our scenarios, resulting in no proportional change in NECB. However, the ratio of harvest to fire emissions would be lower.

Projections show that under future climate, atmospheric carbon dioxide, and BAU management, an increase in net carbon uptake due to CO_2 fertilization and climate in the mesic ecoregions far outweighs losses from fire and drought in the semiarid ecoregions. There was not an increasing trend in fire. Carbon stocks increased by 2% and 7% and NEP increased by 12% and 40% by 2050 and 2100, respectively.

We evaluated emission reduction strategies in the forest sector: protecting existing forest carbon, lengthening harvest cycles, reforestation, afforestation, and bioenergy production with product substitution. The largest potential increase in forest carbon is in the mesic Coast Range and West Cascade ecoregions. These forests are buffered by the ocean, have high soil water-holding capacity, low risk of wildfire [fire intervals average 260–400 y (18)], long carbon residence time, and potential for high carbon density. They can attain biomass up to 520 Mg C ha^{-1} (12). Although Oregon has several protected areas, they account for only 9–15% of the total forest area, so we expect it may be feasible to add carbon-protected lands with cobenefits of water protection and biodiversity.

Reforestation of recently forested areas include those areas impacted by fire and beetles. Our simulations to 2100 assume regrowth of the same species and incorporate future fire responses to climate and cyclical beetle outbreaks [70–80 y (13)]. Reforestation has the potential to increase stocks by 315 Tg C by 2100, reducing forest sector net emissions by 5% by 2100 relative to BAU management (Fig. 3). The East and West Cascades ecoregions had the highest reforestation potential, accounting for 90% of the increase (Table S5).

Afforestation of old fields within forest boundaries and nonfood/nonforage grass crops, hereafter referred to as "grass crops," had to meet minimum conditions for tree growth, and crop grid cells had to be partially forested (*SI Methods* and Table S6). These crops are not grazed or used for animal feed. Competing land uses may decrease the actual amount of area that can be afforested. We calculated the amount of irrigated grass crops (127,000 ha) that could be converted to forest, assuming success of carbon offset programs (19). By 2100, afforestation increased stocks by

Table 1. Forest carbon budget components used to compute NECB

Flux, Tg C·y^{-1}	2001–2005		2006–2010		2011–2015		2001–2015
NPP	73.64	7.59	73.57	7.58	73.57	7.58	73.60
Rh	45.67	5.11	45.38	5.07	45.19	5.05	45.41
NEP	27.97	9.15	28.19	9.12	28.39	9.11	28.18
Harvest removals	8.58	0.60	7.77	0.54	8.61	0.6	8.32
Fire emissions	2.37	0.27	1.79	0.2	0.97	0.11	1.71
NECB	17.02	9.17	18.63	9.14	18.81	9.13	18.15

Average annual values for each period, including uncertainty (95% confidence interval) in Tg C y^{-1} (multiply by 3.667 to get million tCO_2e).

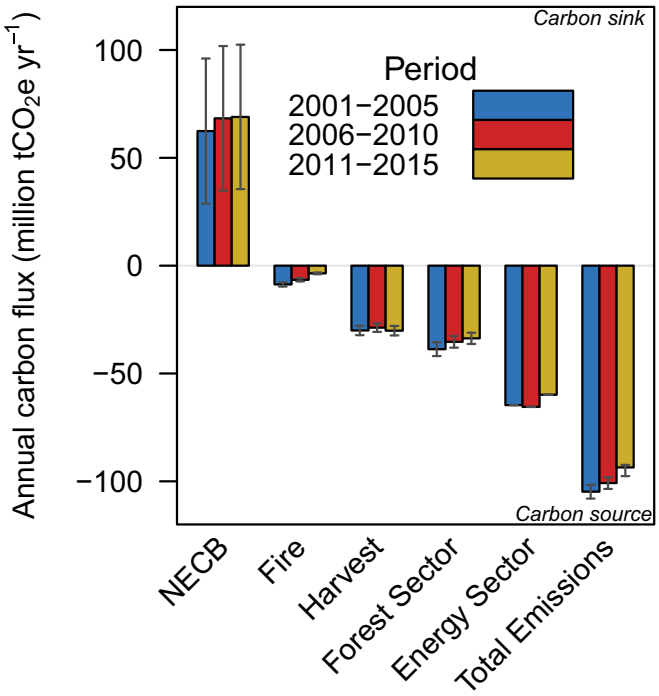

Fig. 2. Oregon's forest carbon sink and emissions from forest and energy sectors. Harvest emissions are computed by LCA. Fire and harvest emissions sum to forest sector emissions. Energy sector emissions are from the Oregon Global Warming Commission (14), minus forest-related emissions. Error bars are 95% confidence intervals (Monte Carlo analysis).

94 Tg C and cumulative NECB by 14 Tg C, and afforestation reduced forest sector GHG emissions by 1.3–1.4% in 2025, 2050, and 2100 (Fig. 3).

We quantified cobenefits of afforestation of irrigated grass crops on water availability based on data from hydrology and agricultural simulations of future grass crop area and related irrigation demand (20). Afforestation of 127,000 ha of grass cropland with Douglas fir could decrease irrigation demand by 222 and 233 billion $m^3 \cdot y^{-1}$ by 2050 and 2100, respectively. An independent estimate from measured precipitation and evapotranspiration (ET) at our mature Douglas fir and grass crop flux sites in the Willamette Valley shows the ET/precipitation fraction averaged 33% and 52%, respectively, and water balance (precipitation minus ET) averaged 910 $mm \cdot y^{-1}$ and 516 $mm \cdot y^{-1}$. Under current climate conditions, the observations suggest an increase in annual water availability of 260 billion $m^3 \cdot y^{-1}$ if 127,000 ha of the irrigated grass crops were converted to forest.

Harvest cycles in the mesic and montane forests have declined from over 120 y to 45 y despite the fact that these trees can live 500–1,000 y and net primary productivity peaks at 80–125 y (21). If harvest cycles were lengthened to 80 y on private lands and harvested area was reduced 50% on public lands, state-level stocks would increase by 17% to a total of ~3,600 Tg C and NECB would increase 2–3 Tg C y^{-1} by 2100. The lengthened harvest cycles reduced harvest by 2 Tg C y^{-1}, which contributed to higher NECB. Leakage (more harvest elsewhere) is difficult to quantify and could counter these carbon gains. However, because harvest on federal lands was reduced significantly since 1992 (NW Forest Plan), leakage has probably already occurred.

The four strategies together increased NECB by 64%, 82%, and 56% by 2025, 2050, and 2100, respectively. This reduced forest sector net emissions by 11%, 10%, and 17% over the same periods (Fig. 3). By 2050, potential increases in NECB were largest in the Coast Range (Table S5), East Cascades, and Klamath Mountains, accounting for 19%, 25%, and 42% of the total increase, whereas by 2100, they were most evident in the West Cascades, East Cascades, and Klamath Mountains.

We examined the potential for using existing harvest residue for electricity generation, where burning the harvest residue for energy emits carbon immediately (3) versus the BAU practice of leaving residues in forests to slowly decompose. Assuming half of forest residues from harvest practices could be used to replace natural gas or coal in distributed facilities across the state, they would provide an average supply of 0.75–1 Tg C y^{-1} to the year 2100 in the reduced harvest and BAU scenarios, respectively. Compared with BAU harvest practices, where residues are left to decompose, proposed bioenergy production would increase cumulative net emissions by up to 45 Tg C by 2100. Even at 50% use, residue collection and transport are not likely to be economically viable, given the distances (>200 km) to Oregon's facilities.

Discussion

Earth system models have the potential to bring terrestrial observations related to climate, vulnerability, impacts, adaptation,

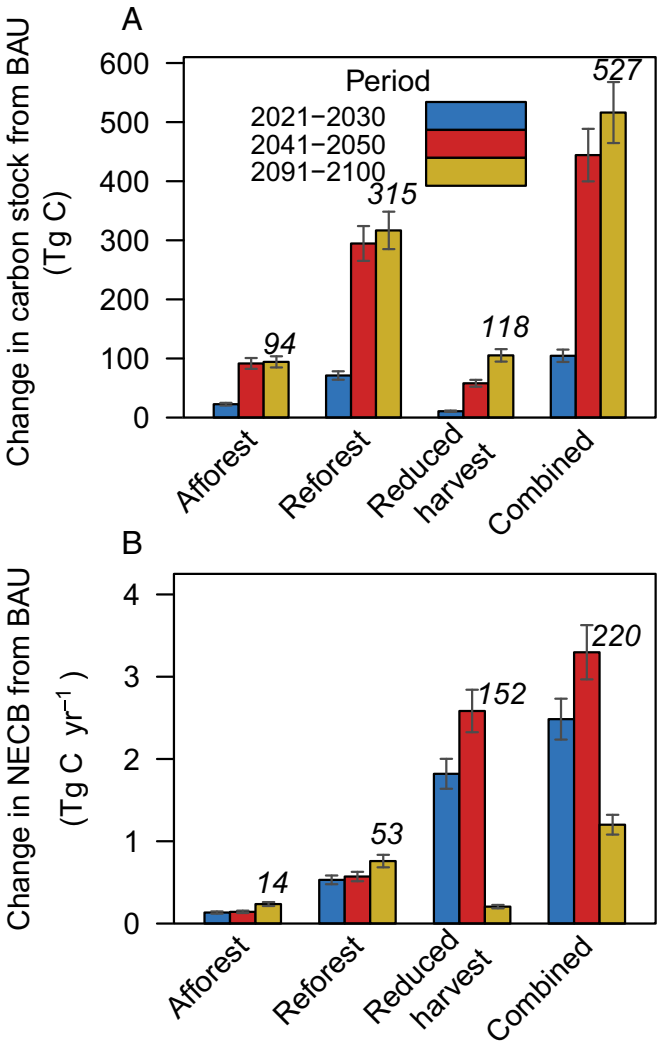

Fig. 3. Future change in carbon stocks and NECB with mitigation strategies relative to BAU management. The decadal average change in forest carbon stocks (*A*) and NECB relative to BAU (*B*) are shown. Italicized numbers over bars indicate mean forest carbon stocks in 2091–2100 (*A*) and cumulative change in NECB for 2015–2100 (*B*). Error bars are ±10%.

and mitigation into a common framework, melding biophysical with social components (22). We developed a framework to examine a suite of mitigation actions to increase forest carbon sequestration and reduce forest sector emissions under current and future environmental conditions.

Harvest-related emissions had a large impact on recent forest NECB, reducing it by an average of 34% from 2001 to 2015. By comparison, fire emissions were relatively small and reduced NECB by 12% in the Biscuit Fire year, but only reduced NECB 5–9% from 2006 to 2015. Thus, altered forest management has the potential to enhance the forest carbon balance and reduce emissions.

Future NEP increased because enhancement from atmospheric carbon dioxide outweighed the losses from fire. Lengthened harvest cycles on private lands to 80 y and restricting harvest to 50% of current rates on public lands increased NECB the most by 2100, accounting for 90% of total emissions reduction (Fig. 3 and Tables S5 and S6). Reduced harvest led to NECB increasing earlier than the other strategies (by 2050), suggesting this could be a priority for implementation.

Our afforestation estimates may be too conservative by limiting them to nonforest areas within current forest boundaries and 127,000 ha of irrigated grass cropland. There was a net loss of 367,000 ha of forest area in Oregon and Washington combined from 2001 to 2006 (23), and less than 1% of native habitat remains in the Willamette Valley due to urbanization and agriculture (24). Perhaps more of this area could be afforested.

The spatial variation in the potential for each mitigation option to improve carbon stocks and fluxes shows that the reforestation potential is highest in the Cascade Mountains, where fire and insects occur (Fig. 4). The potential to reduce harvest on public land is highest in the Cascade Mountains, and that to lengthen harvest cycles on private lands is highest in the Coast Range.

Although western Oregon is mesic with little expected change in precipitation, the afforestation cobenefits of increased water availability will be important. Urban demand for water is projected to increase, but agricultural irrigation will continue to consume much more water than urban use (25). Converting 127,000 ha of irrigated grass crops to native forests appears to be a win–win strategy, returning some of the area to forest land, providing habitat and connectivity for forest species, and easing irrigation demand. Because the afforested grass crop represents only 11% of the available grass cropland (1.18 million ha), it is not likely to result in leakage or indirect land use change. The two forest strategies combined are likely to be important contributors to water security.

Cobenefits with biodiversity were not assessed in our study. However, a recent study showed that in the mesic forests, cobenefits with biodiversity of forest species are largest on lands with harvest cycles longer than 80 y, and thus would be most pronounced on private lands (26). We selected 80 y for the harvest cycle mitigation strategy because productivity peaks at 80–125 y in this region, which coincides with the point at which cobenefits with wildlife habitat are substantial.

Habitat loss and climate change are the two greatest threats to biodiversity. Afforestation of areas that are currently grass crops would likely improve the habitat of forest species (27), as about 90% of the forests in these areas were replaced by agriculture. About 45 mammal species are at risk because of range contraction (28). Forests are more efficient at dissipating heat than grass and crop lands, and forest cover gains lead to net surface cooling in all regions south of about 45° latitude in North American and Europe (29). The cooler conditions can buffer climate-sensitive bird populations from approaching their thermal limits and provide more food and nest sites (30). Thus, the mitigation strategies of afforestation, protecting forests on public lands and lengthening harvest cycles to 80–125 y, would likely benefit forest-dependent species.

Oregon has a legislated mandate to reduce emissions, and is considering an offsets program that limits use of offsets to 8% of the total emissions reduction to ensure that regulated entities substantially reduce their own emissions, similar to California's program (19). An offset becomes a net emissions reduction by increasing the forest carbon sink (NECB). If only 8% of the GHG reduction is allowed for forest offsets, the limits for forest offsets would be 2.1 and 8.4 million metric tCO_2e of total emissions by 2025 and 2050, respectively (Table S6). The combination of afforestation, reforestation, and reduced harvest would provide 13 million metric tCO_2e emissions reductions, and any one of the strategies or a portion of each could be applied. Thus, additionality beyond what would happen without the program is possible.

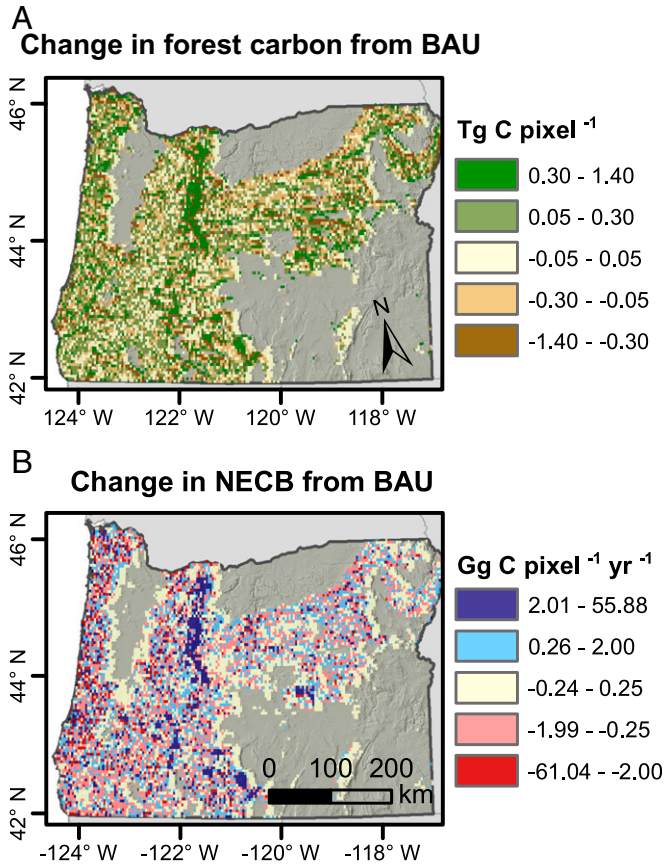

Fig. 4. Spatial patterns of forest carbon stocks and NECB by 2091–2100. The decadal average changes in forest carbon stocks (*A*) and NECB (*B*) due to afforestation, reforestation, protected areas, and lengthened harvest cycles relative to continued BAU forest management (red is increase in NECB) are shown.

State-level reporting of GHG emissions includes the agriculture sector, but does not appear to include forest sector emissions, except for industrial fuel (i.e., utility fuel in Table S3) and, potentially, fire emissions. Harvest-related emissions should be quantified, as they are much larger than fire emissions in the western United States. Full accounting of forest sector emissions is necessary to meet climate mitigation goals.

Increased long-term storage in buildings and via product substitution has been suggested as a potential climate mitigation option. Pacific temperate forests can store carbon for many hundreds of years, which is much longer than is expected for buildings that are generally assumed to outlive their usefulness or be replaced within several decades (7). By 2035, about 75% of buildings in the United States will be replaced or renovated, based on new construction, demolition, and renovation trends (31, 32). Recent analysis suggests substitution benefits of using wood versus more fossil fuel-intensive materials have been overestimated by at

least an order of magnitude (33). Our LCA accounts for losses in product substitution stores (PSSs) associated with building life span, and thus are considerably lower than when no losses are assumed (4, 34). While product substitution reduces the overall forest sector emissions, it cannot offset the losses incurred by frequent harvest and losses associated with product transportation, manufacturing, use, disposal, and decay. Methods for calculating substitution benefits should be improved in other regional assessments.

Wood bioenergy production is interpreted as being carbon-neutral by assuming that trees regrow to replace those that burned. However, this does not account for reduced forest carbon stocks that took decades to centuries to sequester, degraded productive capacity, emissions from transportation and the production process, and biogenic/direct emissions at the facility (35). Increased harvest through proposed thinning practices in the region has been shown to elevate emissions for decades to centuries regardless of product end use (36). It is therefore unlikely that increased wood bioenergy production in this region would decrease overall forest sector emissions.

Conclusions

GHG reduction must happen quickly to avoid surpassing a 2 °C increase in temperature since preindustrial times. Alterations in forest management can contribute to increasing the land sink and decreasing emissions by keeping carbon in high biomass forests, extending harvest cycles, reforestation, and afforestation. Forests are carbon-ready and do not require new technologies or infrastructure for immediate mitigation of climate change. Growing forests for bioenergy production competes with forest carbon sequestration and does not reduce emissions in the next decades (10). BECCS requires new technology, and few locations have sufficient geological storage for CO_2 at power facilities with high-productivity forests nearby. Accurate accounting of forest carbon in trees and soils, NECB, and historic harvest rates, combined with transparent quantification of emissions from the wood product process, can ensure realistic reductions in forest sector emissions.

As states and regions take a larger role in implementing climate mitigation steps, robust forest sector assessments are urgently needed. Our integrated approach of combining observations, an LCA, and high-resolution process modeling (4-km grid vs. typical 200-km grid) of a suite of potential mitigation actions and their effects on forest carbon sequestration and emissions under changing climate and CO_2 provides an analysis framework that can be applied in other temperate regions.

Materials and Methods

Current Stocks and Fluxes. We quantified recent forest carbon stocks and fluxes using a combination of observations from FIA; Landsat products on forest type, land cover, and fire risk; 200 intensive plots in Oregon (37); and a wood decomposition database. Tree biomass was calculated from species-specific allometric equations and ecoregion-specific wood density. We estimated ecosystem carbon stocks, NEP (photosynthesis minus respiration), and NECB (NEP minus losses due to fire or harvest) using a mass-balance approach (36, 38) (Table 1 and *SI Materials and Methods*). Fire emissions were computed from the Monitoring Trends in Burn Severity database, biomass data, and region-specific combustion factors (15, 39) (*SI Materials and Methods*).

Future Projections and Model Description. Carbon stocks and NEP were quantified to the years 2025, 2050, and 2100 using CLM4.5 with physiological parameters for 10 major forest species, initial forest biomass (36), and future climate and atmospheric carbon dioxide as input (Institut Pierre Simon Laplace climate system model downscaled to 4 km × 4 km, representative concentration pathway 8.5). CLM4.5 uses 3-h climate data, ecophysiological characteristics, site physical characteristics, and site history to estimate the daily fluxes of carbon, nitrogen, and water between the atmosphere, plant state variables, and litter and soil state variables. Model components are biogeophysics, hydrological cycle, and biogeochemistry. This model version does not include a dynamic vegetation model to simulate resilience and establishment following disturbance. However, the effect of regeneration lags on forest carbon is not particularly strong for the long disturbance intervals in this study (40). Our plant functional type (PFT) parameterization for 10 major forest species rather than one significantly improves carbon modeling in the region (41).

Forest Management and Land Use Change Scenarios. Harvest cycles, reforestation, and afforestation were simulated to the year 2100. Carbon stocks and NEP were predicted for the current harvest cycle of 45 y compared with simulations extending it to 80 y. Reforestation potential was simulated over areas that recently suffered mortality from harvest, fire, and 12 species of beetles (13). We assumed the same vegetation regrew to the maximum potential, which is expected with the combination of natural regeneration and planting that commonly occurs after these events. Future BAU harvest files were constructed using current harvest rates, where county-specific average harvest and the actual amounts per ownership were used to guide grid cell selection. This resulted in the majority of harvest occurring on private land (70%) and in the mesic ecoregions. Beetle outbreaks were implemented using a modified mortality rate of the lodgepole pine PFT with 0.1% y^{-1} biomass mortality by 2100.

For afforestation potential, we identified areas that are within forest boundaries that are not currently forest and areas that are currently grass crops. We assumed no competition with conversion of irrigated grass crops to urban growth, given Oregon's land use laws for developing within urban growth boundaries. A separate study suggested that, on average, about 17% of all irrigated agricultural crops in the Willamette Valley could be converted to urban area under future climate; however, because 20% of total cropland is grass seed, it suggests little competition with urban growth (25).

Landsat observations (12,500 scenes) were processed to map changes in land cover from 1984 to 2012. Land cover types were separated with an unsupervised K-means clustering approach. Land cover classes were assigned to an existing forest type map (42). The CropScape Cropland Data Layer (CDL 2015, https://nassgeodata.gmu.edu/CropScape/) was used to distinguish nonforage grass crops from other grasses. For afforestation, we selected grass cropland with a minimum soil water-holding capacity of 150 mm and minimum precipitation of 500 mm that can support trees (43).

Afforestation Cobenefits. Modeled irrigation demand of grass seed crops under future climate conditions was previously conducted with hydrology and agricultural models, where ET is a function of climate, crop type, crop growth state, and soil-holding capacity (20) (Table S7). The simulations produced total land area, ET, and irrigation demand for each cover type. Current grass seed crop irrigation in the Willamette Valley is 413 billion $m^3 \cdot y^{-1}$ for 238,679 ha and is projected to be 412 and 405 billion m^3 in 2050 and 2100 (20) (Table S7). We used annual output from the simulations to estimate irrigation demand per unit area of grass seed crops (1.73, 1.75, and 1.84 million $m^3 \cdot ha^{-1}$ in 2015, 2050, and 2100, respectively), and applied it to the mapped irrigated crop area that met conditions necessary to support forests (Table S7).

LCA. Decomposition of wood through the product cycle was computed using an LCA (8, 10). Carbon emissions to the atmosphere from harvest were calculated annually over the time frame of the analysis (2001–2015). The net carbon emissions equal NECB plus total harvest minus wood lost during manufacturing and wood decomposed over time from product use. Wood industry fossil fuel emissions were computed for harvest, transportation, and manufacturing processes. Carbon credit was calculated for wood product storage, substitution, and internal mill recycling of wood losses for bioenergy.

Products were divided into sawtimber, pulpwood, and wood and paper products using published coefficients (44). Long-term and short-term products were assumed to decay at 2% and 10% per year, respectively (45). For product substitution, we focused on manufacturing for long-term structures (building life span >30 y). Because it is not clear when product substitution started in the Pacific Northwest, we evaluated it starting in 1970 since use of concrete and steel for housing was uncommon before 1965. The displacement value for product substitution was assumed to be 2.1 Mg fossil C/Mg C wood use in long-term structures (46), and although it likely fluctuates over time, we assumed it was constant. We accounted for losses in product substitution associated with building replacement (33) using a loss rate of 2% per year (33), but ignored leakage related to fossil C use by other sectors, which may result in more substitution benefit than will actually occur.

The general assumption for modern buildings, including cross-laminate timber, is they will outlive their usefulness and be replaced in about 30 y (7). By 2035, ∼75% of buildings in the United States will be replaced or renovated, based on new construction, demolition, and renovation trends, resulting in threefold as many buildings as there are now [2005 baseline (31, 32)]. The loss of

the PSS is therefore PSS multiplied by the proportion of buildings lost per year (2% per year).

To compare the NECB equivalence to emissions, we calculated forest sector and energy sector emissions separately. Energy sector emissions ["in-boundary" state-quantified emissions by the Oregon Global Warming Commission (14)] include those from transportation, residential and commercial buildings, industry, and agriculture. The forest sector emissions are cradle-to-grave annual carbon emissions from harvest and product emissions, transportation, and utility fuels (Table S3). Forest sector utility fuels were subtracted from energy sector emissions to avoid double counting.

Uncertainty Estimates. For the observation-based analysis, Monte Carlo simulations were used to conduct an uncertainty analysis with the mean and SDs for NPP and Rh calculated using several approaches (36) (*SI Materials and Methods*). Uncertainty in NECB was calculated as the combined uncertainty of NEP, fire emissions (10%), harvest emissions (7%), and land cover estimates (10%) using the propagation of error approach. Uncertainty in CLM4.5 model simulations and LCA were quantified by combining the uncertainty in the observations used to evaluate the model, the uncertainty in input datasets (e.g., remote sensing), and the uncertainty in the LCA coefficients (41).

Model input data for physiological parameters and model evaluation data on stocks and fluxes are available online (37).

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Exhibit 1

overlapping reflections was very clear. For the powder pattern of $(Mg_{0.81}Fe_{0.19})SiO_3$ tetragonal garnet, on the other hand, line splitting was not clear except for the (400)-(004) doublet and the (240)-(402)-(204) triplet; other overlapping reflections were diffused and looked like one broad peak.

Under the optical microscope, sections of the tetragonal garnet phase exhibited low birefringence. In one of the runs on a starting material of $(Mg_{0.8}Fe_{0.2})SiO_3$ composition, an isotropic phase was optically detected; however, the x-ray diffraction pattern resembled that of tetragonal garnet that was synthesized from the same starting material, showing small splitting of some peaks. An electron microprobe analysis indicated that the chemical composition of this optically isotropic phase was also $x = 0.19(1)$ [where x = Fe/(Fe + Mg)], $Al_2O_3 \leq 0.1\%$ by weight, with no other contaminants present. The lattice parameters determined by the WPPD method are $a = 11.5323(3)$ Å and $c = 11.4541(4)$ Å, with $R_{wp} = 3.6\%$, which are essentially the values of isochemical tetragonal garnet. In conclusion, this "isotropic" phase is identified as tetragonal garnet. It may appear "isotropic" on account of the fineness of the crystal grain size. The microcrystallinity (<2 μm) is a remarkable microscopic feature of the tetragonal garnets synthesized in the present study.

Kato (*9*) reported in the conclusion of his experimental studies of the $MgSiO_3$-$FeSiO_3$ system that the cubic garnet phase with a normal garnet structure (majorite) is stable in the range of composition $0.2 < x < 0.4$ at 20 GPa and 2000°C, whereas the tetragonal garnet phase is stable for $x < 0.2$. We carried out a series of experiments with a starting composition of $x = 0.3$ as well but could not observe cubic garnet; we observed only a small amount of optically anisotropic tetragonal phase in insufficient proportions for x-ray diffraction analysis. The major proportion of the sample product was an assemblage of spinel and stishovite when experimental temperature was somewhat low and quench crystals from liquid when it was somewhat high. (The experiments were performed several times at temperatures around 2000°C.) Our present observations thus do not suggest the existence of the cubic garnet phase. It is possible that Kato (*9*) might have misidentified "isotropic" tetragonal garnet as "cubic" garnet.

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Effects on Carbon Storage of Conversion of Old-Growth Forests to Young Forests

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Simulations of carbon storage suggest that conversion of old-growth forests to young fast-growing forests will not decrease atmospheric carbon dioxide (CO_2) in general, as has been suggested recently. During simulated timber harvest, on-site carbon storage is reduced considerably and does not approach old-growth storage capacity for at least 200 years. Even when sequestration of carbon in wooden buildings is included in the models, timber harvest results in a net flux of CO_2 to the atmosphere. To offset this effect, the production of lumber and other long-term wood products, as well as the life-span of buildings, would have to increase markedly. Mass balance calculations indicate that the conversion of 5×10^6 hectares of old-growth forests to younger plantations in western Oregon and Washington in the last 100 years has added 1.5×10^9 to 1.8×10^9 megagrams of carbon to the atmosphere.

DEFORESTATION HAS BEEN A source of increasing C in the atmosphere in the last century (*1–9*). However, it has recently been suggested that the CO_2 content of the atmosphere could be reduced if slowly growing, "decadent," old-growth forests were converted to faster growing, younger, intensively managed forests (*10*). Such suggestions may seem reasonable at first glance in that young forests have higher net primary productivity than old-growth forests (*11*). But such reasoning disregards the critical factor, which is the amount of C stored within a forest, not the annual rate of C uptake.

In this report, we explore the effects that conversion of old-growth to younger forests has on atmospheric CO_2 and terrestrial C budgets. We use three lines of evidence: the current disposition of C resulting from cutting old-growth timber, a model of C dynamics in old-growth and second-growth forests, and a comparison of C storage in an old-growth and a young forest by means of simulation.

Approximately 42% of the timber currently harvested in the Pacific Northwest enters long-term storage (products with a life-span of >5 years) in forms such as structural components of buildings (Fig. 1). This level is significantly higher than the historical level, which was as low as 20% in the 1950s (*12*). The long-term average is considerably lower than the current value because 75% of the timber harvested in the last 100 years in Oregon and Washington was cut before 1960 (*13*).

At least 15% of the wood fiber in a typical harvest is left behind as broken or defective (*14, 15*). Some of this material is used for fuel or paper production and is therefore quickly converted to atmospheric CO_2. Of the C removed from the site, 11% is in bark (*16*), which is either burned or composted to form mulch. Most of the tree volume removed from a stand is used in lumber production (*17*). When undecayed harvested wood is converted to boards or plywood, at least 35 to 45% is lost to sawdust or scrap during production (*15*). Some of this waste material is used in particle- and wafer-board production, but most is consumed as fuel or converted to paper. Production of paper, even with recycling, results in a loss of CO_2 to the atmosphere, in that only 46 to 58% of primary paper production is recovered as fiber (*15*) and the residue serves largely as fuel.

The result of all this activity is that, of the 325 Mg of C per hectare harvested from a typical old-growth forest, 187 Mg of C per hectare may be lost to the atmosphere from paper production, fuel consumption, or de-

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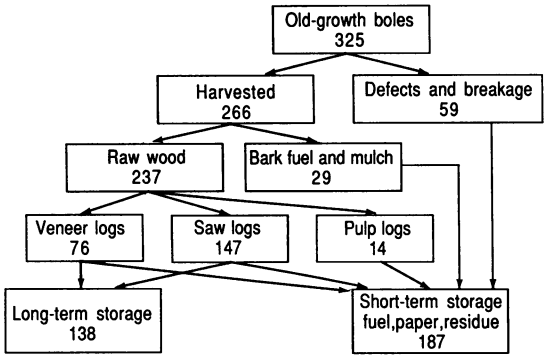

Fig. 1. Flow of C (megagrams per hectare) into long- and short-term storage components after harvest of a 1-ha old-growth forest. Data are from studies on Douglas fir and western hemlock (*14–17*). Boards and plywood are assumed to enter long-term storage (>5 years). Sawdust, scrap, and pulp are assumed to enter short-term storage.

composition (Fig. 1). The proportion of young forests converted to long-term storage is probably even lower than that of old-growth forests because less breakage or defect will be offset by less recovery of boards and plywood (*15*). If we assume that 45% of the boles in a 60-year-old stand is converted to long-term storage, harvest of a 60-year-old forest will still result in a net loss to the atmosphere of 132 Mg of C per hectare. For wood harvested from either old-growth or young-growth forests, the "long-term" storage is perhaps 200 years at most (*18*).

We constructed a computer simulation model to examine the temporal dynamics of C storage in the Douglas fir and hemlock (*Pseudotsuga-Tsuga*) ecosystems common to the Pacific Northwest. This nonlinear difference model with a 1-year time step tracks C storage in the following forest components: foliage, branchwood, boles, coarse roots, fine roots, fine woody debris, forest floor, coarse woody debris, and light and heavy soil C (*19*). Data for the biomass, production, and C turnover of these components were compiled for young and old-growth Douglas fir and hemlock forests growing on the west side of the Oregon and Washington Cascade Mountain Range.

For the purposes of analysis, we adopted several assumptions: that changing climatic conditions and CO_2 concentrations would not affect processing rates; that net production of bole wood and bark for all simulations would peak at 30 years at 8.5 Mg of C per hectare per year (*20, 21*); and that repeated harvesting would not reduce long-term site productivity. The latter assumption is conservative in that repeated harvest may well reduce productivity (*22*) and detrital storage (*23*). In the simulations, we compared and assessed the effect on C storage of (i) a natural disturbance versus timber harvest, (ii) a 50% increase in the decomposition rate after disturbance versus no increase, and (iii) the removal of logging residues versus no removal in repeated harvests on a 60-year rotation.

The simulated biomass accumulation rates matched those for the old-growth condition closely (+2%) but were 25% higher than actual values for natural stands at 60 years (Table 1), matching more closely the values for plantations (*20*). Harvest of old-growth forests reduced C storage for at least 250 years, and, interestingly, a natural disturbance such as fire or windthrow also reduced storage but much less drastically (Fig. 2). Storage declined with harvest both with and without an assumption of increased decomposition with disturbance, although the decrease was larger with this assumption. The decomposition rate of the forest floor has increased with harvest in other forest ecosystems (*24*) and is expected to increase in the Pacific Northwest because sapwood volume is greater in woody detritus from young trees than from old trees (*25*) and leaf-litter decay is greater early in succession (*26*).

Although detrital components store 25 to 30% of the C in Douglas fir and hemlock ecosystems, they can be strongly and negatively affected by management manipulations. Coarse woody debris, for example, virtually disappeared in one simulation of short harvest rotations and intensive utilization (*23*). Soil organic matter, especially the light fraction (*27*), most likely will decrease under intensive management. In simulations of repeated 60-year harvests, the reduction in C storage was stabilized after two rotations (Fig. 3). Increases in living-tree storage brought about by genetic improvement, nutrient fertilization, and CO_2 fertilization (*28*) may offset some of the losses from detrital pools. However, even if coarse woody debris is the only detrital component reduced (with a reduction of 100 Mg of C per hectare), these improvements will need to nearly double the mean annual increment at rotation age to offset the losses.

In a comparison of total C storage, there was 2.2 to 2.3 times as much storage in a 450-year-old *Pseudotsuga-Tsuga* natural stand as in a 60-year-old *Pseudotsuga* plantation (Table 1). However, over a landscape, managed forests in the full range of age classes store less C than a forest of uniform age. With the assumption of a sustained forest yield, one can calculate the mean C stored in a landscape after conversion from the old-growth condition by averaging over the first t years of the simulation, where t is rotation age. For landscapes with rotations of 50, 75, and 100 years, the C stored would be at most 38, 44, and 51%, respectively, of that stored in the old-growth stand (*29*). As discussed above, these differences are conservative because storage in detrital components would be greatly reduced with repeated harvest.

Conversion of old-growth forests to young plantations invariably reduces C storage, even when structural components in buildings are considered. Comparison of the actual biomass of an old-growth forest and that of a 60-year-old forest of similar site quality indicates that C storage is reduced 350 Mg of C per hectare by conversion, again a conservative estimate because forests continue to lose mass for three decades after disturbance. Model results accounting for this process indicate that C storage is reduced on site by 370 Mg of C per hectare as a result of conversion. However, C stored

Table 1. Carbon (*33*) storage in a 60-year-old *Pseudotsuga* forest and a 450-year-old *Pseudotsuga-Tsuga* forest.

Component	60-year-old forest		450-year-old forest	
	Mg of C per hectare	Reference	Mg of C per hectare	Reference
Foliage	5.5	(*20*)	6.2	(*16*)
			−7.0	(*40*)
Branchwood	7.0	(*20*)	26.3	(*16*)
Boles (wood and bark)	145	(*20*)	323	(*16*)
Coarse roots	29	(*34*)	71	(*16*)
Fine roots	5.6	(*35*)	5.6	(*16*)
Fine woody debris and forest floor	7.1	(*36*)	26	(*16*)
Coarse woody debris	3.8	(*37*)	97	(*25*)
	−19	(*38*)		
Soil carbon	56	(*39*)	56	(*16*)
Total*	259 to 274		611 to 612	

*Range given because of variation in estimates for foliage and coarse woody debris.

off site in buildings offsets some of the reductions in on-site storage. Given a 42% conversion of the boles to structural components in buildings and a 2% annual replacement of the structures, the conversion of old-growth to younger forests reduces storage by 305 Mg of C per hectare in one 60-year rotation. Unless utilization standards greatly increase and structural components in buildings can be made to have greater life expectancy, it is doubtful that repeated harvests can offset the original losses caused by conversion (*30*).

Conversion of old-growth forests in the Pacific Northwest has been a significant source of C in the atmosphere. In western Oregon and Washington there are 10×10^6 ha of commercial forest land (*31*). If we use as a basis the age-class structure of large, uncut areas, such as those in Mount Rainier and Olympic national parks, we calculate that 7×10^6 ha were probably in an old-growth condition in 1890. Currently, 2×10^6 ha of old growth remain (*31*); thus 5×10^6 ha have been converted. If C storage has been reduced by ~305 to ~370 Mg of C per hectare by the conversion, 1.5×10^9 to 1.8×10^9 Mg of C has been added to the atmosphere in the last century. In reality, the total flux from this region from changes in land use will have been considerably higher because of the harvest of second-growth forest, widespread fires, and the removal of forest land from production by such processes as road construction and urbanization. Given the small area we are considering, a mere 0.017% of the earth's land surface, old-growth forest conversion appears to account for a noteworthy 2% of the total C released because of land use changes in the last 100 years (*6, 7, 32*).

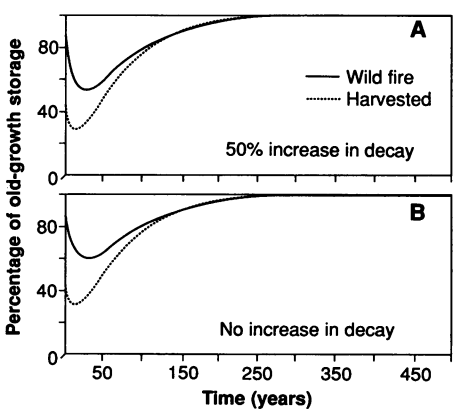

Fig. 2. Carbon storage, expressed as a percentage of old-growth storage, in a simulation of a Douglas fir and hemlock old-growth ecosystem disturbed by fire or timber harvest. The assumptions are that fire used in site preparation will remove 50% of the fine woody debris and forest floor and 25% of the coarse woody debris. The simulation was run with two scenarios: (**A**) disturbance is followed by a 50% increase in the decomposition rate, which decreases 3% annually and reaches old-growth values in 100 years; (**B**) disturbance does not affect decomposition rates.

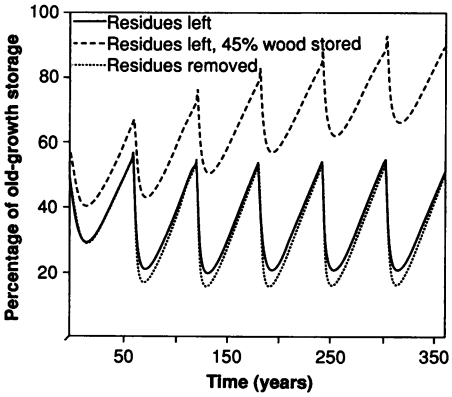

Fig. 3. Carbon storage expressed as a percentage of old-growth storage in a simulation of repeated harvests on a 60-year rotation. The assumptions are that site productivity will not change, that disturbance will initially increase decomposition rates 50%, and that fire used in site preparation will remove 50% of the fine woody debris and forest floor and 25% of the coarse woody debris. Three scenarios were examined: (i) coarse woody debris and residues such as defective boles are left on site; (ii) coarse woody debris is left but other residues are removed; and (iii) all residues are left, but 45% of harvested wood is converted to long-term storage (buildings and other structures) with a 2% annual loss.

Although reintroducing forests to deforested regions will increase C storage in the biota, conversion of old-growth forests to younger forests under current harvesting and use conditions has added and will continue to add C to the atmosphere. This conclusion is likely to hold in most forests in which the age of harvest is less than the age required to reach the old-growth stage of succession. The amount of C added by conversion will vary among forests, depending on their maximum storage capacity and the difference between the timber rotation age and the age of the old-growth state within the given ecosystem.

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An Aptian Plant with Attached Leaves and Flowers: Implications for Angiosperm Origin

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Recent phylogenetic studies and fossil finds support a new view of the ancestral angiosperm. A diminutive fossil angiosperm from the Aptian of Australia has attached leaves, with intermediate pinnate-palmate, low-rank venation, and lateral axes bearing pistillate organs subtended by bracts and bracteoles that are the oldest direct evidence of flowers. A variety of data suggests a similar morphology for the ancestral angiosperm. This hypothesis explains similarities between rhizomatous to herbaceous Magnoliidae and basal monocots, scarcity of early angiosperm wood, and lack of recognition of earlier remains.

THE OLDEST UNEQUIVOCAL ANGIOsperm remains, mostly dispersed organs, are from Lower Cretaceous strata. Fossil pollen is reported from the Hauterivian of England and Barremian of West Africa (*1*), and leaves from the Barremian to Aptian of eastern North America (*2*). Unequivocal angiosperm flowers (*3*) and wood (*4*) first appear during the Albian. These remains show affinities to taxa with diminutive stature and reproductive organs (*2, 5–7*) and to taxa with shrub to tree habit and moderate-sized, complex flowers (*2, 3*). The early and possibly oldest occurrence of the former conflicts with the existing theory that the ancestral angiosperm was a small tree or shrub, with pinnately veined, simple leaves and flowers of moderate to large size with numerous reproductive parts (*8*), though other views have been proposed (*2, 9, 10*).

We recently recognized the angiospermous affinities of a plant described by Drinnan and Chambers as a fern ("Marsileales ? indet?") (*11*) from the Aptian Korumburra Group of the Gippsland Basin at Koonwarra, Victoria, Australia (*11–13*). This fossil has leaves and attached female inflorescences (Fig. 1A), which are the oldest unequivocal angiosperm reproductive structures. The only angiospermous pollen reported from Koonwarra, *Clavatipollenites hughesii* (*12*), is of a type having the earliest range of any flowering plant. Taken together, the fossil evidence and recent phylogenetic analyses of extant plants (*10, 14*) are compatible with a new hypothesis for the ancestral angiosperm.

The fossil has two leaves attached to the axis, which bends sharply to the right at the upper node, and two axillary inflorescences (Fig. 1A). Attachment of the proximal leaf and distal inflorescence is shown by their orientation and similarity to the other clearly attached organs. The inflorescences are masses of overlapping bracts, bracteoloes, and ovaries; distinct bracts are noticeable at the apex of the lower inflorescence and along the right side of the upper, where they overlap the distal petiole.

The axis is thin (1.4 mm wide) and exhibits longitudinal ridges, which may be the remains of vascular bundles. Apparent fragility, an apparently dissected stele, and co-occurrence of fully expanded, diminutive leaves with well-developed axillary inflorescences suggest a herbaceous habit. Widely spaced yellow-brown, translucent, discoidal impressions (0.03 to 0.04 mm; Fig. 1G) occurring throughout the fossil may be the remains of ethereal oil cells.

The leaves are alternately arranged (Fig. 1A). The lower (Fig. 1E) has a long petiole that clasps the axis, and a lamina that is apparently folded over distally (Figs. 1E and 2A). Evidence for folding derives from two major veins that extend to the margin and abruptly reverse at the fold; complex, anomalously dense higher venation apparently resulting from superimposition of two levels of veins; and lack of a carbonaceous thickening along the folded margin. The leaf is simple, unlobed, slightly asymmetrical at the base, and broadly ovate, to 10.1 mm wide. The lower laminar margin is darkly stained, suggesting a thickening, and has an inferred incipient sinus (at indentation on left; Fig. 1E). The overfolded upper portion appears to be dissected into three deeply incised dentations. Evidence for dentations, rather than tears, is the symmetry of their outline and vein convergence toward their apices.

A five-stranded vascular trunk emerges into the leaf blade (Figs. 1E and 2A) with the medial strand composed of two bundles. The vein pattern qualifies equally as very loosely and irregularly palinactinodromous or weakly pinnate with three to four pairs of secondary veins. The basal two pairs are crowded proximally and arise as lateral bundles directly from the petiole at an acute angle. The festooned brochidodromous distal secondaries have irregular spacing and angles of origin, branch dichotomously to form loose and irregular loops in at least two series, and are poorly differentiated from the primary and tertiary venation.

Tertiary and higher (to fifth) order veins (Figs. 1E and 2A) form a random reticulum in which vein orders cannot be consistently determined, and the angle of tertiary vein origin is irregular but mostly acute. A fimbrial vein appears to be present. Areolation is apparently incomplete or possibly lacking over some of the leaf. The leaf-rank (*15*) is very low first rank, the lowest of any leaf described or examined among basal angiosperms (*16*).

The inflorescence (Fig. 1A) is pedunculate and cymose, probably a thryse (to 9 mm long), with ovate bracts (to 3.5 mm long; b in Fig. 1, A and F) attached to a primary axis. There appear to be two axillary bracteoles (br in Fig. 1F) and within these is at least one ovary. The small, oblong ovaries (Fig. 1C; 0.57 mm wide) have a short stigma (Fig. 1C) and no style. There is no evidence of a suture, and, although the specially placed stigma is typical of ascidate carpels, the ovary could be syncarpous.

Leaf characters alone reveal the angiospermous affinities of the fossil. Random-reticulate venation with anastomoses at several vein orders, a multistrand splaying out into the laminar base forming an indeterminate actinodromous-brochidodromous venation, and incomplete areoles occur in combination only in angiosperms (*5, 16*). In addition, the morphology of the reproductive

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Storage and Flux of Carbon in Live Trees, Snags, and Logs in the Chugach and Tongass National Forests

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Abstract

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Carbon storage and flux estimates for the two national forests in Alaska are provided using inventory data from permanent plots established in 1995–2003 and remeasured in 2004–2010. Estimates of change are reported separately for growth, sapling recruitment, harvest, mortality, snag recruitment, salvage, snag falldown, and decay. Although overall aboveground carbon mass in live trees did not change in the Tongass National Forest, the Chugach National Forest showed a 4.5 percent increase. For the Tongass National Forest, results differed substantially for managed and unmanaged forest: managed lands had higher per-acre rates of sequestration through growth and recruitment, and carbon stores per acre that were higher for decomposing downed wood, and lower for live trees and snags. The species composition of carbon stores is changing on managed lands, with a carbon mass loss for yellow-cedar but increases for red alder and Sitka spruce. On unmanaged lands, the Chugach National forest had carbon mass increases in Sitka spruce and white spruce, and the Tongass National Forest had increases in western redcedar and red alder.

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Summary

Carbon accounting is becoming of increasing importance to forest managers, as markets develop for private forest landowners and public land managers incorporate carbon services into planning and management. In this report, inventory data from permanent plots established in 1995–2003 and remeasured in 2004–2010 are used to provide estimates of aboveground carbon storage and flux for the two national forests in Alaska. Estimates of change are reported separately for growth, sapling recruitment, harvest, mortality, snag recruitment, salvage, snag falldown, and decay.

For the Chugach National Forest, key findings are:

- The overall increase in live tree carbon mass was substantial, estimated as a 4.5 percent increase from 1999–2003 to 2004–2010, equivalent to an increase of
  - 0.8 percent per year
  - 165,000 tons of carbon mass (C) per year for the forest, and
  - 552 lbs of C per forest acre per year

  Although a recent increase in live tree biomass is not unusual for a national forest, the increase for the Chugach National Forest is not attributable to fire suppression or past harvest, unlike most other forests. We do not know whether the observed increase is caused by recovery from past disturbances (e.g., spruce beetle outbreaks) or is a result of warming temperatures in the region.
- Significant increases of live tree carbon mass occurred for the Sitka spruce and white spruce tree species.
- Cottonwood, paper birch, western hemlock, and white spruce forest types all showed significant increases in live tree carbon mass.
- No tree species or forest type showed a significant decrease in live tree carbon mass.

For the Tongass National Forest, key findings from this report are:

- The Tongass National Forest stores massive amounts of forest carbon, more than any other national forest in the United States. The estimated above-ground average carbon density in the forest was 70 tons per acre in live trees, snags, and logs in 9.7 million ac of forest.

- Growth and recruitment of live trees removes from the atmosphere an estimated 760 lbs of carbon per acre per year, but net change in live carbon mass was not significantly different from zero, with mortality and harvest estimated at 670 lbs of carbon per acre per year. Turnover in the live tree and snag pool was estimated as 0.6 percent per year and 2.6 percent per year, respectively.
- On managed forest lands (estimated at 446,000 ac), there were significant increases in Sitka spruce and red alder live tree carbon mass, and a significant decrease in yellow-cedar carbon mass.
- On unmanaged forest (estimated at 6,294,000 ac with an additional 2,974,000 ac of unsampled forest in wilderness), there was a large (6.6 percent) increase in western redcedar carbon mass and also a significant increase in red alder carbon mass.
- Growth and recruitment was much higher in managed forest (1,608 lbs per acre per year) than in unmanaged forest (690 lbs per acre per year), and natural mortality was much lower (278 lbs per acre per year versus 619 lbs per acre per year).
- Carbon density on unmanaged forest was estimated as 72 tons per acre, split as 7 percent logs, 13 percent snags, and 80 percent live trees. Carbon density on managed forest was estimated as 45 tons per acre, split as 38 percent logs, 8 percent snags, and 54 percent live trees.
- Although management choices could potentially increase carbon sequestration in second-growth stands, e.g., by altering rotation lengths or utilization of harvested material, this report does not make any specific recommendations owing to the relatively small number of managed stands (58) that fell within the field plots.

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Introduction

Carbon dioxide (CO_2) is thought to play a major role in global climate change, and as a result, efforts to measure the levels of carbon sequestration, storage, and flux in forests are of increasing interest to forest land managers. For national forests in the United States, this undertaking was reflected in several significant new developments that occurred in 2012:

1. Thirty years after publication of the original forest planning rule under the National Forest Management Act, a new forest planning rule was finalized. Among other requirements, new assessments for each national forest are to include a baseline assessment of carbon stocks, and forests are to monitor changes related to climate change and other stressors.
2. National forests began to use an annual "Climate Change Scorecard" assessment. Questions that forests now consider include progress toward a baseline assessment of carbon stocks, as well as an assessment of how disturbance and management activities are influencing carbon stocks, sequestration, and emissions.

This report is intended to help the two national forests in Alaska, the Chugach and the Tongass, make progress toward these new assessments by providing information on storage and flux of carbon in live and dead trees within the forests based on data collected by the USDA Forest Service Forest Inventory and Analysis (FIA) program. In addition, by providing estimates of temporal flux between carbon pools, the results reported here can improve understanding of some types of recent changes occurring in the national forests and their surrounding ecosystems.

Methods

Data

The estimates in this report are derived from remeasured inventory plots installed by FIA. Only trees of at least 5 in diameter at breast height (d.b.h.) were used for analysis because a change in the plot layout resulted in no remeasurement information for smaller trees. The first inventories were installed from 1995 to 2000 in southeast Alaska (van Hees 2003) and from 1999 to 2003 in south-central Alaska (van Hees 2005). These combined inventories are referred to here as the "periodic" inventory. Many of these plots are being remeasured in the current "annual" FIA inventory system. This report combines those periodic (1995–2003) inventory plots with the remeasurement of those plots from 2004 to 2010; remeasurement intervals are shown for the Chugach National Forest in table 1 and for the Tongass National Forest in table 2. The period for remeasurement, which varied from 1 to 15 years, is

a relatively short period to expect to see changes for such a large region. The varied interval of time for plot measurements complicates interpretation, as does the use of average annual values. For example, even if mortality rates were absolutely constant during the inventory period, an annual mortality rate calculated from plots remeasured after 1 year will be a little higher than the rate calculated from plots remeasured after a decade.

Detailed information on how measurements were taken can be found in the respective field manuals at http://www.fs.fed.us/pnw/fia/publications/fieldmanuals. Although the two national forests in Alaska are the focus of this report, the inventory crosses all ownerships (figs. 1 and 2). Plots were identified with each national forest using an administrative ownership variable in the FIA database. About 90.8

Table 1—Number of remeasured forested plots by years of measurement, Chugach National Forest

	Year of first measurement				
Year of second measurement	1999	2001	2002	2003	All years
2004	7	1	2	1	11
2005	4	2	3	0	9
2006	8	3	1	0	12
2007	7	2	4	0	13
2008	9	1	3	0	13
2009	6	3	3	0	12
2010	8	0	5	0	13
All years	49	12	21	1	83

Table 2—Number of remeasured forested plots by years of measurement, Tongass National Forest

	Year of first measurement					
Year of second measurement	1995	1996	1997	1998	2000	All years
2004	18	25	22	10	3	78
2005	21	15	22	22	2	82
2006	18	28	31	22	3	102
2007	24	24	26	13	0	87
2008	27	20	30	23	2	102
2009	23	20	33	11	2	89
2010	21	34	33	18	4	110
All years	152	166	197	119	16	650

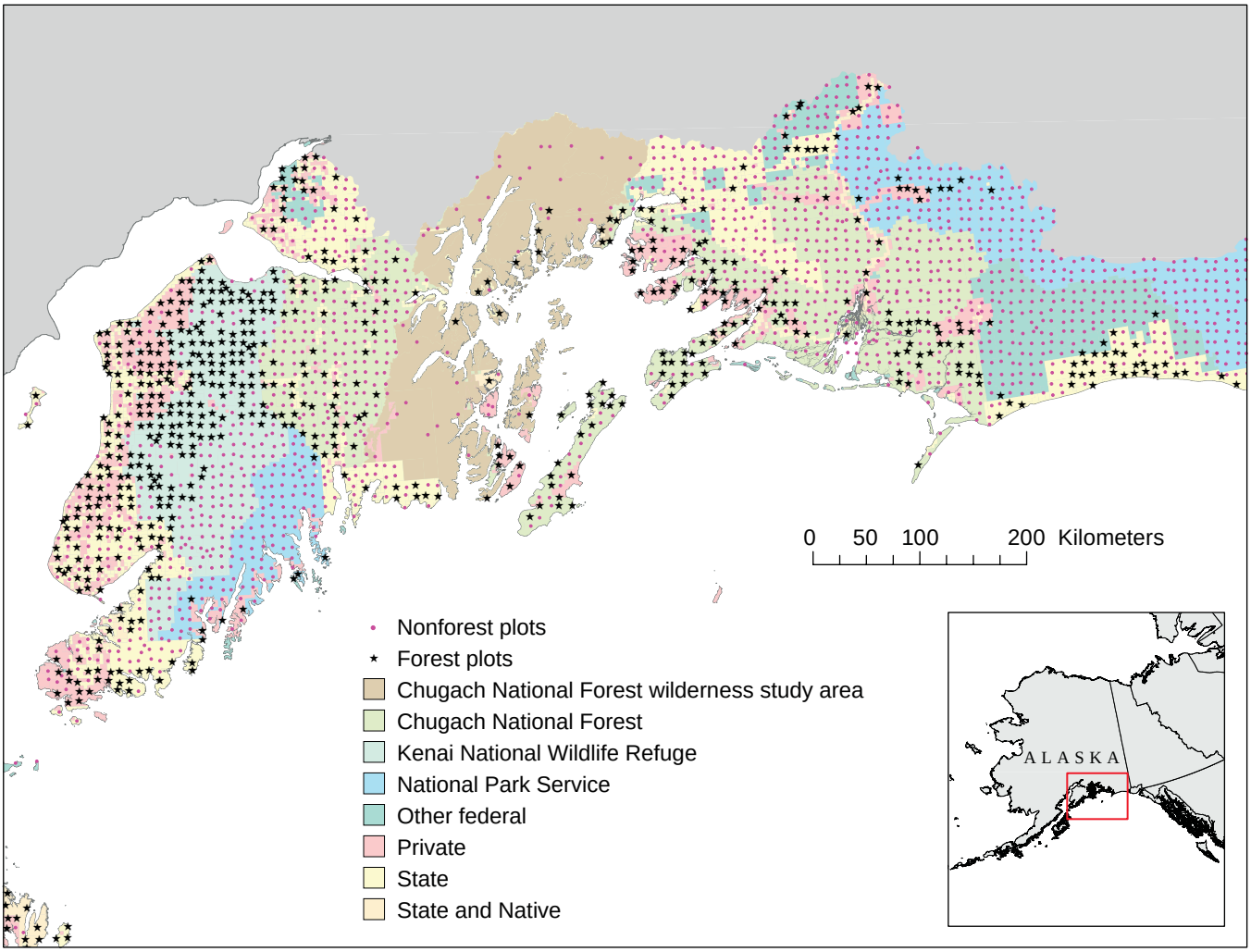

Figure 1—Forest inventory plots and ownership in and surrounding the Chugach National Forest, southeast Alaska. Depicted plot locations are approximate.

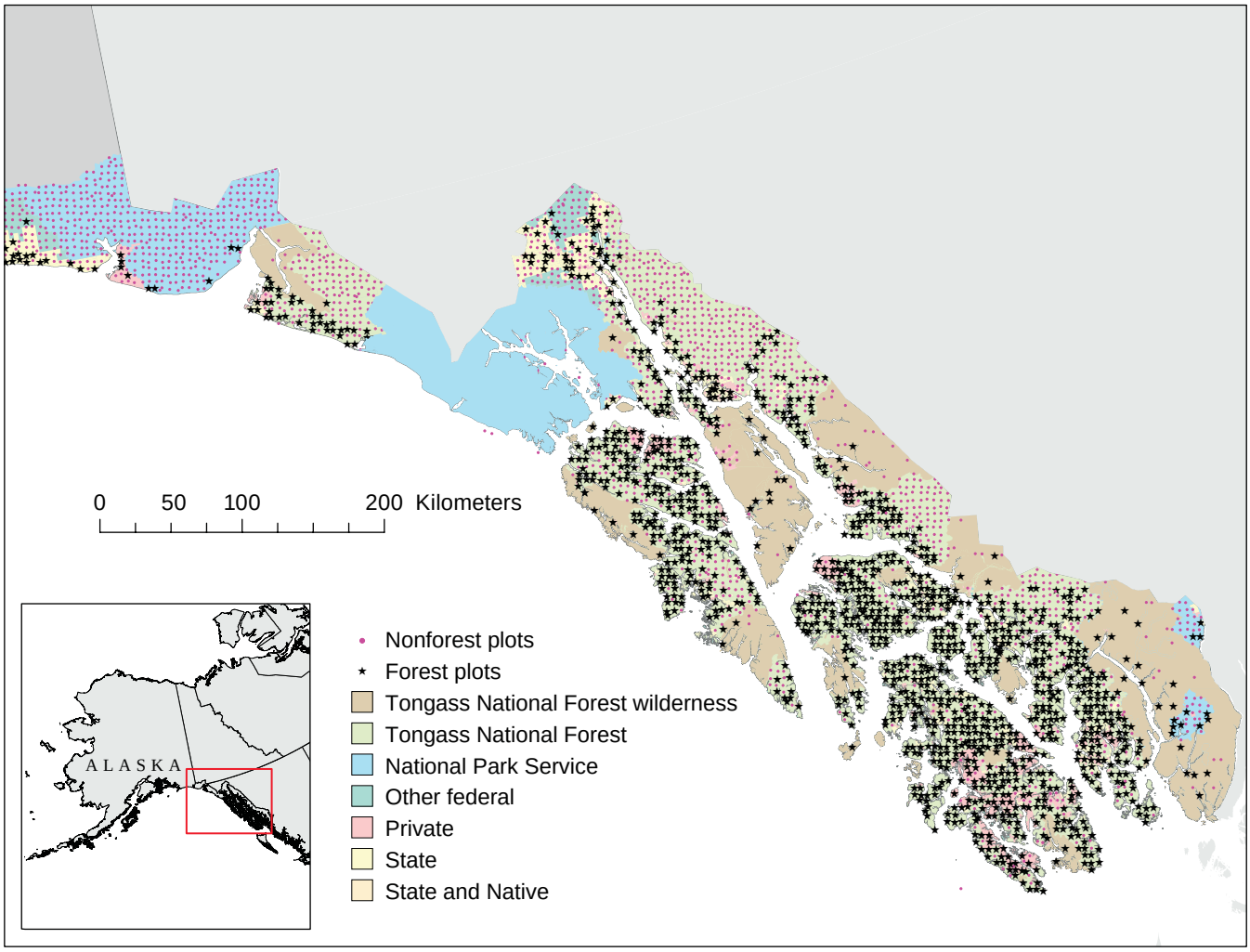

Figure 2—Forest inventory plots and ownership in and surrounding the Tongass National Forest, southeast Alaska. Depicted plot locations are approximate.

percent of the periodic inventory plots are being remeasured in the annual inventory, although plots that are inaccessible in either inventory reduce the number available for analysis. About 70 percent of the periodic plots (a random sample of the 90.8 percent) had been remeasured by the end of the 2010 field season.

For analysis of change, only remeasurement plots and only portions of plots that were forested in both periods were used. That results in estimates that usually are smaller and less precise than when either the full periodic dataset or the full annual dataset is used (tables 3, 4, 5, and 6). In general, the periodic inventory used a more restrictive definition of forest land, by excluding Krummholz forest and by using a canopy cover definition that was less likely to define an area as forest than was the stocking definition used from 2004 to 2010.

Table 3—Effect of different estimation methods on forest type area, Chugach National Forest

	Without wilderness study area				With wilderness study area[a]		
	Remeasurement plots only[b]		All 2004–2010 plots[c]		All 2004–2010 plots[c]		Adjustment factor[d]
Forest type	Total	SE	Total	SE	Total	SE	
	Thousand acres						
Yellow-cedar	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Black cottonwood	20	12	18	12	18	12	0.90
Black spruce	5	6	5	6	5	6	1.00
Lodgepole pine	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mountain hemlock	287	45	351	45	784	158	2.73
Pacific silver fir	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Paper birch	25	16	20	13	20	13	0.80
Quaking aspen	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sitka spruce	111	29	138	31	138	31	1.24
Western hemlock	127	32	140	33	140	33	1.10
Western redcedar	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
White spruce	20	12	23	13	23	13	1.15
All forest types	596	52	703	52	1135	160	1.90

[a] Includes wilderness study area plots measured in 2005. Because of the very small number of plots, this will not do well at representing forest in the wilderness study area.

[b] Does not include land that was defined as forest for only one of the inventories, or plots that were not included in both inventories; this method is what was used for estimates of change in this report and is labeled with "remeasurement plots only."

[c] Estimates also adjust for nonsampled (access denied or hazardous) plots. These estimates should match what would be produced from the national database using the current inventory and are labeled with "all 2004–2010 plots."

[d] For an approximate extrapolation of change estimates to all forest (including the wilderness study area), one could multiply carbon estimates for each forest type by this adjustment factor.

SE = Standard error of the estimate. The total plus or minus the standard error provides a 68 percent confidence interval, and the total plus or minus two standard errors is about a 95 percent confidence interval for the estimate.

Table 4—Effect of different estimation methods on carbon mass in live trees, Chugach National Forest

	Without wilderness study area				With wilderness study area[a]	
	Remeasurement plots only[b]		All 2004–2010 plots[c]		All 2004–2010 plots[c]	
Species	**Total**	**SE**	**Total**	**SE**	**Total**	**SE**
			Thousand tons			
Black cottonwood	358	221	413	243	413	243
Black spruce	—	—	9	7	9	7
Mountain hemlock	7,755	1,492	9,382	1,510	20,839	6,488
Paper birch	147	75	158	77	158	77
Sitka spruce	5,553	1,177	8,309	1,792	10,292	2,409
Western hemlock	6,637	1,919	7,182	1,860	7,270	1,863
White spruce	358	138	497	180	497	180
All species	20,809	2,707	25,951	3,117	39,478	7,822

[a] Includes wilderness study area plots measured in 2005. Because of the very small number of plots, this will not serve well at representing forest in the wilderness study area.

[b] Does not include land that was defined as forest for only one of the inventories, or plots that were not included in both inventories or any trees ≤5 in diameter at breast height; this method is what was used for change estimates in this report and is denoted with the note "remeasurement plots only."

[c] Estimates also adjust for nonsampled (access denied or hazardous) plots. This method is denoted by the use of "all 2004–2010 plots."

SE = Standard error.

Table 5—Effect of different estimation methods on forest type area, Tongass National Forest

	Without inaccessible wilderness area				With inaccessible wilderness area[a]		
	Remeasurement plots only[b]		All 2004–2010 plots[c]		All 2004–2010 plots[c]		Adjustment factor[d]
Forest type	Total	SE	Total	SE	Total	SE	
			Thousand acres				
Yellow-cedar	1,261	99	1,433	101	2,199	221	1.74
Black cottonwood	36	18	36	17	98	59	2.72
Lodgepole pine	286	48	348	50	348	50	1.22
Mountain hemlock	820	78	1,229	90	2,013	214	2.45
Red alder	22	12	36	16	36	16	1.64
Sitka spruce	434	60	590	67	839	130	1.93
Subalpine fir	—		4	4	4	4	na
Western hemlock	2,374	117	2,479	114	3,219	222	1.36
Western redcedar	575	66	587	63	960	148	1.67
All forest types	5,808	105	6,741	101	9,715	233	1.67

[a] Includes wilderness area plots measured in 2005.

[b] Does not include land that was defined as forest for only one of the inventories, or plots that were not included in both inventories; this method is what was used for estimates of change in this report and is labeled with "remeasurement plots only."

[c] Estimates also adjust for nonsampled (access denied or hazardous) plots. These estimates should match what would be produced from the national database using the current inventory and are labeled with "all 2004–2010 plots."

[d] Calculated as the estimate from all plots divided by the estimate from remeasurement plots only. For an approximate extrapolation of change estimates to all forest (including the wilderness study area), one could multiply carbon estimates for each forest type by this adjustment factor.

SE = Standard error of the estimate. The total plus or minus the standard error provides a 68 percent confidence interval, and the total plus or minus two standard errors is about a 95-percent confidence interval for the estimate.

Table 6—Effect of different estimation methods on carbon mass in live trees, Tongass National Forest

	Without wilderness study area				With wilderness study area[a]	
	Remeasurement plots only[b]		All 2004–2010 plots[c]		All 2004–2010 plots[c]	
Species	Total	SE	Total	SE	Total	SE
	Thousand tons					
Yellow-cedar	40,539	2,691	45,318	2,695	70,905	5,831
Black cottonwood	480	244	502	247	1,549	978
Lodgepole pine	4,563	485	4,840	488	6,923	1,093
Mountain hemlock	36,213	2,821	42,256	2,958	74,999	9,209
Oregon crab apple	1	1	1	1	1	1
Pacific silver fir	7	9	60	45	60	45
Red alder	717	194	1,824	390	2,092	437
Sitka spruce	65,426	5,916	81,481	6,252	116,012	11,883
Subalpine fir	144	102	127	83	127	83
Western hemlock	153,171	8,100	161,065	7,718	211,628	11,876
Western redcedar	20,174	2,209	21,566	2,144	45,051	8,571
All species	321,436	10,811	359,040	10,391	529,347	19,558

[a] Includes wilderness study area plots measured in 2005. Because of the very small number of plots, this will not serve well at representing forest in the wilderness study area.

[b] Does not include land that was defined as forest for only one of the inventories, or plots that were not included in both inventories or any trees ≤5 in diameter at breast height; this method is what was used for change estimates in this report and is denoted with the note "remeasurement plots only."

[c] Estimates also adjust for nonsampled (access denied or hazardous) plots. This method is denoted by the use of "all 2004–2010 plots."

SE = Standard error.

Helicopter use is not allowed within much of the wilderness on the Tongass and the wilderness study area on the Chugach. Owing to this restriction, these areas were inaccessible during the periodic inventory. During the annual inventory, access was permitted in 2005, and 50 forested plots were measured in Tongass wilderness and 9 forested plots in the Chugach wilderness study area. However, after an environmental assessment, the areas were again removed from the inventory in 2006. Because none of the wilderness plots had remeasurement data, they are excluded from all estimates of change in carbon storage in this report but were included in comparisons of methods of estimations of forest type area (tables 3 and 5) and carbon mass (tables 4 and 6).

On the Chugach, of the 107 nonwilderness annual plots measured between 2004 and 2010, just 83 were remeasured plots and only two of these had a record of past silvicultural activities, thus managed forest is not reported as a separate category for the Chugach National Forest. On the Tongass, there are 801 nonwilderness forested FIA plots that were measured between 2004 and 2010; of those, 650 are remeasured plots that were initially established in the 1995–2000 inventory.

On the Tongass, 58 stands with remeasurement data had a record indicating some type of vegetation manipulation, usually clearcutting. (Note: stands are called "condition classes" by FIA, and denote an area of forest that is homogenous with respect to forest type, owner group, stand size, regeneration status, tree density, and reserved status. Although most plots intersect only a single stand, many plots intersect multiple stands.) Fifty-eight managed stands were sufficient to allow some separate analysis of managed and unmanaged forest, which was helpful because of the substantially different trajectories in carbon storage and flux. Classification as managed forest was based on a combination of time since clearcut harvest (a variable that was collected in the periodic inventory), records of trees harvested between the two inventory measurements, written plot descriptions, and the forest's geographic information system layer for stand management. The managed category also includes some residual trees within harvest areas, and a few stands with selective or salvage logging, and thus the plots in the managed forest category include areas with complex structure and older trees in addition to areas of even-aged second growth.

Estimates of carbon in down wood debris[1] (DWD) are included based on transects that were installed in the periodic inventory (1995–2003). Although DWD was measured on a 1/16th subsample of plots from 2004 to 2010, the small number of these plots means it is not possible to measure change in DWD with sufficient precision for meaningful estimates. Down woody debris measurements were taken only on the first stand (condition class) of each plot, which causes more imprecision compared to live tree or snag estimates. Some plots with forest did not have DWD measurements taken, either because of snow or because only a small portion of the plot contained forest. Although this could create some bias in the estimates, less than 2.4 percent of the sampled forested area fell into this category, so the bias is likely to be minimal.

Because of the many procedural differences between the 1995–2003 inventory and the 2004–2010 inventory, trying to estimate change by simple comparison of

[1] The term "snag" is equivalent to the term "standing dead tree" used by FIA, and is defined as a dead tree that is at least 5 in d.b.h., has a bole with an unbroken length of at least 4.5 ft, and is less than a minimum number of degrees from vertical. Minimum lean angles used differed between the first and second inventories.

the two inventories would produce inaccurate estimates of carbon and biomass change for Alaska's national forests. To be able to estimate change accurately, a number of edits to the dataset were required:

(1) Building a stratification customized for remeasurement.

(2) Reconciling every tree in the first inventory for its status at remeasurement (live, snag, harvested, or dead and down).

(3) Reconciling the first inventory for (a) trees that would not meet the current definition for inclusion; (b) trees that had been missed; (c) species codes that were incorrect; and (d) incorrect tree status, most typically trees that had been recorded as dead but were found to have a few live branches in the second inventory.

(4) Adjusting for a definition of forest that changed from a cover-based to a stocking-based definition by including only portions of plots that were forested in both periods. Although this was the best choice available, it prevented the calculation of estimates of biomass/carbon change associated either with forest encroachment (such as increasing treeline) or permanent deforestation (such as when land is developed for housing or roads).

Statistical methods for calculating standard errors are the current standard methods used by FIA, as described in Bechtold and Patterson (2005). Some estimates report carbon mass per forest acre; these are produced using a combined ratio of means estimator (Cochran 1977). Where change estimates are called significant, it means that the 95 percent confidence interval (CI) does not contain zero; the 95-percent CI is created by multiplying the estimated standard error by 1.96 and adding (or subtracting) it from the estimated mean.

Standard FIA reports, including the most recent report for coastal Alaska (Barrett and Christensen 2011), drop nonsampled plots (hazardous or access denied) from the stratification process, so that estimates approximate population totals. The disadvantage of doing this is that it requires an assumption that nonsampled plots are no different from the strata mean estimated from remaining plots; as nonsampled plots tend to be on steeper ground (when hazardous) or at high elevation (where snow often prevents access), this assumption can be incorrect. In this report, the nonsampled plots were left in the stratification, with the result that estimated population totals will be smaller. Tables 3 through 6 show the difference that results from using these different methods. In addition, the area that was sampled for remeasurement is smaller than the area currently in the inventory, because the current inventory includes 1 year of data from national forest wilderness and the boundaries for that wilderness shifted between inventories.

If extrapolation to the entire forest is desired, one might multiply per-acre values for specific forest types by the additional estimated land area. For example, in the Chugach National Forest, the area of Sitka spruce forest is estimated as 111,000 ac using the remeasurement data, and 138,000 ac when the wilderness study area is included, or an increase of 24 percent (table 3), and the remeasurement data provides an estimate that carbon mass in Sitka spruce forest type increased at a rate of 56,000 tons per year. One could then make an educated guess that the increase including the wilderness study area was 56,000 × 1.24 = 69,400 tons. This is just a rough approximation, however, as there is no guarantee that Sitka spruce forest in the wilderness study area changed similarly to Sitka spruce forest outside of the wilderness study area.

Carbon Calculations

The aboveground carbon pools estimated in this report are those of (1) the live tree pool; (2) the snag[2] pool; and (3) the DWD (or log) pool (fig. 3). Carbon fluxes that are estimated in this report are (a) recruitment, (b) growth, and (c) mortality for the live tree pool and (d) snag recruitment, (e) decay, and (f) falldown for the snag pool (fig. 3). Net change in the live tree pool is measured as recruitment plus growth, minus mortality and harvest. Net change in the snag pool is equal to snag recruitment (part of live tree mortality) minus decay, falldown, and salvage. Within the forest ecosystem are a number of carbon pools that are not included here, such as carbon within non-tree vegetation, carbon within tree roots and stumps, and carbon in soil and litter. There are also a number of fluxes that are not estimated, including carbon moving from vegetation to soil or water, or decay of logs. Some current research projects are underway in the region to provide information about these processes.

Several different methods are available for calculating biomass and carbon for Alaska forests from individual tree measurements of diameter, species, and height. In this report, species-specific direct biomass estimators published in the research literature have been used, most of them developed for British Columbia (for rain forest species) or Alberta (for boreal species). A different method, which has typically been developed to address species without direct biomass equations, is called the "component ratio" method. In this method, tree volume equations are modified with estimated density to derive biomass estimates for the main part of the bole, and ratios are then applied to estimate biomass of components such as bark, top,

[2] The data for down wood debris estimates is courtesy of Mikhail Yatskov, Ph.D. candidate, Oregon State University.

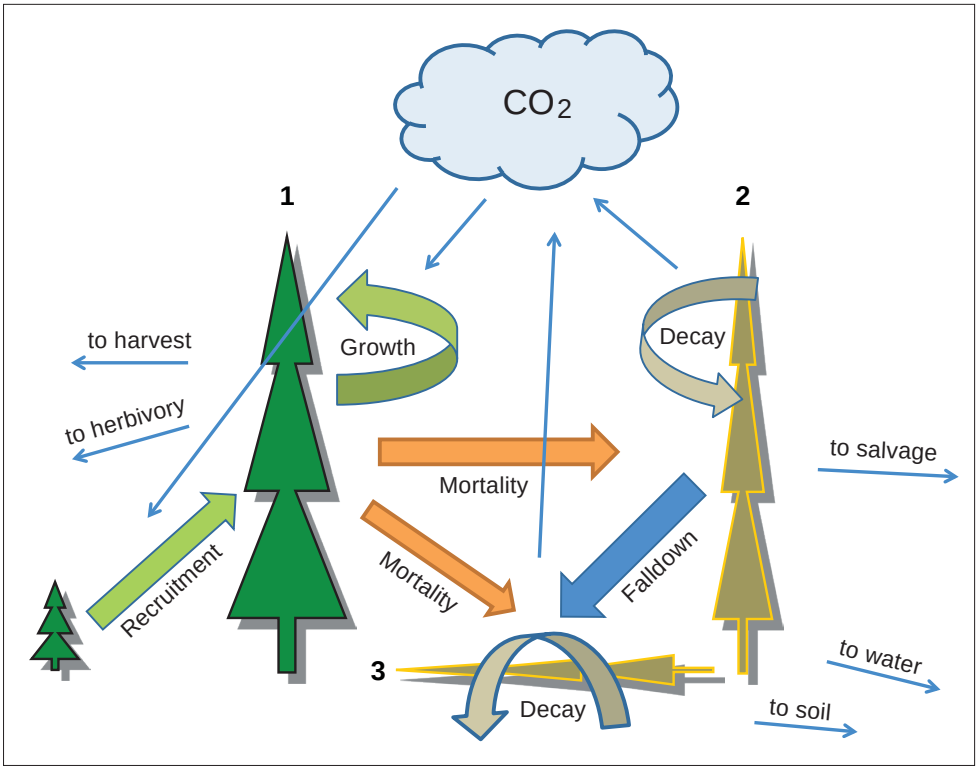

Figure 3—Carbon flux between the (1) live, (2) snag, and (3) log pools of the forest.

branches, and foliage. This method has commonly been used in other states, but because of the low tree species diversity in Alaska, and resulting availability of species-specific biomass equations for all our major species, the component ratio method has not been used by FIA in Alaska. A third method, also not used in this report, has been used to produce many of the biomass variables in the database at the national FIA website (http://www.fia.fs.fed.us/tools-data/default.asp), and it is based on the component ratio method with adjustments based on Jenkins et al. (2003) and others (see Woudenberg et al. 2013, appendix J).

Although attempts to develop a unified national method provides some consistency across regions, when used at a regional level these can produce estimates very different from estimates that use regional equations (e.g., Fried and Zhou 2008). The only way to compare accuracy of competing methods is to test them against independent datasets, which are very scarce because of the cost of drying and weighing trees. In general, because the regional equations are species specific, are based on both diameter and height, were derived from research specifically meant to estimate biomass, and are built from observations for trees typically sampled from ecosystems similar to where they are being applied, the local equations are probably preferable for any use other than national-level estimates. The regional

variables are also available as part of the database on the national FIA website, and can be found in a separate tree table. In both this report and standard national FIA applications, carbon mass is assumed to be equal to 0.5 of dry biomass. Because of the simplicity of conversion, estimates are shown for carbon mass, and it is left to the reader to multiply by two if dry biomass estimates are desired.

The regional equation sets for Alaska trees come from the following published sources:

Tree type	Biomass citation
Seedlings	Alemdag (1984)
Paper birch	Alemdag (1984)
Black spruce	Manning et al. (1984)
Cottonwood	Singh (1984)
Lodgepole pine[3]	Manning et al. (1984)
Mountain hemlock	Shaw (1979)
Pacific silver fir	Krumlik and Kimmins (1973)
Red alder	Standish (1983)
Sitka spruce	Standish (1983)
Tamarack	Singh (1984)
Western hemlock	Shaw (1979)
Western redcedar	Shaw (1979)
White spruce	Manning et al. (1984)
Yellow-cedar	Standish (1983)

[3] Based on the location of plots, all sampled lodgepole trees are believed to be the shore pine subspecies (*Pinus contorta* Dougl. Ex Loudon subsp. *contorta*).

Currently, most regions of the country, including Alaska, do not have adjustments for portions of tree tops that are broken off ("missing tops") in the national or regional biomass variables in the publicly available FIA database. However, missing tops are being increasingly accounted for in biomass or volume variables within some regional databases, thus biomass estimates for snags in this report have been adjusted to account for missing tops using simple conic geometry. No deductions were made for missing tops on live trees (which is much less common than missing tops on snags), because information for this had not been collected in the periodic southeast Alaska inventory.

Deductions for decay class have also typically not been available in national and regional databases. However, a Forest Service publication was recently developed to provide information on adjustments for decay in snags and logs (Harmon et al. 2011) and adjustments to the component-ratio variables in the national database

are now being made. For this reason, wood decay deductions based on decay class estimated in the field (using Harmon et al. 2011, table 6) were made for both snags and logs in this report. These decay class deductions, along with missing top deductions, will produce some differences from values for snags published in Andersen (2011). Decay class for snags was set at the values measured during the periodic inventory because of a change in methodology, so estimates of carbon lost in snag decay represent reductions from fragmentation rather than progression to a higher decay class.

Chugach National Forest

Excluding its wilderness study area, tree biomass and carbon on the Chugach National Forest is fairly evenly split between three tree species: mountain hemlock, western hemlock, and Sitka spruce (table 7). White spruce, black cottonwood, and paper birch combined comprise only about 5 percent of total carbon mass, and other species such as black spruce or quaking aspen comprise less than 1 percent of carbon mass. Looking at the distribution by forest type instead of species provides similar results (table 8).

Compared to other species, white spruce has a higher proportion of carbon in snags (table 7; the white spruce proportion is 202/699 = 29 percent compared to proportions of 2 to 9 percent for other species). This is likely the result of spruce beetle outbreaks in the 1990s, as is the slightly elevated proportion of dead Sitka spruce (9 percent) compared to the two hemlock species (4 percent for mountain hemlock and 5 percent for western hemlock).

Although the total carbon mass in mountain hemlock, western hemlock, and Sitka spruce forest types is similar within the Chugach National Forest, the density is much higher for the western hemlock and Sitka spruce forest types (table 9).

Overall, there was a 4.5-percent increase in carbon mass in live trees in the Chugach National Forest from the first inventory (1999–2003) to the second inventory (2004–2010) (table 10). A recent increase in biomass is not unusual among national forests. Most U.S. national forests have been experiencing recent increases in carbon and biomass (Heath et al. 2010), with increases in recent decades generally attributed to temporal changes in harvesting or the long-term effect of fire suppression (Goodale et al. 2002).

What makes the observed 4.5-percent increase interesting is that neither of these causes is a satisfactory explanation for the Chugach National Forest. With few roads, challenging topography, and high recreational and subsistence use, little harvest has occurred on the Chugach during the past half century. Forested areas

Table 7—Carbon mass in live trees and snags on the Chugach National Forest

	Live trees		Snags		All trees	
Species	**Total**	**SE**	**Total**	**SE**	**Total**	**SE**
			Thousand tons			
Black cottonwood	413	243	11	8	424	243
Black spruce	9	7	1	1	10	8
Mountain hemlock	9,382	1,510	418	96	9,800	1,545
Paper birch	158	77	4	5	162	77
Quaking aspen	—	—	4	4	4	4
Sitka spruce	8,309	1,792	860	281	9,169	1,928
Western hemlock	7,182	1,860	359	111	7,541	1,923
White spruce	497	180	202	124	699	269
All species	25,951	3,117	1,859	345	27,810	3,271

Note: Estimates are created from all 2004–2010 plots but do not include the wilderness study area.

SE = Standard error.

Table 8—Carbon in live trees and snags by forest type within the Chugach National Forest

	Live trees		Snags		All trees	
Forest type	**Total**	**SE**	**Total**	**SE**	**Total**	**SE**
			Thousand tons			
Black cottonwood	632	419	33	32	665	425
Black spruce	5	6	6	8	11	14
Mountain hemlock	9,375	1,731	788	222	10,163	1,851
Paper birch	98	82	7	6	105	88
Sitka spruce	7,112	2,277	409	175	7,521	2,402
Western hemlock	8,483	2,373	602	241	9,085	2,494
White spruce	247	139	14	10	260	147
All forest types	25,951	3,117	1,859	345	27,810	3,271

Note: Estimates are created from all 2004–2010 plots but do not include the wilderness study area.

SE = Standard error.

Table 9—Carbon mass per acre in trees by forest type in the Chugach National Forest

Forest type	Live trees		Snags		All trees	
	Mean	SE	Mean	SE	Mean	SE
	Pounds per acre					
Black cottonwood	48,962	30,191	2,589	2,133	51,551	30,052
Black spruce	2,023	410	2,504	507	4,527	917
Mountain hemlock	53,403	7,030	4,488	1,090	57,890	7,359
Paper birch	9,871	5,237	694	427	10,565	5,658
Sitka spruce	102,917	23,682	5,922	2,132	108,839	24,889
Western hemlock	121,024	16,960	8,591	2,727	129,616	16,729
White spruce	21,766	3,906	1,197	492	22,964	4,036
All forest types	73,873	7,599	5,292	909	79,165	7,881

Note: Estimates are created from all 2004–2010 plots but do not include the wilderness study area.

SE = Standard error.

Table 10—Change in carbon mass in live trees by species from the first inventory (1999–2003) to the second inventory (2004–2010), Chugach National Forest

Species	Carbon 1999–2003		Mortality		Growth		Ingrowth		Net change		Net change as percent of 1999–2003
	Total	SE	Total	SE	Total	SE	Total	SE	Total	SE	
	Thousand tons										*Percent*
Black cottonwood	358	221	17	13	55	39	1	2	40	41	11
Mountain hemlock	7,755	1,492	151	97	349	162	28	8	226	192	3
Paper birch	147	75			22	15			22	15	15
Sitka spruce	5,553	1,177	205	125	572	134	38	15	405	168	7
Western hemlock	6,637	1,919	125	59	269	175	25	9	168	177	3
White spruce	358	138	6	6	66	29	18	11	78	35	22
All species	20,809	2,707	504	167	1,333	292	110	22	939	325	5

Note: Data are based on remeasurement plots only, which do not include trees < 5 in diameter at breast height.

SE = Standard error.

are within a comparably low fire frequency regime, owing to relatively low temperatures, high cloud cover, and ample precipitation in the summer months.

The last major spruce beetle outbreak in the region occurred in the 1990s, and the area most affected was not within the Chugach boundaries. Although recovery from the spruce beetle could be contributing to some biomass and carbon increase, one might expect the majority of effect to be delayed until regenerating trees approach the point of maximum mean annual increment, which would be quite a few years in the future. However, there was a previous large outbreak in the 1970s and 1980s (Berg et al. 2006), and there could be some ongoing recovery from that.

Likewise, there could have been other disturbances in the past (wind events, long-ago harvests, insect outbreaks) that are now contributing to the net increase of live tree biomass.

Climate change or CO_2 increase could also be contributing to the higher biomass storage. To put the observed changes into context, with the possible exception of a few small refugia, almost all of the Chugach was covered by ice during the last glacial maximum approximately 23,000 years BP (Reger et al. 2007). Pollen studies suggest that migration of coastal tree species back into the contemporary forest lands has been a long, slow process, with mountain hemlock and Sitka spruce moving into Prince William Sound only around 3,000 years BP (Ager 1999). Many of the Sitka spruce and hemlock trees in the Chugach were alive at the end of the Little Ice Age in the 1850s, and warming since then is thought to have facilitated the expansion of black spruce in the Kenai lowlands (Berg et al. 2009). In more recent times, trees included in these inventories would have been affected by the relatively warmer, drier phase of the Pacific Decadal Oscillation, which began in the mid-1970s (Whitfield et al. 2010). Weather station data in the region show that average growing season temperatures during the inventory period (1999–2010) were slightly warmer than the 30-year climate "normal" preceding the start of the inventory (1969–1998) (fig. 4).

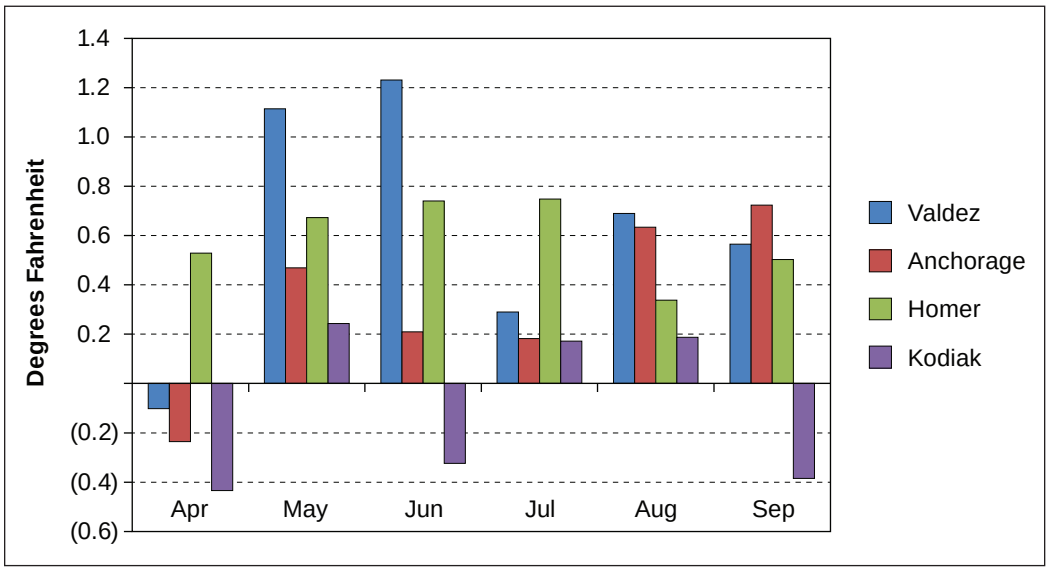

Figure 4—Average summer temperatures in the Chugach area were slightly warmer during the inventory period compared to the climate "normals" preceding the start of the inventory. Bars indicate average inventory summer temperature minus preceding 30-year averages.

Higher elevation treelines and afforestation resulting from lower water tables, although they have been observed in this region (Berg et al. 2009, Dial et al. 2007), are not explanatory causes for the observed carbon mass increase because of the methods that were used, which analyzed only trends within existing forest. However, climate warming and CO_2 increases could be affecting carbon storage and flux in a variety of ways. Growth rates will generally increase with increasing CO_2 or with warmer temperatures, provided that soil water availability is not limiting. Maximum biomass density in forests tends to be relatively constant across a broad range of sites for any given tree species owing to self-thinning (Reineke 1933, White 1981), so that the stand density index (in the absence of disturbance) can be expected to be less affected by climate change or CO_2 increase than either mortality or growth rates. But there could be displacement of lower volume species (such as hardwoods or white spruce) by higher volume species (such as Sitka spruce and western hemlock). Increased stocking could occur in more marginal habitats as growing conditions improve (Vanclay and Sands 2009). More favorable growing conditions might even allow individual trees to reach a taller maximum height (Ryan and Yoder 1997).

Teasing out the best explanations for the observed change is difficult because of the relatively small number of plots. When looked at as an average annual rate, all the tree species show a nominal increase in live tree carbon mass. However, only Sitka spruce and white spruce have increases that are more than 1.96 times the standard error from zero (indicating statistically significant differences for a 95-percent CI), with estimated annual increases of 3.6 percent for white spruce and 1 percent for Sitka spruce (tables 10 and 11). By forest type, the highest increase in per-acre carbon occurred in the cottonwood, western hemlock, and white spruce forest types (table 12).

Although the Chugach's 165,000 tons per year net accumulation in live tree carbon may seem small compared to the live tree carbon pool of 26 million tons, it is a significant local carbon sink. The equivalent CO_2 sequestration rate would be 605,000 tons per year, given the equivalency rate of 3.67 tons of CO_2.

However, the net increase of live tree carbon on the Chugach is just one component of carbon dynamics within the larger regional landscape. During the same period, there was a decrease in live tree carbon mass on private lands in the southeast/south-central region comparable in magnitude to the increase observed on the Chugach. In addition, we do not know if the increase in live tree carbon on the Chugach is being augmented or counterbalanced by changes in the DWD and belowground carbon pools.

Table 11—Annual change in live tree carbon mass by species for the Chugach National Forest

Species	Total	SE
	Thousand tons per year	
Black cottonwood	5	4
Mountain hemlock	65	55
Paper birch	3	2
Sitka spruce	56	23
Western hemlock	22	22
White spruce	13	6
All species	165	67

Note: Data are based on remeasurement plots only, which do not include trees < 5 in diameter at breast height.

SE = Standard error.

Table 12—Per-acre annual change in live tree carbon mass by forest type, Chugach National Forest

Forest type	Mean	SE
	Pounds per acre per year	
Black cottonwood	964	448
Black spruce	23	—
Mountain hemlock	493	406
Paper birch	377	142
Sitka spruce	383	426
Western hemlock	787	354
White spruce	773	297
All forest types	552	225

Note: Data are based on remeasurement plots only, which do not include trees < 5 in diameter at breast height.

SE = Standard error.

There was an estimated 1.6-percent decrease in carbon stored in snags, which was not significantly different from zero (table 13). When this is shown as per-acre annual change, all the forest types except Sitka spruce had a nominal decrease in snags but none was statistically significant at the 95 percent CI except paper birch (table 14). Estimates for snag carbon mass typically have higher sampling error than live trees. In addition, there is some additional uncertainty for the estimates of snag loss, owing to data collection procedures (see discussion of snag estimates for the Tongass National Forest).

When the DWD transects from the periodic inventory were used, there was an estimated 10 (±2) Mg per ha of carbon mass in down logs in forest lands within the Chugach National Forest, or 4.6 (±0.8) tons per acre. There are not enough plots to precisely estimate DWD carbon mass by forest type within the Chugach, so in table 15, values for these forest types within the larger inventory region are shown. Although down wood carbon mass in the white spruce, mountain hemlock, and western hemlock forest within the Chugach is similar to the regional values, the carbon mass in logs in Sitka spruce forest is about half within the Chugach compared to the region.

For the landscape analysis, using the full 2004–2010 dataset and excluding the wilderness study area, there were 26 forested plots in the Copper River landscape, 35 forested plots in the Kenai Peninsula landscape, and 46 forested plots in the

Table 13—Annual carbon mass change in snags by species, Chugach National Forest

	Time 1 carbon		Snag recruitment		Snag fragmentation		Snag falldown		Net change	
Species	**Total**	**SE**	**Total**	**SE**	**Total**	**SE**	**Total**	**SE**	**Total**	**SE**
					Thousand tons					
Black cottonwood	32	31	1	1	0	0	4	4	-3	4
Black spruce	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mountain hemlock	478	111	14	10	1	2	19	7	-6	13
Paper birch	4	5	—	—	0	0	—	—	0	0
Quaking aspen	18	14	—	—	0	0	1	1	-2	1
Sitka spruce	439	175	24	17	6	4	3	3	15	17
Western hemlock	425	144	5	3	7	3	10	5	-12	6
White spruce	342	210	1	1	10	9	13	7	-22	15
All species	1,738	337	46	19	23	11	50	12	-28	27

Note: Data are based on remeasurement plots only, which do not include trees < 5 in diameter at breast height.

SE = Standard error.

Table 14—Per-acre annual change in carbon mass of snags by forest type, Chugach National Forest

Forest type	Mean	SE
	Pounds per acre	
Black cottonwood	-431	398
Black spruce	-343	—
Mountain hemlock	-107	141
Paper birch	-203	98
Sitka spruce	195	279
Western hemlock	-182	78
White spruce	-424	354
All forest types	-95	91

Note: Data are based on remeasured plots only, which do not include trees < 5 in diameter at breast height.

SE = Standard error.

Table 15—Carbon mass in downed logs by forest type

	Chugach National Forest		All of inventory region	
Forest type	Mean	SE	Mean	SE
	Pounds per acre			
Black cottonwood	15,446	8,036	5,268	1,295
Black spruce	580		2,500	580
Mountain hemlock	4,241	1,116	4,152	491
Paper birch	11,205	3,661	5,536	670
Quaking aspen			4,643	1,920
Sitka spruce	9,241	4,196	17,768	3,839
Western hemlock	19,554	5,848	18,973	982
White spruce	7,143	2,857	7,009	2,054
All forest types	9,152	1,607	11,518	670

Note: Estimates use data from the 1995–2003 inventory.

Prince William Sound landscape. For the remeasured dataset, there were 23 forested plots in the Copper River landscape, 25 plots in the Kenai landscape, and 35 plots in the Prince William Sound landscape (fig. 5). Although the relatively small number of plots in each landscape makes estimates imprecise, the nominal carbon mass density decreases as one moves westward from the Copper River landscape, across the Prince William Sound landscape, and into the Kenai landscape (table 16); a decrease in density could be explained by climate limiting the growth of Sitka spruce and western hemlock and becoming more favorable for smaller boreal species (white spruce and hardwoods) as one moves westward across the forest.

For the forest overall, the mean storage of 69,800 lbs per acre (= 78.2 Mg/ha) in live tree carbon density is less than the 94.2 Mg/ha estimated for Chugach National Forest by Heath et al. (2011). The 84,800 lbs per acre (= 95.0 Mg/ha) in aboveground tree carbon is split as 82 percent live trees, 7 percent in snags, and 11 percent in logs (table 16). The carbon in unmeasured pools (forest floor, understory vegetation, soil organic carbon, and roots) could exceed the aboveground tree carbon.

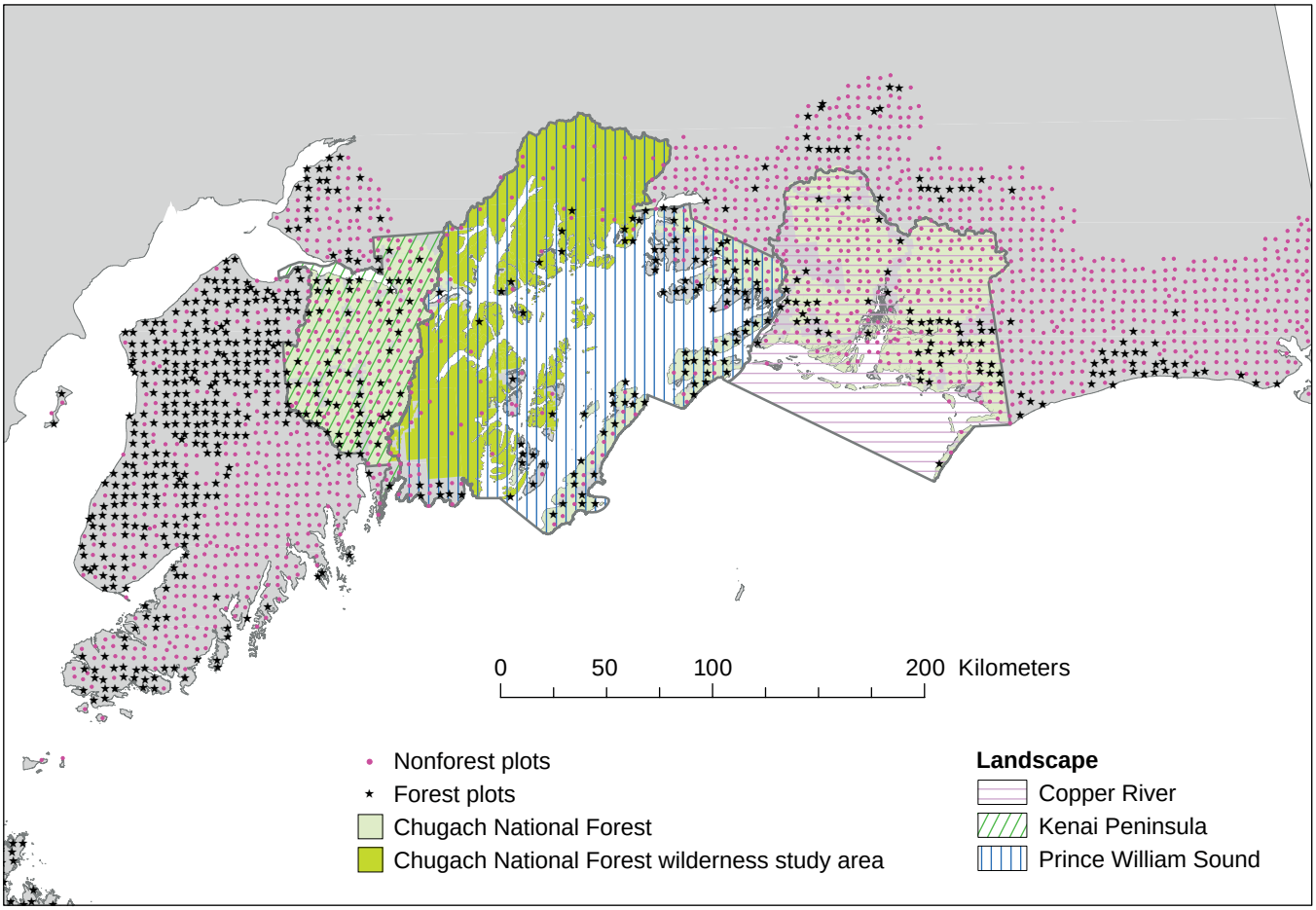

Figure 5—The three landscape areas (Copper River, Kenai Peninsula, and Prince William Sound) within the Chugach National Forest.

Table 16—Carbon pools and flux for three Chugach landscapes

	Landscape							
	Copper River		Prince William Sound		Kenai Peninsula		Chugach National Forest	
	Mean	SE	Mean	SE	Mean	SE	Mean	SE
Pool:	*Pounds per acre*							
Live trees[a]	76,398	16,659	76,973	12,715	52,834	11,255	69,816	7,692
Snags[a]	4,476	1,530	5,435	933	7,587	2,779	5,832	1,011
Logs[b]	14,701	5,348	7,000	1,786	7,897	1,888	9,138	1,625
Total	95,575		89,408		68,318		84,786	
Flux—live trees:	*Pounds per acre per year*							
Growth	1,362	803	398	170	761	125	733	210
Recruitment	75	26	27	7	75	17	52	9
Mortality	(144)	66	(337)	152	(139)	94	(233)	79
Flux—snags:	*Pounds per acre per year*							
Snag recruitment	65	29	233	129	95	74	153	65
Snag fragmentation	(46)	23	(70)	32	(120)	103	(79)	35
Snag falldown	(134)	79	(131)	45	(258)	75	(169)	37

Note: Does not include trees ≤ 5 in diameter at breast height.

[a] Based on data from remeasurement plots only.

[b] Based on data collected from 1999 to 2003.

SE = Standard error.

Tongass National Forest

Including its wilderness area, aboveground live and snag carbon on the Tongass National Forest is estimated to be 601 (± 21) million tons on an estimated 9.715 million ac of forest. Some 233 million tons (39 percent) of this carbon is on land that is legally excluded from timber harvesting, such as formally designated wilderness. Using the remeasurement database, an estimated 448,000 ac of forest fell into the "managed" category (i.e., had some previous silvicultural activity).

Excluding inaccessible wilderness, the estimated amount of carbon stored in western hemlock trees is more than double that of any other species (table 17). Other species accounting for substantial amounts of carbon are Sitka spruce, yellow-cedar, mountain hemlock, and western redcedar. Sitka spruce and cottonwood forest types have a relatively small amount of tree carbon in snags, only 6 percent of total tree carbon mass, while western redcedar, lodgepole (shore) pine, and yellow-cedar forest types have a relatively large proportion of carbon in snags,

Table 17—Carbon mass in live trees and snags by species on the Tongass National Forest

	Live trees		Snags		All trees	
Species	**Total**	**SE**	**Total**	**SE**	**Total**	**SE**
			Thousand tons			
Yellow-cedar	45,318	2,695	10,793	975	56,111	3,120
Black cottonwood	502	247	78	54	580	289
Lodgepole pine	4,840	488	1,065	146	5,905	567
Mountain hemlock	42,256	2,958	4,378	490	46,634	3,195
Oregon crab apple	1	1	4	5	5	5
Pacific silver fir	60	45	—	—	60	45
Red alder	1,824	390	51	25	1,874	395
Sitka spruce	81,481	6,252	7,321	1,103	88,802	6,486
Subalpine fir	127	83	40	34	167	93
Western hemlock	161,065	7,718	24,019	1,521	185,084	8,483
Western redcedar	21,566	2,144	3,242	457	24,808	2,454
All species	359,040	10,391	50,991	2,248	410,030	11,119

Note: Data are from all 2004–2010 plots; inaccessible wilderness areas are not included.
SE = Standard error.

at 20, 17, and 17 percent, respectively (table 18). On a per-acre basis, the western hemlock and Sitka spruce forest types have the highest amount of carbon (table 19).

Changes Between Inventories

Change in live tree carbon by species—
There was no significant change in live tree carbon mass overall between the two inventories (table 20), and there was no significant change when looked at separately as unmanaged land (table 21) or managed land (table 22). There was a significant increase of red alder live tree carbon mass on both managed and unmanaged lands. On unmanaged lands, western redcedar live tree carbon mass had a significant increase, estimated as a 6.6-percent increase from the first inventory. On managed lands, there was also a marginally significant increase in Sitka spruce live tree carbon mass (table 22) and a significant decrease in yellow-cedar live tree carbon mass. Annual rates of change are shown in table 23.

Change in live tree carbon by forest type—
Carbon flux attributable to growth and recruitment of live trees is 690 lbs per acre per year on managed lands and 1,608 lbs per acre per year on unmanaged lands. In general, in unmanaged forest, forest types with high carbon flux in growth and

Table 18—Carbon mass in live trees and snags by forest type within the Tongass National Forest

	Live trees		Snags		All trees	
Forest type	**Total**	**SE**	**Total**	**SE**	**Total**	**SE**
			Thousand tons			
Yellow-cedar	46,734	4,268	9,372	969	56,105	5,049
Black cottonwood	954	830	65	55	1,019	866
Lodgepole pine	3,428	666	693	160	4,121	794
Mountain hemlock	39,716	4,234	4,265	695	43,981	4,707
Red alder	1,185	646	138	95	1,323	734
Sitka spruce	45,381	6,867	2,721	540	48,102	7,215
Western hemlock	192,176	10,965	26,253	2,138	218,429	12,099
Western redcedar	29,465	3,560	7,485	1,012	36,950	4,389
All forest	359,040	10,391	50,991	2,248	410,030	11,119

Note: Data are from all 2004–2010 plots; inaccessible wilderness areas are not included.

SE = Standard error.

Table 19—Carbon mass per acre in trees by forest type in the Tongass National Forest

	Live trees		Snags		All trees	
Forest type	**Mean**	**SE**	**Mean**	**SE**	**Mean**	**SE**
			Pounds per acre			
Yellow-cedar	65,209	3,769	13,076	978	78,285	4,346
Black cottonwood	53,517	37,213	3,662	2,634	57,179	38,518
Lodgepole pine	19,726	2,297	3,988	673	23,714	2,689
Mountain hemlock	64,624	4,926	6,939	1,005	71,563	5,493
Red alder	66,058	17,871	7,689	3,484	73,747	20,752
Sitka spruce	153,936	15,538	9,228	1,516	163,165	16,156
Western hemlock	155,057	5,410	21,182	1,441	176,239	5,666
Western redcedar	100,441	5,829	25,515	2,119	125,957	6,724
All forest types	106,531	2,949	15,130	659	121,661	3,142

Note: Data are from all 2004–2010 plots; inaccessible wilderness areas not included.

Table 20—Change in carbon mass (million tons) in live trees by species from the first inventory (1995–2000) to the second inventory (2004–2010), Tongass National Forest

	Time 1 carbon		Time 2 carbon		Mortality		Harvest		Growth		Ingrowth		Net change	
Species	Total	SE	Total	SE	Total	SE	Total	SE	Total	SE	Total	SE	Total	SE
							Million tons							
Yellow-cedar	40,539	2,691	40,435	2,680	-1,929	446	-631	284	2,307	265	148	18	-104	533
Black cottonwood	480	244	529	263	-6	6			55	30			49	30
Lodgepole pine	4,563	485	4,430	477	-334	83			167	46	34	7	-133	91
Mountain hemlock	36,213	2,821	36,103	2,866	-1,686	286	-103	115	1,496	201	183	30	-110	339
Oregon crab apple	1	1	1	1					0	0	0		0	0
Pacific silver fir	7	9	8	10					1	1	1		1	1
Red alder[a]	717	194	1,075	269	-72	34			274	74	155	53	358	110
Sitka spruce	65,426	5,916	66,864	5,934	-3,629	1,282	-283	274	4,688	1,348	662	146	1,438	1,903
Subalpine fir	144	102	130	99	-14	14			0	2			-14	14
Western hemlock	153,171	8,100	153,520	8,108	-10,000	1,405	-1,031	436	10,385	837	995	130	349	1,630
Western redcedar	20,174	2,209	20,952	2,267	-334	165	-600	449	1,600	223	112	49	778	536
All species	321,436	10,811	324,047	10,725	-18,003	2,017	-2,646	1,127	20,972	1,699	2,289	275	2,611	2,883

Note: Based on remeasured plots only; does not include trees < 4.5 in diameter at breast height.

[a] Indicates that net change is significantly different using a 95-percent confidence interval.

SE = Standard error.

Table 21—Change in carbon mass (million tons) in live trees by species on unmanaged lands from the first inventory (1995–2000) to the second inventory (2004–2010), Tongass National Forest

	Time 1 carbon		Time 2 carbon		Mortality		Growth		Ingrowth		Net change	
Species	Total	SE	Total	SE	Total	SE	Total	SE	Total	SE	Total	SE
					Million tons							
Yellow-cedar	39,239	2,644	39,677	2,660	-1,889	445	2,186	250	142	18	439	475
Black cottonwood	480	244	529	263	-6	6	55	30	—	—	49	30
Lodgepole pine	4,563	485	4,429	477	-334	83	167	46	33	7	-134	91
Mountain hemlock	35,942	2,821	35,886	2,862	-1,686	286	1,457	198	174	30	-56	316
Oregon crab apple	1	1	1	1	—	—	0	0	—	—	0	0
Pacific silver fir	7	9	8	10	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	1
Red alder[a]	500	157	676	203	-67	34	163	50	79	36	175	80
Sitka spruce	62,607	5,821	62,814	5,810	-3,348	1,265	3,445	1,301	111	25	208	1,800
Subalpine fir	144	102	130	99	-14	14	0	2	—	—	-14	14
Western hemlock	147,704	8,057	147,789	8,057	-9,731	1,403	9,315	788	501	47	85	1,521
Western redcedar[a]	19,519	2,168	20,811	2,267	-317	164	1,562	221	47	9	1,292	254
All species	310,706	10,870	312,750	10,788	-17,392	2,009	18,350	1,593	1,086	76	2,044	2,503

Note: Based on remeasured plots only and includes only trees > 5 in diameter at breast height; unmanaged land indicates no recorded silvicultural activity.

[a] Indicates that net change is significantly different from zero using a 95-percent confidence interval.

Table 22—Change in carbon mass (million tons) in live trees by species on managed lands from the first inventory (1995–2000) to the second inventory (2004–2010), Tongass National Forest

	Time 1 carbon		Time 2 carbon		Mortality		Harvest		Growth		Ingrowth		Net change	
Species	Total	SE	Total	SE	Total	SE	Total	SE	Total	SE	Total	SE	Total	SE
							Million tons							
Yellow-cedar[a]	1,301	698	758	509	-40	29	-631	284	121	98	7	3	-543	234
Black cottonwood	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lodgepole pine	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	1
Mountain hemlock	271	177	217	160	—	—	-103	115	39	35	9	5	-54	119
Oregon crab apple	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pacific silver fir	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Red alder[a]	217	118	399	179	-5	4	—	—	111	54	76	40	183	76
Sitka spruce[a]	2,820	1,190	4,050	1,346	-280	204	-283	274	1,243	366	550	145	1,230	622
Subalpine fir	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Western hemlock	5,466	1,618	5,731	1,588	-269	111	-1,031	436	1,070	303	494	123	264	611
Western redcedar	655	466	142	69	-17	17	-600	449	38	28	65	48	-514	469
All species	10,729	2,742	11,297	2,581	-611	245	-2,646	1,127	2,622	661	1,203	269	567	1,463

Note: Data are based on remeasured plots only and include only trees ≥ 5 in diameter at breast height; managed land indicates recorded silvicultural activity.

[a] Indicates that net change is significantly different from zero using a 95-percent confidence interval.

SE = Standard error.

Table 23—Annual live tree carbon mass change by species and management class, Tongass National Forest, Alaska

	Managed		Unmanaged		All forest	
Species	**Total**	**SE**	**Total**	**SE**	**Total**	**SE**
	Thousand tons per year					
Yellow-cedar	-39	18	55	40	16	44
Black cottonwood	—	—	8	5	8	5
Lodgepole pine	0	0	-12	9	-12	9
Mountain hemlock	-10	14	-7	32	-17	35
Oregon crab apple	—	—	0	0	0	0
Pacific silver fir	—	—	0	0	0	0
Red alder	16	7	17	8	33	11
Sitka spruce	115	62	38	179	152	189
Subalpine fir	—	—	-2	2	-2	2
Western hemlock	34	52	-28	162	6	170
Western redcedar	-41	38	122	24	81	46
All species	75	129	190	252	265	281

Note: Data are based on remeasurement plots only and do not include trees < 5 in diameter at breast height.

SE = Standard error.

recruitment also had high carbon flux out of the live tree carbon pool into snag and log pools. In both management classes, the Sitka spruce forest type has the highest rate of growth and recruitment, estimated at about 1,909 lbs of carbon mass per acre per year overall, followed by the western hemlock forest type, with growth and recruitment at about 993 lbs of carbon mass per acre per year (table 24). Across all lands, annual per-acre flux out of the live tree carbon pools is 88.5 percent mortality and 11.5 percent harvest. On managed lands, carbon flux out of the live tree pool is 21.8 percent mortality and 78.2 percent harvest.

On managed lands in the Tongass National Forest, there was a significant decrease of live tree carbon mass for the yellow-cedar forest type, and a significant increase for the red alder forest type (table 25). On unmanaged lands (table 25), there were significant increases of live tree carbon within the cottonwood and western redcedar forest types. Overall on the Tongass, live tree carbon increased in the cottonwood, red alder, and western redcedar forest types, and no forest type had a significant decrease.

Change in carbon in the snag pool—

Overall, the turnover in the snag carbon pool on the Tongass National Forest is about 2 percent per year, with no significant difference between inputs into the

Table 24—Average annual rates of flux in the live tree carbon pool by forest type and management class, Tongass National Forest

	Growth		Recruitment		Mortality		Harvest	
Forest type	**Mean**	**SE**	**Mean**	**SE**	**Mean**	**SE**	**Mean**	**SE**
	Pounds per acre per year							
Unmanaged:								
Yellow-cedar	304	37	36	4	323	59	—	—
Black cottonwood	959	378	11	13	—	—	—	—
Lodgepole pine	113	31	16	3	101	35	—	—
Mountain hemlock	344	56	34	7	353	92	—	—
Red alder	266	104	615	306	268	196	—	—
Sitka spruce	1,711	386	36	11	1,245	541	—	—
Western hemlock	909	131	39	4	933	158	—	—
Western redcedar	618	64	41	5	461	90	—	—
All unmanaged	652	59	38	2	619	74	—	—
Managed:								
Yellow-cedar	741	361	20	16	732	514	5,831	1,999
Lodgepole pine	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mountain hemlock	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Red alder	458	548	436	151	—	—	—	—
Sitka spruce	1,661	475	565	182	335	254	691	499
Western hemlock	895	245	477	91	229	112	809	539
Western redcedar	248	—	1,089	—	—	—	18	0
All managed	1,107	231	501	83	278	110	997	395
All forest:								
Yellow-cedar	313	38	36	4	331	59	112	77
Black cottonwood	959	378	11	13	—	—	—	—
Lodgepole pine	113	31	16	3	101	35	—	—
Mountain hemlock	344	56	34	7	353	92	—	—
Red alder	358	251	529	173	139	127	—	—
Sitka spruce	1,694	302	215	73	938	371	233	176
Western hemlock	908	120	85	13	859	143	85	59
Western redcedar	608	63	68	23	449	88	—	—
All forest	687	58	73	8	593	69	77	32

Note: Data for this table are from remeasured plots only and do not include trees < 5 in diameter at breast height.

SE = Standard error.

Table 25—Per-acre net annual live tree carbon change by forest type, Tongass National Forest

	Managed forest		Unmanaged forest		All forest	
Forest type	**Mean**	**SE**	**Mean**	**SE**	**Mean**	**SE**
	Pounds per acre per year					
Yellow-cedar	**-5,802**	2,235	18	60	-94	98
Black cottonwood	—	—	**970**	390	**970**	390
Lodgepole pine	—	—	28	41	28	41
Mountain hemlock	—	—	25	84	25	84
Red alder	**894**	396	612	606	**748**	358
Sitka spruce	1,200	998	502	708	738	578
Western hemlock	334	712	16	207	50	199
Western redcedar	1,319	—	**197**	95	**227**	96
All forest types	333	578	71	94	91	97

Note: Where the standard error is zero, it indicates that only one plot had a stand that fell into this category. Boldface type indicates a change that was significantly different from zero using a 95-percent confidence interval.

Note: Estimates are calculated from remeasured plots only and include only trees ≥ 5 in diameter at breast height.

SE = Standard error.

snag carbon pool (snag recruitment) and outputs from the snag carbon pool (fragmentation, falldown, and salvage). The decay-resistant species of yellow-cedar and western redcedar have lower turnover rates, of roughly 1 percent per year, than do other species (table 26). Salvage of snags is generally incidental to clearcutting, and accounts for only a small proportion (about 2 percent) of flux out of the snag carbon pool. About half of the carbon stored in snags is western hemlock, which had a small (less than 1 percent) but significant decrease (table 26). Lodgepole (shore) pine had a small (1.6 percent) but significant increase of carbon in the snag pool (table 26).

Estimates of flux into and out of the snag pool differed widely among the different forest types (table 27). On a per-acre basis, unmanaged forest had influx into the snag pool that was roughly three times larger than that of managed forest, and outflux from the snag pool was roughly the same. Loss of snags on managed lands was estimated to be about three times snag recruitment, for a net decrease in the snag pool estimated as 239 (± 149) lbs per acre per year.

The reliability of estimates for changes in the snag pool was affected by two data issues. The second inventory used a less inclusive definition for snags, by changing the lean angle used to define snags from 15 to 45 degrees from horizontal.

Table 26—Annual rates of change in snag carbon by species, 1995–2000 to 2004–2012, Tongass National Forest

	Initial carbon (1995–2000)		Snag recruitment		Snag fragmentation[a]		Snag falldown		Salvage		Net change	
Species	Total	SE	Total	SE	Total	SE	Total	SE	Total	SE	Total	SE
	Thousand tons		*Thousand tons per year*									
Yellow-cedar	10,996	1,000	93	23	38	9	49	10	13	15	-6	31
Black cottonwood	117	86	1	1	1	1	8	7	—	—	-8	6
Lodgepole pine[b]	928	153	26	6	5	1	5	2	—	—	15	7
Mountain hemlock	3,920	573	120	21	58	14	21	5	2	3	39	25
Oregon crab apple	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pacific silver fir	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Red alder	33	21	3	2	1	1	1	0	—	—	2	2
Sitka spruce	5,974	978	241	88	101	29	28	12	1	1	111	94
Subalpine fir	19	19	3	3	0	0	—	—	—	—	3	3
Western hemlock[b]	24,976	1,771	463	58	397	47	243	35	7	5	-185	81
Western redcedar	3,258	501	24	14	14	12	23	9	—	—	-13	17
All species	50,221	2,326	973	109	616	58	377	42	23	18	-43	130

Note: Data are based on remeasurement plots only and do not include trees < 5 in diameter at breast height.

[a] Snag fragmentation includes the loss of mass from shrinkage (smaller diameter and heights) but not the loss of mass from a change in decay class.

[b] Indicates that net change is significantly different using a 95-percent confidence interval.

Table 27—Annual per-acre change in snag carbon by forest type and management class, Tongass National Forest

	Snag recruitment		Snag fragmentation[a]		Snag falldown		Salvage		Net change	
Forest type	**Mean**	**SE**	**Mean**	**SE**	**Mean**	**SE**	**Mean**	**SE**	**Mean**	**SE**
					Pounds per acre per year					
Unmanaged forest:										
Yellow-cedar	201	29	128	17	118	27	—	—	-46	46
Black cottonwood	—	—	58	60	249	245	—	—	-307	304
Lodgepole pine	95	32	30	11	36	16	—	—	29	37
Mountain hemlock	259	81	114	35	29	9	—	—	116	88
Red alder	—	—	149	109	177	129	—	—	-326	239
Sitka spruce	494	163	314	139	131	62	—	—	49	196
Western hemlock	505	90	341	43	188	29	—	—	-24	103
Western redcedar	354	81	207	54	99	20	—	—	48	94
All unmanaged	354	40	223	21	128	14	—	—	4	47
Managed forest:										
Yellow-cedar	224	76	-12	44	211	76	303	371	-278	349
Red alder	—	—	7	8	—	—	—	—	-7	8
Sitka spruce	123	71	16	12	62	52	197	221	-153	224
Western hemlock	97	85	145	86	221	140	41	37	-310	226
All managed	106	54	86	50	156	81	104	79	-239	149
All forest:										
Yellow-cedar	201	28	125	17	120	26	6	8	-50	46
Black cottonwood	—	—	58	60	249	245	—	—	-307	304
Lodgepole pine	95	32	30	11	36	16	—	—	29	37
Mountain hemlock	259	81	114	35	29	9	—	—	116	88
Red alder	—	—	81	71	92	84	—	—	-172	155
Sitka spruce	369	112	214	94	108	45	67	76	-19	151
Western hemlock	462	81	320	40	192	30	4	4	-54	95
Western redcedar	345	79	202	53	97	19	—	—	46	92
All forest	335	38	212	20	130	14	8	6	-15	45

Note: Data are based on remeasurement plots only, 1995–2000 and 2004–2010.

[a] Snag fragmentation includes the loss of mass from shrinkage (smaller diameter and heights) but not the loss of mass from a change in decay class.

SE = Standard error.

Although these instances should have been coded as procedural changes, which were corrected during analysis, it is possible that some instances were coded identically as snag falldown, leading to overestimates of falldown. The other data issue was that a procedural change for estimating decay class made it impossible to include the decrease in density that occurs as snags age, which would lead to underestimate of snag decay. The missing decay component can be even greater than the volume loss from snag fragmentation for some species and decay classes (Harmon et al. 2000). Although estimates for snag losses are presented here despite these uncertainties, because the estimates are still the best available information, caution should be exercised in use of either the two components of snag carbon loss shown, or the resulting net change in snag carbon.

Change in carbon in the log pool—
Roughly 7 percent of aboveground carbon in unmanaged stands of the Tongass National Forest is stored in the log (DWD) pool. On managed forest, about 37 percent of carbon is in the log pool. The higher volume of carbon in logs is found in the western hemlock, Sitka spruce, and western redcedar forest types, and lower volume in the yellow-cedar, cottonwood, lodgepole (shore) pine, and mountain hemlock forest types (table 28). The red alder forest type also had a high carbon density in the log pool (table 28); this corresponds well with the role of red alder as a pioneering species that establishes after disturbance.

No remeasurement data is available for the log pool. We can make a rough estimate of influx into the log pool on unmanaged lands as:

(mortality – snag recruitment) + snag falldown [low estimate]

which is (619 – 354) + 128 = 393 lbs per acre per year. This will be an underestimate, as some of the input into the log pool comes from breakage of live trees (an unknown rate), and some input into the log pool comes from snag fragmentation. A higher estimate would be to assume that all of snag falldown and fragmentation goes into the log pool:

(mortality – snag recruitment) + snag falldown + snag fragmentation [high estimate]

which is (619 – 354) + 128 + 223 = 616 lbs per acre per year. This range (393–616 lbs per acre per year) would give us a rough estimate of annual inputs into the log pool of 3.8 to 6.0 percent per year, which would provide turnover rates if the log pool were in equilibrium. Decomposition rates of spruce on the Kenai Peninsula of

Table 28—Carbon mass in downed logs by forest type and management class, Tongass National Forest

	Managed		Unmanaged		All	
Forest type	**Mean**	**SE**	**Mean**	**SE**	**Mean**	**SE**
			Pounds per acre			
Yellow-cedar	—	—	6,250	893	6,250	893
Black cottonwood	—	—	3,571	1,786	3,571	1,786
Lodgepole pine	—	—	1,339	446	1,339	446
Mountain hemlock	65,625	1,339	2,679	446	3,571	446
Red alder	15,179	8,929	21,875	10,714	16,518	8,036
Sitka spruce	33,036	4,464	11,607	2,232	15,179	2,232
Western hemlock	33,482	4,018	16,071	893	17,857	893
Western redcedar	57,143	10,268	12,500	1,786	12,946	1,786
All forest types	33,482	3,125	10,268	446	11,607	446

Note: Uses plot measurements from 1995 to 2003.

SE = Standard error.

about 1.9 percent per year (Harmon et al. 2005) suggest that the log pool on unmanaged lands might be increasing; better monitoring information for logs would improve the ability to track forest carbon over time. The log pool on managed lands is unlikely to be in equilibrium, given the temporal variation in harvesting.

Combined live tree, snag, and log pools—
Overall, gross flux (growth + recruitment) from the atmosphere to live trees in the Tongass National Forest is estimated at about 760 lbs per acre per year (table 29). Growth is mostly balanced by mortality and harvest, so that net flux (based on increases in the live tree pool) from the atmosphere to the forest is estimated at 91 (standard error = 97) lbs per acre per year, reduced by an estimated slight decrease in the snag pool of 15 (standard error = 45) lbs per acre per year. This estimated net sequestration rate is not significantly different from zero, and also does not include any changes in the log pool. There may be some additional sequestration occurring because the combined harvest and salvage (85 lbs per acre per year) would have some portion that became durable wood products.

Aboveground tree carbon on the Tongass National Forest is 79.3 percent in the live tree pool, 12.4 percent in the snag pool, and 8.3 percent in the log pool (table 29). Turnover in the live tree carbon pool is about 0.6 percent per year, turnover of the snag carbon pool is about 2.9 percent per year, and the approximated turnover in the log pool, assuming equilibrium, is 3.8 to 6.0 percent per year.

Table 29—Carbon pools and flux for aboveground trees in the Tongass National Forest

	Management class				Tongass National Forest	
	Managed		Unmanaged			
	Mean	SE	Mean	SE	Mean	SE
Pool:	*Pounds per acre*					
Live trees[a]	48,102	10,199	115,896	3,731	110,689	3,515
Snags[a]	7,524	2,249	18,107	818	17,294	778
Logs	33,482	3,125	10,268	446	11,607	446
Total	89,108		144,271		139,590	
Flux—live tree pool:	*Pounds per acre per year*					
Growth	1,107	231	652	59	687	58
Recruitment	501	83	38	2	73	8
Mortality	278	110	619	74	593	69
Harvest	997	395	—	—	77	32
Flux—snag pool:	*Pounds per acre per year*					
Snag recruitment	106	54	354	40	335	38
Snag fragmentation[b]	86	50	223	21	212	20
Snag falldown	156	81	128	14	130	14
Snag salvage	104	79	—	—	8	6

[a] Uses remeasurement plots and initial (1995–2003) data. To keep flux and pools in correct proportions, does not include trees < 5 in diameter at breast height.

[b] Snag fragmentation includes the loss of mass from shrinkage (smaller diameter and heights) but not the loss of mass from a change in decay class.

SE = Standard error.

Discussion

A number of carbon pools and fluxes were not included in this report: (1) carbon in nonforested lands, which includes alpine environments, wetlands, grasslands, and shrublands; (2) below-ground carbon, including roots, soils, and organic materials; (3) carbon in nontree vegetation and litter within forest; (4) carbon in a few pools currently not measured by FIA, which includes stumps below 4.5 feet and dead saplings; and (5) (with the exception of tables 4 and 6) carbon in forest lands in inaccessible wilderness. The missing carbon in the belowground pools could be as large as the aboveground stores.

The overall carbon mass stored in just aboveground trees, snags, and logs in the Tongass National Forest is huge. Using the per-acre values by forest types, and extrapolating to include the uninventoried wilderness areas, provides a rough

estimate of about 650 million tons in aboveground tree carbon, equivalent to 2.4 billion tons of CO_2.

Carbon storage and flux are very different between managed and unmanaged forests. Harvesting on the Tongass was very low before 1955, peaked in the early 1970s at more than 500 million board feet (MMBF) per year, and then dropped over time to current rates at less than 100 MMBF per year (Brackley 2009). On managed lands, this results in an age class structure with a large cohort of stands 30 to 50 years old, very few stands older than 60 years, and relatively few stands under 20 years of age. The cohort of stands 30 to 50 years old are contributing to a nominal (not statistically significant) net increase of carbon in live trees, but they probably have several decades to go before reaching a point of maximum mean annual increment. For instance, Taylor (1934) estimated that the maximum mean annual increment occurs at around 70 years. In contrast to what is happening on the Tongass, privately owned managed forest in southeast Alaska is showing a statistically significant decrease in carbon mass in live trees, a consequence of harvesting that peaked in the 1990s (resulting in a relatively younger stand distribution for second-growth) and current harvesting levels that are above that of the Tongass.

Some species shifts occurred when old-growth forest was converted to second growth; the data reflects this by the observed net decrease in yellow-cedar and net increase in Sitka spruce on managed lands, as well as by the higher proportion of carbon mass in Sitka spruce observed on managed lands (35 percent) relative to unmanaged lands (20 percent). Managed lands had almost triple the density of carbon mass in logs compared to unmanaged lands, but less than half the snag density and live tree density. Carbon flux among pools is also substantially different, with much higher growth and recruitment and lower mortality in managed stands.

The Tongass National Forest is unique within the National Forest System in the large amount of old growth outside of wilderness, and unique in the proportion of harvesting that has occurred in old growth rather than second growth during recent decades. Harvesting of old growth creates an initial net release of CO_2 into the atmosphere relative to leaving stands unmanaged, which can continue for years as logs and snags left after harvest decompose (Harmon et al. 1990). Some of the carbon from harvest is stored in wood products, with transmission back into the atmosphere over time. Because harvest levels peaked in the 1970s, and much of the resulting wood products would now be in landfills, wood products from the Alaska region are now believed to be a net emitter of carbon (Loeffler et al. 2012). Theoretically, at some point in the future, the managed second-growth stands that follow harvest could result in a greater net sequestration of carbon than leaving stands unmanaged, but the relatively low growth rates of most stands in the Tongass and

the relatively high amount of dead wood left after harvest would reduce this potential. Although there is a substantial amount of recent literature about the effects of forest management on carbon stores, different authors have reached widely different conclusions about net sequestration because of different assumptions about the timeframe of interest, initial volume, postharvest residuals, decay rates, the amount of energy expended in harvest and transport, utilization rates, lifespan of wood products, future growth rates of second-growth stands, temporal discounting, and substitution effects.

Including consideration of carbon sequestration into management of existing second growth is likely to be less controversial. Possible management actions to increase carbon sequestration for these situations could include altering rotation age (for even-age stands) or structural composition (for uneven-age stands) or increasing utilization of woody material from harvest sites. Although the carbon estimates made in this report provide information about overall carbon storage and flux in the Tongass National Forest, providing specific management recommendations for second growth would benefit from additional inventory in second-growth.

Several other sets of estimates for carbon in the Tongass National Forest have been published. Some of the data used in this report, specifically the 1995–1999 data, was used in Leighty et al. (2006), in their paper "Effects of Management on Carbon Sequestration in Forest Biomass in Southeast Alaska." The log data used in that paper had a systematic error that resulted in overestimates of carbon in logs; those errors have been corrected in this report. In addition, this report uses standard national FIA methods for statistical estimation, which differ substantially from the map-based approach used by Leighty et al. (2006), and this report uses measured data for flux rather than modeled approximations.

The live tree density reported here, of 53.3 tons per acre on average (table 19) for the nonwilderness areas, is equivalent to 119.3 Mg/ha. This is very similar to the 123 Mg/ha reported by Heath et al. (2012) for the Tongass National Forest overall, particularly considering the difference in methods of calculation. Estimates in this report will also differ somewhat from those published in Barrett and Christensen (2011) owing to the addition of data from 2009 to 2010 and improved estimates for snags. That report also found a significant decrease in lodgepole (shore) pine; data from 2009 to 2010 had relatively little mortality in lodgepole (shore) pine, so that while there is still a nominal decrease in lodgepole (shore) pine of 3 percent (tables 21 and 23) it is no longer significant at the 90-percent CI. However, there was a significant increase in lodgepole (shore) pine snag carbon (table 26), providing indirect evidence of higher than normal mortality for this species.

Conclusion

The Tongass National Forest stores substantially more forest carbon than any other national forest in the United States, with an approximated estimate of 650 million tons of carbon in live trees, snags, and logs. Both managed and unmanaged forest shows nominal net annual increases in live tree carbon (of 0.68 and 0.06 percent, respectively) that were not significantly different from zero. However, changes in species composition have been occurring. On unmanaged lands, there were increases in western redcedar and red alder. On managed lands, there were increases in red alder and Sitka spruce, and a decrease in yellow-cedar.

This report provides the first estimates of annual flux and turnover rates in live tree and snag carbon pools in Alaska based on remeasured data. Overall, live trees in the Tongass National Forest remove about 2,787 lbs of atmospheric CO_2 per acre per year through growth and recruitment, which is largely (estimated 90 percent) balanced by CO_2 returning to the atmosphere from mortality and harvest, assuming eventual decay of those trees. Carbon storage and flux differed substantially between managed and unmanaged lands, and by forest type.

Although the Chugach National Forest stores less carbon in aboveground trees than the Tongass National Forest, it also is exhibiting greater change in carbon stores. The Chugach's location on a very major ecoregional transitional zone (boreal forests to the north, shrubland to the west and southwest on the Alaskan Peninsula, and temperate rainforest to the east and south) may make it much more vulnerable to large disturbances and climatic shifts.

Common and Scientific Names

Black cottonwood	*Populus balsamifera* L. ssp. *trichocarpa* (Torr. & A. Gray ex Hook.) Brayshaw
Black spruce	*Picea mariana* (Mill.) Britton, Sterns & Poggenb.
Lodgepole pine, shore pine	*Pinus contorta* Dougl. ex Loud.
Mountain hemlock	*Tsuga mertensiana* (Bong.) Carr.
Pacific silver fir	*Abies amabilis* (Douglas ex Louden) Douglas ex Forbes
Paper birch[4]	*Betula neoalaskana* Sarg.; *Betula kenaica* (W.H. Evans); *Betula papyrifera* Marshall
Quaking aspen	*Populus tremuloides* Michx.
Red alder	*Alnus rubra* Bong.
Sitka spruce	*Picea sitchensis* (Bong.) Carrière
Subalpine fir	*Abies lasiocarpa* var. *lasiocarpa* (Hook.) Nutt.
Western hemlock	*Tsuga heterophylla* (Raf.) Sarg.
Western redcedar	*Thuja plicata* Donn ex D. Don
White spruce	*Picea glauca* (Moench) Voss
Yellow-cedar	*Chamaecyparis nootkatensis* (D. Don) Spach

[4] Alaska paper birch, Kenai paper birch, and western paper birch are not recorded as different species by FIA and are included together as "paper birch" in this report.

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Metric Equivalents

When you know:	Multiply by:	To find:
Acres	.405	Hectares
Pounds	.453	Kilograms
Pounds per acre	1.12	Kilograms per ha
Tons	0.97	Tonnes or megagrams
Tons per acre	2.24	Megagrams per hectare

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RE: Comments on Alaska Roadless Rule, 84 Fed. Reg. 55,522 (Oct. 17, 2019)

Dear Mr. Tu:

The undersigned Attorneys General of the States of California, Washington, Oregon, Illinois, and New York and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (hereinafter, "the States") respectfully submit these comments on the U.S. Forest Service's October 17, 2019 proposed rule to exempt the Tongass National Forest from the national Roadless Rule. Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 84 Fed. Reg. 55,522 (Oct. 17, 2019) ("Proposed Rule"). If adopted, the Proposed Rule would open up 9.2 million acres of formerly-protected forest land to potential new roadbuilding and logging. The Proposed Rule thus threatens the undersigned States' interest in the Tongass, which provides habitat for vulnerable wildlife species with a nexus to some of the undersigned States, as well as an important sink for greenhouse gas emissions that is critical to national efforts to mitigate the impacts of climate change. As discussed further below, the Proposed Rule fails to meet governing legal requirements under the Administrative Procedure Act ("APA"), National Environmental Policy Act ("NEPA"), and the Endangered Species Act ("ESA"). The Service must correct these legal defects or withdraw the Proposed Rule.

The Forest Service's proposal is the latest chapter in a long battle to eliminate the Roadless Rule's important protections for clean water, intact wildlife habitat, and wild places. The Roadless Rule, adopted in 2001, protects critical undeveloped forest lands from the roadbuilding and logging that have left permanent scars on vast areas of our nation's public lands. Industry groups and hostile federal administrations have worked tirelessly to gut the Roadless Rule from the day it was adopted, and the efforts of several of the undersigned States and other stakeholders were critical in fending off those attacks and ensuring that the Roadless Rule remains in force nationwide.

The Tongass National Forest has been at the vanguard of the fight to preserve the Roadless Rule since the beginning, as the Rule's opponents have repeatedly attempted to exempt the Tongass from national roadless area protection. The last attempt to adopt a Tongass exemption faltered in the courts. Just four years ago, the Ninth Circuit held that the Forest Service failed to provide a rational explanation for its previous attempt to discard roadless area

protections that, in 2001, it had deemed critical to preserving the Tongass's unique environmental values. See Organized Vill. of Kake v. U.S. Dep't of Agric., 795 F.3d 956 (9th Cir. 2015).

The Forest Service's Proposed Rule suffers from the same flaw. The Service now asserts that a Tongass exemption is justified because roadless area management in Southeast Alaska is controversial, and it is therefore preferable to decide the fate of roadless areas on a case-by-case basis. This reasoning ignores that the Service found the opposite in adopting the 2001 Roadless Rule, concluding that national protection for roadless areas was necessary to avoid the cost and litigation of case-by-case decisionmaking. The Service fails to explain why its previous finding in the Roadless Rule is no longer valid, and thus fails to satisfy the basic APA requirement that an agency rationally explain a change in policy.

The Proposed Rule and supporting Draft Environmental Impact Statement ("Draft EIS") further fail to comply with NEPA's requirement that the Service rationally consider and disclose all of the potential environmental impacts of the proposed Tongass exemption. In this regard, the Forest Service asserts that the Proposed Rule, if adopted, will have no meaningful environmental impact because, according to the Service, the Tongass exemption would not increase the amount of logging in the National Forest. The Service, however, does not provide any analysis, study, or citation to support this prediction, which forms the foundation of the Service's entire Draft EIS. In addition to this pervasive flaw, the Draft EIS unlawfully discounts the Proposed Rule's climate impacts, including by relying on scientific findings that directly contradict findings the Service made just three years ago when it adopted the 2016 Tongass National Forest Plan; unlawfully ignores potential impacts to migratory birds; and unlawfully defers analysis of certain foreseeable impacts until site-specific projects are proposed. The Service's environmental analysis is therefore incomplete, unsubstantiated, and unlawful.

The Service has further unlawfully failed to reinitiate consultation with the National Marine Fisheries Service ("NMFS") and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service ("FWS") regarding the Proposed Rule's possible impacts on ESA-listed species, including Pacific humpback whales and short-tailed albatross. The Service must engage in such required consultation before moving forward with the Proposed Rule.

To be clear, the Service cannot avoid these legal defects by choosing one of the less extreme management alternatives proposed in the Draft EIS. On the contrary, the Service has failed to provide a rational justification and adequate environmental analysis for any of the proposed management alternatives, other than the no action alternative that would maintain status quo Roadless Rule protection. The Service must therefore correct the fundamental legal flaws identified in these comments or withdraw the Proposed Rule.

BACKGROUND

I. The Tongass National Forest and the Roadless Rule

The Tongass National Forest, located in Southeast Alaska's Alexander Archipelago, is a largely untouched remnant of the vast temperate rainforest that once extended along the Pacific Coast from Alaska to northern California. See Final Rule, Roadless Area Conservation, 66 Fed. Reg. 3,244, 3,254 (Jan. 12, 2001). Stretching "roughly 500 miles from Ketchikan to Yakutat," the Tongass features a diverse landscape of boundless forests, sweeping glaciers and towering coastal mountains. Draft EIS at 3-23.

As the Forest Service recognizes, the Tongass is "an important national and international resource." Draft EIS at 3-23. Its unique ecosystem provides seasonal and permanent habitat to many important species, including some with a nexus to California and Washington, such as vulnerable humpback whales, green sturgeon, short-tailed albatross, Southern Resident killer whales, and salmon. See Proposed Rulemaking to Revise Critical Habitat for the Southern Resident Killer Whale Distinct Population Segment, 84 Fed. Reg. 49,214, 49,217 (Sept. 19, 2019) (Southern Resident killer whales' coastal range "extends from the Monterey Bay area in California, north to Chatham Straight in southeast Alaska."). The Tongass further supports migratory birds that spend part of the year in or migrate through some of the undersigned States. The Tongass, as the largest National Forest, also has an enormous capacity to absorb and store carbon dioxide, and thus is an invaluable carbon sink for purposes of climate change mitigation, providing substantial benefits to every state.

The Tongass is further important to the millions of people—including 1.2 million people in 2016 alone—who have visited the area. These visitors include residents of the undersigned States. For many of these visitors, "a visit to the Tongass is a[] once-in-a-lifetime experience." Draft EIS at 3-23. Even people who have not visited value the Tongass and "benefit from knowing that [it] is there" and that it will be "left for future generations to inherit." Draft EIS at 3-23.

The Tongass's unique values have been preserved in large part because of the Roadless Rule. First adopted in 2001, the Roadless Rule generally prohibits roadbuilding and logging in areas of National Forests designated as "inventoried roadless areas." 66 Fed. Reg. at 3,244, 3,272-73. When the Service adopted the Roadless Rule, it recognized that roadless areas in National Forests provide unique ecological values that warrant special protection. Specifically, "roadless areas provide large, relatively undisturbed blocks of important habitat for a variety of terrestrial and aquatic wildlife and plants, including hundreds of threatened, endangered, and sensitive species." Id. at 3,247. Preventing roadbuilding and logging in these areas is critical to maintaining their environmental values: "Road construction, reconstruction, and timber harvesting activities can result in fragmentation of ecosystems, the introduction of non-native invasive species, and other adverse consequences to the health and integrity of inventoried roadless areas[.]" Id. Habitat fragmentation caused by logging and roadbuilding in particular "results in decreased connectivity of wildlife habitat and wildlife movement, isolating some species and increasing the risk of local extirpations and extinctions." 66 Fed. Reg. at 3,247. Road construction can also impact watersheds, including by contributing to stream sedimentation

and harmful landslides that can disrupt waterways' beneficial ecological functions and impair public drinking water supplies. Id. at 3,245-47.

The Forest Service chose to promulgate a national Roadless Rule rather than manage roadless areas through case-by-case decisionmaking in large part to avoid the cost and controversy of local land use management. Id. at 3,253. As the Roadless Rule explained, "roadless area management has been a major point of conflict in land management planning … particularly on most proposals to harvest timber, build roads, or otherwise develop inventoried roadless areas." Id. According to the Roadless Rule, "[t]hese disputes are costly in terms of both fiscal resources and agency relationships with communities of place and communities of interest," and they have produced a "large number of appeals and lawsuits." Id. The Forest Service therefore determined, "[b]ased on these factors … that the best means to reduce this conflict is through a national level rule." Id.

Some states, industry groups, and prior federal administrations have repeatedly attempted to undo the Roadless Rule since it was adopted. Several of the undersigned States and other stakeholders have resisted these efforts, including through successful litigation opposing attempts to repeal the Roadless Rule. See, e.g., California ex rel. Lockyer v. U.S. Dep't of Agric., 575 F.3d 999 (9th Cir. 2009) (affirming district court order enjoining attempted repeal of the national Roadless Rule and reinstating the Rule). The Tongass in particular has proven to be a bellwether in this larger national fight, as opponents to roadless protection have repeatedly sought to exempt the Tongass from protection under the national Roadless Rule. Thus, in 2003, the George W. Bush administration adopted a rule carving the Tongass out of the Roadless Rule. A coalition of tribal and environmental groups successfully challenged this exemption in the District of Alaska, and an en banc panel of the Ninth Circuit affirmed the district court's decision vacating the exemption rule in 2015. See Organized Vill. of Kake, 795 F.3d 956. The undersigned States have a continued interest in blocking attempts to carve out Roadless Rule exemptions, which threaten to erode the Roadless Rule's national reach and undermine efforts by several of the undersigned States to protect National Forest roadless areas within their borders and nationwide.

II. The Proposed Rule

In the Proposed Rule, the Service again proposes to exempt the Tongass from Roadless Rule protection. See 84 Fed. Reg. 55,522. If adopted, the Proposed Rule would allow new road construction and logging on 9.2 million acres of formerly-protected roadless areas. See id. at 55,526. The Service asserts this sweeping policy change is justified because "[t]here is not consensus over how to manage the Forest" and management "through the local planning processes" is therefore preferable to maintaining its protected status under the national Roadless Rule. Id. at 55,524. (The Proposed Rule also discusses and rejects several other management alternatives, each of which would substantially reduce protections for the Tongass's roadless areas. See id. at 55,526.)

Despite the radical management change the Service proposes, it nevertheless claims in the Draft EIS accompanying the Proposed Rule that removing roadless protection from 9.2 million acres of National Forest land will have no meaningful environmental impact because,

according to the Service, the amount of logging in the Forest will not increase, but will instead remain at the level the Service calculated in its 2016 Tongass National Forest Plan. See, e.g., 84 Fed. Reg. at 55,525; Draft EIS at 1-7, 3-92. The Proposed Rule provides no justification for this prediction. As a result, the Draft EIS does not discuss the potential impacts of new logging and roadbuilding that would be allowed if the Tongass exemption is adopted.

STATUTORY BACKGROUND

I. National Environmental Policy Act

NEPA "is our basic national charter for protection of the environment." 40 C.F.R. § 1500.1(a). Congress enacted NEPA in 1969 "to create and maintain conditions under which man and nature can exist in productive harmony, and fulfill the social, economic, and other requirements of present and future generations of Americans." 42 U.S.C. § 4331(a). NEPA has two fundamental purposes: (1) to guarantee that agencies take a "hard look" at the consequences of their actions before the actions occur by ensuring that "the agency, in reaching its decision, will have available, and will carefully consider, detailed information concerning significant environmental impacts;" and (2) to ensure that "the relevant information will be made available to the larger audience that may also play a role in both the decisionmaking process and the implementation of that decision." Robertson v. Methow Valley Citizens Council, 490 U.S. 332, 349-50 (1989).

To achieve these purposes, NEPA requires the preparation of a detailed environmental impact statement for any "major Federal actions significantly affecting the quality of the human environment." 42 U.S.C. § 4332(2)(C). NEPA's implementing regulations broadly define such actions to include "new or revised agency rules, regulations, plans, policies, or procedures." 40 C.F.R. § 1508.18(a). In preparing environmental impact statements, federal agencies must consider all of the direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts of their proposed actions. Diné Citizens Against Ruining Our Env't v. Bernhardt, 923 F.3d 831, 851 (10th Cir. 2019); 40 C.F.R. §§ 1508.7, 1508.8(a)-(b).

II. Administrative Procedure Act

Under the Administrative Procedure Act, courts will set aside an agency action that is "arbitrary, capricious, an abuse of discretion, or otherwise not in accordance with law." 5 U.S.C. § 706(2)(A). An agency action is arbitrary and capricious where the agency: (i) "has relied on factors which Congress has not intended it to consider"; (ii) "entirely failed to consider an important aspect of the problem"; (iii) "offered an explanation for its decision that runs counter to the evidence before the agency"; or (iv) offered an explanation "so implausible that it could not be ascribed to a difference in view or the product of agency expertise." Motor Vehicle Mfrs. Ass'n v. State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins., 463 U.S. 29, 43 (1983). When promulgating a rule, "the agency must examine the relevant data and articulate a satisfactory explanation for its action including a 'rational connection between the facts found and the choice made.'" Id. (quoting Burlington Truck Lines v. United States, 371 U.S. 156, 168 (1962)).

These core principles apply to an agency's decision to change existing policy. FCC v. Fox Television Stations, Inc., 556 U.S. 502, 513-15 (2009). While an agency need not show that a new rule is "better" than the rule it replaced, it still must demonstrate that the rule "is permissible under the statute, that there are good reasons for it, and that the agency believes it to be better, which the conscious change of course adequately indicates." Id. at 515 (emphasis omitted). Further, an agency must "provide a more detailed justification than what would suffice for a new policy created on a blank slate" when "its new policy rests upon factual findings that contradict those which underlay its prior policy." Id. An "[u]nexplained inconsistency" between a new rule and its prior version is "a reason for holding an [agency's] interpretation to be an arbitrary and capricious change." Nat'l Cable & Telecomms. Ass'n v. Brand X Internet Servs., 545 U.S. 967, 981 (2005); see also Organized Vill. of Kake, 795 F.3d at 968 (holding Forest Service failed to provide a rational explanation for its decision to exempt the Tongass National Forest from the Roadless Rule, where the exemption was based on "a direct, and entirely unexplained, contradiction" of the 2001 Roadless Rule's findings).

III. The Endangered Species Act

The Endangered Species Act requires that every federal agency "insure that any action authorized, funded, or carried out by such agency … is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of any endangered species or threatened species" listed pursuant to the Act. 16 U.S.C. § 1536(a)(2). To that end, agencies must consult with NMFS or FWS—depending on the species—to determine whether their actions will harm listed species. See id.; Karuk Tribe of Cal. v. U.S. Forest Serv., 681 F.3d 1006, 1020 (9th Cir. 2012). "The purpose of consultation is to obtain the expert opinion of wildlife agencies to determine whether the action is likely to jeopardize a listed species or adversely modify its critical habitat and, if so, to identify reasonable and prudent alternatives that will avoid the action's unfavorable impacts." Karuk Tribe of California, 681 F.3d at 1020.

COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED RULE

The Proposed Rule and Draft EIS violate NEPA and the APA by:

(1) failing to provide a rational explanation for changing the Service's roadless policy in the Tongass;

(2) failing to justify the Service's claim that the Proposed Rule will not lead to new logging in the Tongass, with accompanying environmental impacts;

(3) unlawfully discounting the Proposed Rule's potential climate impacts;

(4) failing to rationally analyze potential impacts to migratory birds; and

(5) unlawfully postponing the environmental analysis of certain key impacts.

The Service has also unlawfully failed to reinitiate ESA consultation with NMFS and FWS regarding the Proposed Rule's potential impacts on ESA-listed species, including Pacific

humpback whales and short-tailed albatross. The Service therefore cannot lawfully adopt the Proposed Rule without providing additional required justification and environmental analysis and engaging in required ESA consultation. The Service's other management alternatives, which suffer from the same legal flaws, are also unlawful. The Service must therefore remedy these legal defects or withdraw the Proposed Rule.

I. The Proposed Rule Fails to Provide a Rational Explanation for Changing the Service's Roadless Policy in the Tongass

The Proposed Rule is unlawful because it fails to provide a rational explanation for the Service's decision to exempt the Tongass from the Roadless Rule and thus radically change its policy concerning the Tongass's 9.2 million acres of roadless areas. The Proposed Rule thus falls short of APA requirements.

In this respect, the Proposed Rule repeats the legal error the Forest Service committed the last time it attempted to exempt the Tongass from Roadless Rule protection. As the Ninth Circuit explained in the Organized Village of Kake decision, the Forest Service considered and rejected a proposed Tongass exemption in 2001, when the Roadless Rule was first adopted. At that time, the Forest Service determined that "wholly exempting the Tongass from the Roadless Rule … would risk the loss of important roadless area values, and that roadless values would be lost or diminished even by a limited exemption." Organized Vill. of Kake, 795 F.3d at 968 (quotations omitted). Yet in 2003, when the Forest Service reversed course and promulgated a rule exempting the Tongass, it found exactly the opposite, concluding that "the Roadless Rule was unnecessary to maintain the roadless values … , and that the roadless values in the Tongass are sufficiently protected under the Tongass Forest Plan." Id. (quotation omitted). The Ninth Circuit thus held that the 2003 rule's conclusions in this regard, which were "a direct, and entirely unexplained, contradiction" of the 2001 Roadless Rule's findings, were inadequate to support the Service's changed policy concerning management of the Tongass. Id. at 968.

The 2019 Proposed Rule once again relies on "findings that contradict those which underlay" the 2001 Roadless Rule. Organized Vill. of Kake, 795 F.3d at 967 (quoting FCC v. Fox, 556 U.S. at 515). The Service stated in adopting the Roadless Rule that a national rule was preferable to case-by-case decisionmaking at the local level because a national policy would avoid the cost and controversy that local land use decisions produce. 66 Fed. Reg. at 3,253. As the Roadless Rule explained, "roadless area management has been a major point of conflict in land management planning … particularly on most proposals to harvest timber, build roads, or otherwise develop inventoried roadless areas." Id. According to the Forest Service, "[t]hese disputes are costly in terms of both fiscal resources and agency relationships with communities of place and communities of interest," and they have produced a "large number of appeals and lawsuits" Id. The Forest Service therefore determined, "[b]ased on these factors … that the best means to reduce this conflict is through a national level rule." Id.

The Proposed Rule, however, reaches the exact opposite conclusion, finding that because "[t]here is not consensus over how to manage the Forest," "the circumstances of the Tongass National Forest appear to be best managed through the local planning processes," rather than through the national Roadless Rule. 84 Fed. Reg. at 55,524. The Forest Service, however, fails

to explain why its finding in 2001 that such case-by-case decisionmaking will produce lengthy, costly, and undesirable disputes is no longer valid. The Service's explanation for the Proposed Rule thus fails to pass APA muster. See id. (an agency must "provide a more detailed justification than what would suffice for a new policy created on a blank slate" when "its new policy rests upon factual findings that contradict those which underlay its prior policy.").

The Service's appeal to the controversy over roadless area management and the need for local decisionmaking is further inadequate on its face. State Farm, 463 U.S. at 43 ("the agency must examine the relevant data and articulate a satisfactory explanation for its action including a rational connection between the facts found and the choice made.") (quotation omitted). The fact that roadless protection is controversial does not justify abandoning it, especially in light of the Tongass's important environmental values, which the Service cited in adopting the Roadless Rule. See Organized Vill. of Kake, 795 F.3d at 968. And rather than leave the question of roadless area management to local agency planners, the Proposed Rule decides that question for the foreseeable future by putting a heavy weight on the scales in favor of new development. See 84 Fed. Reg. at 55,526 (Proposed Rule would remove roadless protection from 9.2 million acres).

The Forest Service's other reasons for adopting the Proposed Rule also fail. The Proposed Rule states that its "overarching goal … is to reach a long-term, durable approach to roadless area management" in the Tongass. Id. at 55,524. But that is not what the proposed rule does at all. Rather than settle the controversy around the Tongass's roadless areas, the Proposed Rule reopens an issue that was closed after the Ninth Circuit's Organized Village of Kake decision. The Proposed Rule, if adopted, will inevitably generate a raft of litigation and appeals, which may not be resolved for years. See, e.g., Organized Vill. of Kake, 795 F.3d 956. Further, as discussed, the Tongass exemption would radically change management direction in the National Forest by allowing new roadbuilding and development projects in the Tongass's roadless areas. Each of these projects would be subject to lengthy disputes by local stakeholders, including litigation. The Roadless Rule, which the Tongass exemption would abandon, was designed to avoid precisely that sort of contentious and piecemeal decisionmaking. See 66 Fed. Reg. at 3,253. The Forest Service cannot rely on a desire to settle the controversy over the Tongass's roadless areas when it itself proposes to poke the bear.

The Proposed Rule also asserts that removing Roadless Rule protection "would allow local managers greater flexibility in the selection and design of future timber sale areas," thus potentially improving the Service's "ability to offer economic timber sales that better meet the needs of the timber industry and contribute to rural economies." 84 Fed. Reg. at 55,524. This statement contradicts the Service's own representation that timber harvest levels in the Tongass would not increase if the Proposed Rule is adopted. See, e.g., Draft EIS at 1-7, 3-92; see State Farm, 463 U.S. at 43 (agency action is arbitrary where agency has "offered an explanation … [that] is so implausible that it could not be ascribed to a difference in view or the product of agency expertise"). It is hard to understand how Tongass timber sales can "better meet the needs of the timber industry and contribute to rural economies" if the Service is not also expecting to sell more timber, and the Service makes no attempt to resolve this apparent contradiction. 84

Fed. Reg. at 55,524. The Service may not justify the Proposed Rule on the basis of new development that it itself asserts will not occur.

The Proposed Rule further states that the Forest Service "has given substantial weight" to the State of Alaska's preference for using Tongass forest lands "to emphasize rural economic development opportunities." 84 Fed. Reg. at 55,523. While promoting rural development is no doubt important, the Service makes no meaningful attempt to evaluate whether the Tongass exemption would indeed contribute to rural economies. State Farm, 463 U.S. at 43 ("the agency must examine the relevant data and articulate a satisfactory explanation for its action including a rational connection between the facts found and the choice made.") (quotation omitted). This lack of analysis starkly contrasts with the Roadless Rule, which examined in detail the economic impacts of curbing new timber development in the Tongass's roadless areas. See 66 Fed. Reg. at 3,266-67.

Indeed, what evidence there is in the record contradicts the Service's purported prioritization of rural economic development opportunities. As discussed, the Draft EIS states that the Tongass exemption will not increase logging sales in the Tongass. See Draft EIS at 1-7. Thus, the record suggests that any boost to the timber industry due to the Tongass exemption would have a negligible effect on Southeast Alaska's economy as a whole. The Draft EIS further indicates that weakening roadless area protections would not increase opportunities for mineral exploration or development, either. Draft EIS at ES-13. Accordingly, a preference for rural economic development does not provide a rational basis for the Proposed Rule. State Farm, 463 U.S. at 43.

To be clear, the Service fails to justify any reduction in Roadless Rule protection, and it cannot avoid this legal deficiency merely by choosing a less extreme management alternative. The Service must therefore provide a rational justification for weakening roadless protection for the Tongass or withdraw the Proposed Rule.

II. The Forest Service Fails to Provide any Support for its Claim that the Proposed Rule Will Not Increase Logging in the Tongass

The Proposed Rule and the Draft EIS further fail to justify the Forest Service's claim that logging levels will not increase if the Tongass exemption—or any of the other management alternatives discussed in the Draft EIS—is adopted. See Native Vill. of Point Hope v. Jewell, 740 F.3d 489, 499 (9th Cir. 2014) (agency violated NEPA where its claim that a leasing program would produce only one billion barrels of oil was not supported by the record). This claim is the key finding supporting the majority of the Draft EIS's environmental analysis, including its conclusions that the rule, or any of the other proposed management alternatives, will not cause meaningful impacts to (1) humpback whales and other marine mammals, Draft EIS at 3-92; (2) terrestrial mammals, including American marten, wolves, and brown bears, Draft EIS at 3-97 through 3-99; (3) migratory birds, Draft EIS at 3-101; (4) fish, including several endangered species of salmon and endangered green sturgeon, Draft EIS at 3-116 through 3-117; and (5) climate change and greenhouse gas emissions, Draft EIS at 3-126. See Native Vill. of Point Hope, 740 F.3d at 504 (agency's estimate of amount of oil likely to be produced by leasing program "informed an assessment of seismic effects, habitat effects, oil production, and …

global warming"). The Draft EIS's finding that increased roadbuilding in roadless areas will be minimal relies on the same claim, "because roads on the Tongass are largely developed in support of timber harvesting." Draft EIS at 3-144.

The Forest Service, however, provides no analysis to support its claim that logging will not increase if the Tongass loses Roadless Rule protection. In this regard, the Draft EIS cites the Projected Timber Sale Quantity ("PTSQ") established by the 2016 Tongass National Forest Plan, under which the Forest Service predicted that the Tongass would sell an average of 46 million board feet of timber per year. Draft EIS at 1-10. The PTSQ calculated in the 2016 Forest Plan assumed, of course, that logging would not occur on the 9.2 million acres of the Tongass that were protected by the Roadless Rule. See Tongass Land and Resource Management Plan, Final Environmental Impact Statement ES-7 (June 2016) ("Forest Plan EIS"). The Proposed Rule asserts, without elaboration, that it "does not change the projected timber sale quantity or timber demand projections set out in the Tongass Forest Plan." 84 Fed. Reg. at 55,525. In the Draft EIS, the Service likewise represents that it "considered the current market situation and determined that no change to the PTSQ are [sic] needed at this time for purposes of this rulemaking." Draft EIS at 1-10. Neither the Proposed Rule nor the Draft EIS provides any economic data or further analysis to support this conclusion. 84 Fed. Reg. at 55,525; Draft EIS at 1-10.

To the contrary, the record—including the Forest Service's own statements—suggests that removing roadless protection from some or all of the Tongass will create new sources of timber and will therefore increase demand for logging the Tongass's trees. For example, in the Proposed Rule, the Forest Service asserts that "improved flexibility" in offering timber sales without roadless restrictions could "improve the Forest Service's ability to offer economic timber sales that better meet the needs of the timber industry and contribute to rural economies." 84 Fed. Reg. at 55,524; accord Draft EIS at 1-11. It is highly unlikely that the Forest Service will not sell more timber if it is able to offer more economic timber sales. See State Farm, 463 U.S. at 43 (agency action is arbitrary where agency has "offered an explanation … [that] is so implausible that it could not be ascribed to a difference in view or the product of agency expertise"). Indeed, a recent Forest Service analysis of logging in the Tongass found that, under status quo management, "there has been a lack of economic timber volume available for the Forest Service to offer across the Tongass National Forest." Draft EIS at 3-32. The Proposed Rule will likely address that issue by opening more timber to logging. Draft EIS at 1-11. The Service's finding that it will not sell more timber is therefore "counter to the evidence before the agency" and unlawful. Cachil Dehe Band of Wintun Indians of Colusa Indian Cmty. v. Zinke, 889 F.3d 584, 602 (9th Cir. 2018) (agency cannot offer "an explanation for its decision that runs counter to the evidence before the agency") (quotation omitted).

Importantly, the PTSQ set by the 2016 Forest Plan does not put a ceiling on timber sales—it is only an estimate of how much timber the Tongass expects to sell. Tongass Land and Resource Management Plan, Record of Decision 31 (Dec. 2016) (PTSQ "is also not a ceiling—it is an estimate. It is the annualized average amount of timber expected to be sold over a ten-year period …."). The so-called "Sustained Yield Limit," also set by the 2016 Forest Plan, does cap total logging, Forest Plan EIS at 2-9, but that limit is set at 248 million board feet, id. at 3-348,

many times the amount the Forest Service predicted would be sold before the Service proposed to remove roadless protection from the Tongass. The Sustained Yield Limit therefore does not place a meaningful limit on new logging in the Tongass, either.

The 2016 Forest Plan's suitable timber designations also do not meaningfully restrain additional logging. Although "timber harvest for the purposes of timber production" is apparently not allowed on lands the Service has designated "not suited for timber production," 36 C.F.R. § 219.11(d)(1), the Draft EIS itself acknowledges that the Proposed Rule will increase the total area of such suitable timber lands by 185,000 acres, Draft EIS at 3-48 through 3-49—an area over four times the size of the District of Columbia. The other action alternatives likewise substantially increase the available timber base. See Draft EIS at 3-46. The Service is further required to revisit its suitable timber designations "at least once every 10 years." 36 C.F.R. § 219.11(a)(2). As a result, the Forest Plan's designations will be up for revision by 2026 at the latest, at which time the Service may deem that logging should be allowed on more of the 9.2 million acres that would be opened for new development under the Proposed Rule. See also Forest Plan EIS at 3-328 (noting that 5.5 million acres of the Tongass "is classified as productive forest land; these lands are considered biologically capable of producing industrial wood products").

The Forest Service must therefore substantiate its claim that logging will not increase on the Tongass if the Proposed Rule or any of the Service's other management alternatives is adopted, including by divulging the analysis on which it is basing that conclusion. See Native Vill. of Point Hope, 740 F.3d at 499-505; Nat. Res. Def. Council v. U.S. Forest Serv., 421 F.3d 797, 812 (9th Cir. 2005) (holding EIS violated NEPA where its calculations of the employment effects of an agency proposal were based on a "mistaken interpretation" of an economic study); see Ecology Ctr. v. Castaneda, 574 F.3d 652, 667 (9th Cir. 2009) ("NEPA requires that the Forest Service disclose the hard data supporting its expert opinions to facilitate the public's ability to challenge agency action."). If the Service cannot rationally justify this claim, it must analyze and disclose the expected impacts of logging, including on fish, wildlife, water resources, and climate, as required by NEPA. See 42 U.S.C. § 4332(2)(C).

III. The Draft EIS Inadequately Analyzes and Unlawfully Discounts the Proposed Rule's Potential Climate Impacts

The Draft EIS further unlawfully discounts the Proposed Rule's potential climate impacts, including by discarding sub silentio the Service's earlier conclusions that logging in the Tongass can cause significant greenhouse gas emissions. As discussed, the Tongass National Forest is a critical sink for greenhouse gas emissions. The Draft EIS explains:

> The Tongass stores more forest carbon than any other national forest in the United States … , due to its very large size and high density carbon. As such, an important ecosystem service sustained by this forest is carbon uptake and storage (i.e., the removal of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and storage of it in live or dead biomass as well as organic soil matter). This makes the Tongass, along with forests worldwide, an important component in the global carbon cycle.

Draft EIS at 3-123.

Despite the Tongass's importance for the global climate, the Draft EIS concludes that the Proposed Rule, as well as any other management alternative discussed in the Draft EIS, would cause a "negligible" increase in greenhouse gas emissions because, according to the Service, the amount of logging will not change. Draft EIS at 3-126. As discussed above, however, the Draft EIS provides no justification for the Service's conclusion that logging levels will not increase if the Tongass exemption is adopted. The Service's analysis of the potential greenhouse gas emissions of reducing Tongass roadless area protection is therefore unsupported and legally deficient.

The Draft EIS further attempts to discount the climate impacts of logging in the Tongass by claiming that logging causes little or no net greenhouse gas emissions. In this regard, the Draft EIS asserts that "[i]n some cases, removing carbon from forests for human use can result in lower net contributions of [greenhouse gases] to the atmosphere than if the forest was not managed, when accounting for carbon stored in wood products, substitution effects, and forest regrowth." Draft EIS at 3-125. For example, "management activities" can "result in long-term maintenance or increases in forest carbon uptake and storage by improving forest health and resilience to various types of stressors." Draft EIS at 3-123. According to the Draft EIS, "[c]arbon can also be transferred and stored outside of the forest system in the form of wood products, further influencing the amount of carbon entering the atmosphere." Draft EIS at 3-123.

These findings are inconsistent with findings the Service made just three years ago when it adopted the 2016 Tongass National Forest Plan. As the Service explained in the Final EIS for that Plan, a scientific study found that "even when timber is used for permanent construction purposes, 35 to 45 percent of the wood's biomass is lost to sawdust or scraps created during processing." Forest Plan EIS at 3-16; accord id. at 3-20. As a result, "the final amount of carbon ultimately stored in permanent construction is much less than what was originally harvested." Forest Plan EIS at 3-16 (citing Harmon 1990, attached as Exhibit 1); accord id. at 3-20. Further, the carbon in wood products produced from logging "will transition back into the atmosphere over time as they degrade or are disposed of." Forest Plan EIS at 3-20. Thus, "because harvest levels" in Alaska "peaked in the 1970s, and much of the resulting wood products may now be in landfills, wood products from the Alaska Region are now believed to be a net emitter of carbon." Forest Plan EIS at 3-20 (citing Barrett 2014, attached as Exhibit 2). In addition, some wood products resulting from logging in the Tongass "could be burned as part of biomass energy production, which would rapidly release the stored carbon into the atmosphere." Forest Plan EIS at 3-20 (citing Holtsmark 2012, attached as Exhibit 3; DellaSala and Koopman 2015, attached as Exhibit 4).

The Final EIS for the 2016 Forest Plan also states that "timber harvesting and active forest management can affect"—negatively— "a forest's ability to store and ultimately sequester carbon." Forest Plan EIS at 3-16. Scientific research, for example, "suggested that a logged forest would emit substantial amounts of carbon for at least the first 15 years following harvest, and that a young regenerating forest would remain a net carbon emitter for up to 50 years." Forest Plan EIS at 3-20 (citing DellaSala 2016, attached as Exhibit 5). Another study "suggested

that it can take more than 200 years following a timber harvest for forests to reach … the point where carbon released from the initial harvest as well as ongoing decay of organic materials equals the amount of carbon that is absorbed into the system." Forest Plan EIS at 3-16 (citing Janisch and Harmon 2002, attached as Exhibit 6); accord id. at 3-20. Other studies of forestry in Southeast Alaskan ecosystems "indicate that the Tongass National Forest would generate a net release of carbon to the atmosphere if active harvest of old growth is pursued …." Forest Plan EIS at 3-16 (citing Harmon et al. 1990; Leighty et al. 2006, attached as Exhibit 7); accord Law et al., Land use strategies to mitigate climate change in carbon dense temperate forests, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (Jan. 2018) (attached as Exhibit 8) (finding that forest management in Oregon, including logging, emitted the equivalent of over 34 million tons of carbon dioxide between 2011 and 2015); Buotte et al. (attached as Exhibit 9) (concluding that preserving certain temperate forests in the western United States could sequester the equivalent of about six years of fossil fuel emissions from the same region).

Based on these and other studies, the Forest Service concluded when it adopted the 2016 Tongass Forest Plan "that the past harvests and management of the Forest has likely resulted in a net release of carbon to the atmosphere due in part to the practice of harvesting of old-growth timber on the Forest." Forest Plan EIS at 3-16. Likewise, future logging contemplated under the 2016 Forest Plan "would result in a net release of carbon to the atmosphere." Forest Plan EIS at 3-21.

The Draft EIS for the Proposed Rule does not analyze or address these findings in the 2016 Forest Plan EIS, which contradict the Forest Service's present conclusion that logging in the Tongass can reduce, rather than increase, carbon emissions. The Draft EIS thus fails to explain the Service's change in position regarding the carbon impacts of logging, as required by governing law. California by & through Becerra v. U.S. Dep't of the Interior, 381 F. Supp. 3d 1153, 1166 n.8 (N.D. Cal. 2019) ("[T]he Supreme Court requires a detailed or reasoned explanation when the current findings in support of a policy change contradict earlier findings …").

The Draft EIS further attempts to discount carbon emissions from logging in the Tongass by asserting that any such emissions will be small on a global scale. Draft EIS at 3-126. This assertion also contradicts the 2016 Forest Plan EIS, in which the Service found that the Tongass National Forest by itself is "a critical component in the global carbon cycle." Forest Plan EIS at 3-13; see also Forest Plan EIS at 3-19 ("The Tongass National Forest plays an important role in [the] amount of carbon that is stored globally as well as the global climatic condition …."). The Forest Service thus concluded in the Forest Plan EIS that "land management and other actions taken on the Tongass National Forest can affect climate change at a local, regional, and global scale." Forest Plan EIS at 3-19. The Draft EIS does not explain why it departed from these previous findings, either. California by & through Becerra, 381 F. Supp. 3d at 1166 n.8.

The Draft EIS's assertion that logging under the Proposed Rule "would have a small contribution to [greenhouse gas] emissions and therefore would have a negligible effect on … climate change," Draft EIS at 3-126, is further inconsistent with the Council on Environmental Quality's ("CEQ") 2016 guidance on how agencies should evaluate greenhouse gas emissions

under NEPA. As CEQ explained in that guidance document, "a statement that emissions from a proposed Federal action represent only a small fraction of global emissions is essentially a statement about the nature of the climate change challenge" and is therefore not "an appropriate method for characterizing the potential impacts associated with a proposed action and its alternatives." CEQ, Final Guidance for Federal Departments and Agencies on Consideration of Greenhouse Gas Emissions and the Effects of Climate Change in NEPA Reviews 11 (Aug. 1, 2016).[1] Although the Trump Administration withdrew this CEQ guidance in 2017, see CEQ, Withdrawal of Final Guidance, 82 Fed. Reg. 16,576 (Apr. 5, 2017), CEQ's 2016 findings still hold true today, and demonstrate why the Draft EIS's dismissive climate analysis is inadequate under NEPA.

In sum, the Service must explain why it believes its 2016 conclusions regarding the climate impacts of logging in the Tongass are no longer valid. California by & through Becerra, 381 F. Supp. 3d at 1166 n.8. The Service must also revise its climate analysis to provide "a reasonable, good faith, and objective presentation" of the Proposed Rule's climate impacts, including by accounting for the Service's 2016 findings cited above, which contradict the Draft EIS's findings. Nat. Res. Def. Council, 421 F.3d at 811 (such revision may be necessary "[w]here the information in the initial EIS was so incomplete or misleading that the decisionmaker and the public could not make an informed comparison of the alternatives"); Ctr. for Biological Diversity v. Nat'l Highway Traffic Safety Admin., 538 F.3d 1172, 1225 (9th Cir. 2008) (holding environmental assessment was unlawful where agency's conclusion that rule's climate impacts would not be significant lacked adequate record support).

IV. The Draft EIS Fails to Rationally Assess Impacts to Migratory Birds

The Draft EIS also ignores or unlawfully discounts potential impacts to migratory birds. As discussed, the Draft EIS arbitrarily dismisses impacts to migratory birds as negligible or, at worst, minor, on the ground that logging will not increase in the Tongass if roadless area protections are weakened or eliminated. Draft EIS at 3-101. The Service must either provide a rational justification for this finding or analyze and disclose the potential impacts new logging will have on migratory birds.

The Draft EIS in particular largely ignores potential impacts to shorebirds and waterfowl. The Draft EIS focuses on impacts to birds that occupy old growth forests in the Tongass, Draft EIS at 3-86, but the Draft EIS also acknowledges that new roadbuilding in the Tongass, including new roadbuilding associated with logging, could increase the amount of sediment delivered to streams. Draft EIS 3-112 ("Roads have been found to contribute more sediment to streams than any other land management activity …."). Such sediment can impact wetlands associated with streams and nearshore marine habitats, including habitat used by many

[1] Available at https://ceq.doe.gov/docs/ceq-regulations-and-guidance/nepa_final_ghg_guidance.pdf.

shorebirds and waterfowl. Draft EIS at 3-117 ("Sediment runoff to streams from land-based activities could have some effects to nearshore marine habitat …."). Logging may also affect wetlands directly, as the Draft EIS acknowledges. Draft EIS at 3-113. However, the Draft EIS fails to analyze or disclose potential impacts to waterfowl and shorebirds that use wetlands and other nearshore or riparian areas that may be impacted by logging and roadbuilding. The Forest Service must correct this error and fully disclose these impacts in the Final EIS.

V. The Draft EIS Unlawfully Postpones Analysis of Key Impacts

The Draft EIS further unlawfully defers analysis of certain environmental impacts until the Service receives specific development proposals. "NEPA is not designed to postpone analysis of an environmental consequence to the last possible moment." Kern v. U.S. Bureau of Land Mgmt., 284 F.3d 1062, 1072 (9th Cir. 2002). Instead, the agency must analyze the environmental consequences of a broadly applicable rule or policy when such impacts are "readily apparent at the time the EIS was prepared." Id. at 1073.

The Draft EIS improperly defers analysis of environmental impacts that are foreseeable now, before any specific projects have been proposed pursuant to the Proposed Rule's lax management framework. For example, the Draft EIS declines to consider impacts to nearshore marine habitats due to roadbuilding, logging, and associated activities, on the ground that "[s]ite-specific nearshore marine habitat-disturbing actions, or any other ground-disturbing action, are not … directly authorized under the" Proposed Rule. Draft EIS at 3-117. The Draft EIS likewise dismisses potential impacts to water quantity and quality because "[i]mpacts to water quantity or quality would be based on site-specific proposals, which are currently unknown, and would be addressed in subsequent project environmental analyses." Draft EIS at 1-8; see also id. at 1-8 through 1-9 (dismissing on the same ground impacts to soil characteristics, "general wildlife habitat," "general aquatic species," "essential fish habitat," and wetlands).

Although it is true that the Forest Service cannot, at this stage, describe site-specific impacts of logging and roadbuilding with particularity, it can examine the general extent of such impacts caused by removing or weakening Roadless Rule protection. Thus, for example, the Service may not be able to determine at this time whether logging will impact a specific nearshore wetland, but it nevertheless has adequate information to determine how many additional wetlands are likely to be degraded if the Proposed Rule is adopted. Similarly, although the Service cannot predict at this time which rivers or streams will be affected by sedimentation associated with new roadbuilding, the Service can estimate the extent to which stream water quality throughout the Forest will be affected, based on the well-established fact that roadbuilding causes significant sediment pollution. Draft EIS at 3-112 ("Roads have been found to contribute more sediment to streams than any other land management activity …."). The Service therefore may not lawfully defer analyzing these impacts, which are a "readily apparent" consequence of the Proposed Rule. Kern, 284 F.3d at 1072-73; Ctr. for Biological Diversity v. Bureau of Land Mgmt., 422 F. Supp. 2d 1115, 1165 (N.D. Cal. 2006) (agency unlawfully "deferred any consideration of the environmental impact" of a management plan on endemic invertebrates).

VI. The Forest Service Must Reinitiate Endangered Species Act Consultation Before Adopting the Proposed Rule

The Forest Service must also reinitiate ESA consultation with NMFS and FWS before finalizing the Proposed Rule. As discussed, consultation is required before a federal agency may take any action that may affect ESA-listed species. See California ex rel. Lockyer, 575 F.3d at 1019 (Forest Service was required to engage in ESA consultation before promulgating new rule replacing Roadless Rule).

The Draft EIS acknowledges that logging and associated industrial activity could impact federally-listed species, including humpback whales and short-tailed albatross. Draft EIS at 3-91 through 3-92. As to humpback whales, the Draft EIS explains that the whales "could be exposed to disturbance and noise associated with [log transfer facility] activity, young-growth timber harvest in the beach fringe, … potential collisions with vessels, and fuel or oil spills associated with vessel traffic." Draft EIS at 3-92. Short-tailed albatross, in turn, "could be affected by reduced marine water quality due to activities in the nearshore environment, including [log transfer facility] use, log raft towing, vessel traffic, and timber harvest within the beach fringe." Draft EIS at 3-92.

However, the Draft EIS finds that impacts to these species associated with the Proposed Rule and other management alternatives "would be essentially unchanged" from the status quo "because predicted harvest volumes would be the same under each alternative and the potential for other developments would be similar." Draft EIS at 3-92 (discussing humpback whale impacts); see id. (impacts to short-tailed albatross "are expected to remain comparable to that anticipated under the current Forest Plan"). Thus, the Forest Service concludes that it can continue to rely on a biological assessment prepared for the 2016 Forest Plan and that additional ESA consultation regarding listed species is not required. See Draft EIS at 3-92.

The Service is wrong that it may forgo additional consultation. As discussed, the Service's prediction that logging will not increase if roadless areas are opened to new development is unsubstantiated. Thus, impacts to humpback whales and short-tailed albatross could increase, contrary to the Forest Service's dubious prediction. Under these uncertain circumstances, consultation with the expert wildlife agencies will be critical in reaching an informed conclusion about whether the Proposed Rule could impact these listed species in a manner that violates the ESA. Karuk Tribe of California, 681 F.3d at 1020 ("The purpose of consultation is to obtain the expert opinion of wildlife agencies to determine whether the action is likely to jeopardize a listed species or adversely modify its critical habitat and, if so, to identify reasonable and prudent alternatives that will avoid the action's unfavorable impacts."). ESA consultation for these species is therefore required before the Service may proceed with adopting the Proposed Rule or any other management alternative discussed in the Draft EIS. California ex rel. Lockyer, 575 F.3d at 1019 (Forest Service was required to engage in ESA consultation before promulgating new rule replacing Roadless Rule); see also 50 C.F.R. § 402.16 ("Reinitiation of consultation is required … [i]f new information reveals effects of the action that may affect listed species or critical habitat in a manner or to an extent not previously considered[.]").

CONCLUSION

For the reasons stated, the Proposed Rule fails to comply with NEPA, APA, and ESA requirements, and cannot be adopted in its current form. The other management alternatives discussed in the Draft EIS are likewise unlawful for the same reasons. The undersigned States therefore urge the Forest Service to correct these fundamental legal defects or withdraw the Proposed Rule.

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Successional changes in live and dead wood carbon stores: implications for net ecosystem productivity

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Summary If forests are to be used in CO_2 mitigation projects, it is essential to understand and quantify the impacts of disturbance on net ecosystem productivity (NEP; i.e., the change in ecosystem carbon (C) storage with time). We examined the influence of live tree and coarse woody debris (CWD) on NEP during secondary succession based on data collected along a 500-year chronosequence on the Wind River Ranger District, Washington. We developed a simple statistical model of live and dead wood accumulation and decomposition to predict changes in the woody component of NEP, which we call NEP_w. The transition from negative to positive NEP_w, for a series of scenarios in which none to all wood was left after disturbance, occurred between 0 and 57 years after disturbance. The timing of this transition decreased as live-tree growth rates increased, and increased as CWD left after disturbance increased. Maximum and minimum NEP_w for all scenarios were 3.9 and –14.1 Mg C ha^{-1} $year^{-1}$, respectively. Maximum live and total wood C stores of 319 and 393 Mg C ha^{-1}, respectively, were reached approximately 200 years after disturbance. Decomposition rates (k) of CWD ranged between 0.013 and 0.043 $year^{-1}$ for individual stands. Regenerating stands took 41 years to attain a mean live wood mass equivalent to the mean mass of CWD left behind after logging, 40 years to equal the mean CWD mass in 500-year-old forest, and more than 150 years to equal the mean total live and dead wood in an old-growth stand. At a rotation age of 80 years, regenerating stands stored approximately half the wood C of the remaining nearby old-growth forests (predominant age 500 years), indicating that conversion of old-growth forests to younger managed forests results in a significant net release of C to the atmosphere.

Keywords: biomass accumulation, carbon sequestration, coarse woody debris, CWD, disturbance, negative to positive, NEP, succession.

Introduction

As atmospheric CO_2 concentrations increase and concern over greenhouse-gas-related climate change deepens, forests are being considered as a means to remove and store accumulating atmospheric carbon (C) (Iverson et al. 1993, Marland 2000). Opinion on this strategy (Schlamadinger and Marland 1998, Schulze et al. 2000) and the role of CO_2 in current global temperature trends (e.g., Hensen et al. 2000) has varied. Climate-related forest migration and response lags (Davis 1986), as well as potential direct and indirect climate effects on forest growth and decomposition (Rogers et al. 1993, Körner 1996), further point toward uncertainties in the future C storage capacity of forests.

If forests are to be used to manipulate atmospheric CO_2 concentration, there is a need to consider these systems in terms of net ecosystem productivity (NEP) in addition to net primary productivity (NPP). This is because forests simultaneously sequester C through growth and lose C through decomposition and heterotrophic respiration. Net ecosystem productivity, which accounts for these competing processes, can thus be defined as the rate of change in ecosystem C storage over time (Aber and Melillo 1991), or:

$$NEP = dC/dt. \quad (1)$$

When NEP is negative, the ecosystem is a CO_2 source relative to the atmosphere. When NEP is positive, the system is a CO_2 sink. The NEP status of a stand thus varies over time depending on which process dominates.

Stand NEP status also depends on mass and decomposition rate of coarse woody debris (CWD) and mass and net C uptake rate of live trees. Many stand development models have focused on simple logistic growth and decomposition functions because interpretations are biologically meaningful. Models of this type include smooth logistic growth (Odum 1969), shifting mosaic (Bormann and Likens 1979), dampened oscillation (Peet 1981) and related patterns of live tree biomass accumulation. In general, these models predict that live biomass increases rapidly following stand initiation, peaks or plateaus during stand maturation, and finally stabilizes or declines in late-successional phases. For the CWD component, chronosequence studies in wave-regenerated *Abies balsamea* (L.) Mill. (Lang 1985), *Pinus contorta* Dougl. ex Loud (Romme 1982) and *Pseudotsuga menziesii* (Mirb.) Franco forests

(Spies et al. 1988) have reported U-shaped temporal patterns in the mass of the CWD pool. These patterns result from gradual decomposition of high CWD loads usually generated by disturbance (Howard 1981, Harmon et al. 1996*a*) and gradual regeneration of these stores as the replacement stand matures. Interaction of these U-shaped dynamics of CWD stores and the pattern of live-tree biomass accumulation (e.g., Whittaker and Woodwell 1969, Pare and Bergeron 1995, Johnson et al. 2000, Wirth et al. 2002) imply four phases of NEP during secondary succession: (1) a period of disturbance, such as fire or logging, that reduces living woody biomass and adds detritus from harvested or burned trees to the pre-harvest detrital load of the stand; (2) a period dominated by C loss (negative NEP) associated with decomposition of dead wood existing prior to disturbance and added by the disturbance; (3) a period dominated by C uptake as stand regeneration sequesters C as live wood (NEP switches from negative to positive); and (4) a gradual decrease of uptake to balance between C gain and C loss as the stand ages (NEP approaches zero). Based on published parameters (Grier and Logan 1977, Harmon et al. 1986) and simple exponential models of these dynamics, a negative NEP phase of approximately 20–30 years is predicted following conversion of Pacific Northwest, old-growth conifer forest to secondary forest by clear-cutting.

Although Pacific Northwest forest soils store an estimated 35% of the total system C (Smithwick et al. 2002), this C is released slowly relative to the time scale of forest disturbance and succession (Johnson and Curtis 2001). Thus, because a large fraction of non-soil forest C is stored in live boles and CWD (Smithwick et al. 2002), these components may largely govern forest C fluxes even though other C pools relevant to NEP exist in forest ecosystems. This paper thus examined C gains and losses from tree boles and CWD, referred to here as NEP_w. These C stores, together with the successional dynamics, suggest four questions: (1) How do live wood C stores change during succession? (2) How do CWD C stores change during succession? (3) Does interaction of biomass accumulation and CWD decomposition result in negative NEP_w following clear-cutting, and if so, for how long? (4) Can these dynamics be used to place extreme positive and negative limits on NEP_w? To answer these questions, we developed a simple statistical model pairing functions of live wood accumulation and CWD decomposition dynamics. We parameterized the model by measuring live tree boles and CWD along a chronosequence of 36 forest stands. Chronosequences suffer from substitution of space for time (e.g., Grier 1978, Harmon and Sexton 1996), sensitivity to the fate of CWD pools during harvest, and other liabilities. When mass-based, however, these methods may offer advantages over the currently favored method of eddy covariance for investigating NEP (e.g., Moncrieff et al. 1997, Constantin et al. 1999). This is because eddy covariance stand choice criteria are not required, actual masses of live and CWD C pools can be compared, CWD stores taken off-site can be estimated, and estimation of C pool mass before, during, and after harvest allows prediction of NEP and C accumulation throughout succession.

Study region

Data were collected from forest stands within the USDA Forest Service Wind River Ranger District, about 20 km from the Columbia River Gorge in southwest Washington State. Because this study was part of an integrated project already in progress at the T.T. Munger Research Natural Area, stand selection was confined to a region approximately 10 × 10 km, centered on the Research Natural Area (45°49′ N, 121°58′ W). Elevation ranges between about 335 and 1200 m. Soils are classified as well-drained Stabler series Andic Haplumbrept (Franklin et al. 1972) derived from recent volcanic tephra (Franklin and DeBell 1988). The district lies in the Cascade Mountains rain-on-snow zone. Winters are temperate and wet; summers are warm and dry. Mean precipitation recorded at the Wind River Ranger Station (1936–1972) is 250 cm $year^{-1}$ (Franklin and DeBell 1988), with less than 10% falling between June and September (Franklin and DeBell 1988). Mean annual temperature at the Research Natural Area is 8.7 °C (Wind River Canopy Crane data). Based on ring counts from stumps and tree cores collected inside or adjacent to the Research Natural Area, these forests originated about 500 years ago (DeBell and Franklin 1987). This age class is common over large regions of the Central Cascades in Oregon and Washington and is attributed to vast stand-destroying fires that swept across the Central Cascades during a climatically dry period around 1490 (Franklin and Waring 1979). Vegetation of the study region is dominated by *P. menziesii–Tsuga heterophylla* (Raf.) Sarg. forest. The Research Natural Area vegetation is transitional between *T. heterophylla* and *Abies amabilis* Dougl. ex Forbes zones (Franklin and Dyrness 1973). Other evergreen tree species include *A. amabilis*, *Abies grandis* (Dougl. ex D. Don) Lindl., *Abies procera* Rehd., *Thuja plicata* Donn ex D. Don, *Taxus brevifolia* Nutt. and *Pinus monticola* Dougl. ex D. Don. Deciduous tree species are present in many stands as minor components and include *Cornus nuttallii* Audubon, *Acer macrophyllum* Pursh and *Alnus rubra* Bong. Shrub species include *Berberis nervosa* Pursh, *Gaultheria shallon* Pursh, *Acer circinatum* Pursh, *Ceanothus* sp., *Vaccinium parvifolium* Smith and *Vaccinium membranaceum* Dougl. ex Hook.

Methods

Stand selection

This study is observational with no true replication. Stands are defined as forested sites used as harvest units by the U.S. Forest Service (USFS). Stands ranged in age from 5 to 400–600 years and formed three general groups: (1) clear-cut, regenerating stands aged 5–50 years post-harvest; (2) 75–150-year-old stands regenerating from commercial harvest or stand-destroying wildfire; and (3) 400–600-year-old old-growth stands. Groupings are artifacts of available stand ages or methodological needs (described below) and are used only for ease of discussion.

Candidate stands were derived from district maps compiled

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from harvest date GIS layers (Gifford Pinchot Vegetation Database, Rev. 1.1). The second phase of stand selection was based on six selection criteria. (1) Age: Candidate stands were grouped into decadal age classes (1940–1949, 1950–1959, etc.) with stand age based on harvest date. At least three stands were selected from each decade to produce the chronosequence. (2) Aspect: To represent the range of site productivity, one stand each of northerly, southerly and flat (valley floor) aspect were selected in each decade. (3) Elevation: Selected stands lie roughly between 760 and 360 m (the valley floor). The upper elevation limit was selected to avoid the transition zone from *Pseudotsuga*-dominated forest to *Abies* sp.--dominated forest. (4) Size: Preference was given to stands large enough to contain a 200-m transect and 100-m edge buffers (at least 400 m per side). Stand dimensions were estimated from scaled USFS orthophotos. (5) Stand canopy homogeneity: USFS orthophotos of candidate stands were examined for interior swamps, experimental plantings and other features interfering with plot placement. (6) Old-growth/second-growth stand pairing: An effort was made to select second-growth stands adjacent to or near old-growth stands. This was done because minimum merchantable-log diameter (Hanzlik et al. 1917, Hodgson 1930, Conway 1982), stump height (Gibbons 1918, Pool 1950, Conway 1982) and total non-merchantable mass of CWD (slash) have changed over time (Harmon et al. 1996*a*, 1996*b*). Old-growth stands may thus provide an estimate of pre-clear-cut CWD mass in adjacent regenerating stands.

After initial selection, other Group 1 stands were added to produce a final chronosequence with age gaps no larger than 5 years for the first 50 years of stand development (1945–1993). Three more stands were then added between harvest dates 1960 and 1970 because an initial analysis predicted that NEP_w switched from negative to positive in this age range. The upper age limit (1945 harvest) for Group 1 stands was chosen because full-scale clear-cutting began in the district around 1940. The lower age limit (1993 harvest) was determined by available stand ages. Age classes at 70, 110 and 150 years post-disturbance (Group 2) were added to examine whether live biomass curves of developing stands followed growth trajectories implied by old-growth biomass and to partially fill the +400-year gap between Group 1 and old-growth (Group 3) stands. Final totals were 18, nine and nine stands in Groups 1, 2 and 3, respectively. Old-growth stands represented remaining tracts of 400–600-year-old forest in the district.

Transect design

All stands were sampled for live trees and CWD based on plots along a transect. Transect bearings generally followed the long axis of each stand but varied with stand shape and area. With the exception of one two-plot transect, each transect consisted of three concentric circular plots with 50– 100 m between plot centers. To reduce edge effects (Chen and Franklin 1992, Mesquita et al. 1999), outer plot radii were located at least 50–100 m from stand boundaries. Plot number, plot-to-plot distances and buffer widths varied with stand area, shape or composition. Locations of Plots 2 and 3 were determined by bearing and distance from Plot 1. Plots straddling old roads, seasonal drainages and thinning boundaries were moved. Two concentric sample zones of radii 12.6 and 17.8 m surrounded each point, providing sample areas equal to 0.05 ha for live trees and 0.1 ha for CWD biomass. Plot radii were measured by calibrated Sonin® and meter tape.

Live trees

At each plot, all live trees with DBH (diameter breast height) ≥ 5 cm were tagged at breast height with pre-numbered aluminum tags. Breast height was defined as 1.4 m above the soil surface on the upslope side of the trunk. Trees near plot perimeters were tagged if more than half of the tree bole was inside the plot. The DBH was measured to the nearest 0.1 cm just above the aluminum tag with commercial metric D-tapes. The DBH was then converted directly to bole wood mass and bark mass using species-specific BIOPAK allometric regression equations (Means et al. 1994) based on both regional (Central Cascades) and specific forests.

For all species, C of live tree bole and bark was assumed to be 50% of bole and bark mass (Swift et al. 1979). Calculated masses were slope adjusted at the plot level by a correction factor (cf):

$$\mathrm{cf} = 1/(\cos(\mathrm{atan}(\mathrm{slope}/100))), \qquad (2)$$

where slope is in degrees. Corrected live tree mass is reported as the product of uncorrected mass and the correction factor. For this study, vine maple (*Acer circinatum*) was defined as a shrub.

Coarse woody detritus

Three principle forms of aboveground CWD were sampled: logs, stumps and snags. Logs were defined as downed tree boles at least 1 m in length and 10 cm in diameter at the largest end. Only sections of logs inside plots were measured. Stumps were defined as standing cut tree boles at least 10 cm in diameter. Snags were defined as standing, uncut, dead trees at least 10 cm in DBH. Stumps and snags near plot perimeters were counted if more than half of the bole was inside the plot. Each log, stump and snag was assigned a decay class rank from 1 (least decayed) to 5 (most decayed) (Sollins 1982). When bark and growth character permitted identification, each log, stump and snag was identified to species. The CWD mass of an unknown species or genus was calculated based on *P. menziesii* densities. Logs, stumps and snags entering the CWD pool from the regenerating stand through mortality and thinning (hereafter referred to as de novo CWD) were separated from pre- and post-clear-cutting material inherited from old-growth stands. Inherited material measured in 1998 is hereafter referred to as legacy CWD.

Log center and end diameters were measured by caliper to the nearest 1 cm. Log lengths were measured to the nearest 0.1 m by tape measure or calibrated Sonin®. Stump diameter was measured just below the cut by caliper to the nearest 1 cm. Stump height was measured to the nearest 0.1 m with a meter stick. Snag basal diameter and accessible top diameters were

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directly measured to the nearest 1 cm by caliper. Snag heights ≤ 3 m were measured directly to the nearest 0.1 m. For snags > 3 m in height, top diameters and heights were estimated visually by calibrating against a known height or diameter at the base of the snag (Harmon and Sexton 1996). Logs and stumps were assumed to have bark. Log volumes were calculated by Newton's method. Stump volume was calculated by estimating DBH from measured stump height and diameter, estimating basal diameter from DBH, and then calculating volume from DBH and basal diameter (Harmon and Sexton 1996). Stump hollow volumes were calculated as above and subtracted from the total. Snag volumes were calculated as frustums of cones based on height and diameters. Legacy CWD C mass was calculated as the product of volume and density, adjusted by decomposition class (Graham and Cromack 1982, Sollins et al. 1987, Harmon and Sexton 1996) and assuming 50% C content. Legacy CWD volume was then used to calculate the initial CWD mass, defined as:

$$\text{Initial CWD mass} = \text{legacy CWD volume} \times 0.45\ \text{Mg m}^{-3}, \quad (3)$$

where density (0.45 Mg m^{-3}) is green wood density of each species (e.g., Anonymous 1999). This approximates the mass of CWD loads left immediately after clear-cutting because dimensions of CWD are largely preserved until decay Class 4 (Means et al. 1985). Regression lines were fit through the set of initial CWD masses to test for a time bias in amounts of residual slash left by changing harvest practices (Harmon et al. 1996*b*). Slope correction of CWD mass was as for live trees.

Model

A Chapman-Richards function (Equation 3) was fit to data describing biomass accumulation in tree boles following stand initiation (Richards 1959) as:

$$L_t = L_{max}(1 - e^{-k_L t})^{r_L}, \quad (4)$$

where L_t is live tree biomass at time t, L_{max} is maximum (asymptotic) live tree biomass, k_L is an empirically derived growth constant and r_L is a shaping parameter. Mean live tree parameters (L_{max}, k_L, r_L) were estimated by nonlinear regression (PROC NLIN, SAS statistical software package, Version 7, SAS Institute, Cary, NC) to the set of 36 mean stand-level live tree mass (Mg ha^{-1}) estimates calculated with Equation 4. Confidence limits were calculated as ± 2 SEs from the mean. For model fitting, old-growth stands were assigned an age of 500 years.

Mass loss from legacy CWD was modeled by a negative exponential function (Kira and Shidei 1967):

$$D_t = D_0(e^{k_D t}),$$

where D_t is legacy CWD mass at time t after clear-cutting, D_0 is mean legacy CWD mass on site, and k_D is an empirically derived decomposition constant. Legacy CWD parameters (D_0, k_D) were estimated by nonlinear regression to Equation 5 based on the set of mean legacy CWD masses (Mg ha^{-1}) from Group 1 stands. To examine variation in CWD decomposition rates among individual Group 1 stands, k-values for each stand were calculated as:

$$k = \frac{-\ln(\text{legacy CWD mass} / \text{initial CWD mass})}{\text{time}}, \quad (6)$$

where legacy and initial CWD are as defined above and time is number of years since clear-cutting.

Accumulating de novo CWD mass was also modeled by a Chapman-Richards function. De novo parameters (N_{max}, k_N, r_N) were estimated by nonlinear regression to Equation 4 based on de novo CWD masses from Groups 1 and 2 and current CWD loads from Group 3. All parameters for live trees, mortality and CWD were allowed to vary without bound under the Marquadt algorithm in the SAS statistical software package, Version 7. Total CWD mass was calculated as:

$$TD_t = D_t + N_t, \quad (7)$$

where N_t is de novo CWD, D_t is legacy CWD and TD_t is total CWD stores.

Woody component of NEP

The NEP_w was calculated as the sum of live and CWD stores:

$$NEP_W = \Delta L + \Delta D = (L_{t+1} - L_t) + (TD_{t+1} - TD_t), \quad (8)$$

and is presented as mean, upper extreme and lower extreme for four scenarios. In Scenario 1, all on-site CWD is assumed to be removed by clear-cutting (CWD mass = 0) and off-site decomposition is ignored. Although this scenario is unrealistic, it sets an extreme upper limit on positive NEP_w. Scenario 2 combines the range of initial CWD loads in Group 1 stands with live bole mass accumulation. It reflects the pattern of NEP_w following clear-cutting of old-growth forest but neglects off-site stores. Scenario 3 is a variation on Scenario 2, pairing live bole mass accumulation with CWD loads measured in old-growth stands. This scenario was included because the range of CWD loads in old-growth stands, although relatively unaffected by logging, may differ from the range of CWD loads in second-growth stands. Finally, in Scenario 4, all trees in an old-growth stand were assumed to be killed by fire and allowed to undergo in situ decomposition. Paired with C accumulation during stand regeneration, this scenario sets an extreme negative limit on NEP_w. Mean NEP_w curves were generated by inserting growth and decomposition parameters (L_{max}, D_0, N_0, k-values) generated by nonlinear regression (Table 1) into Equation 8. Upper and lower boundaries around each mean curve represent extremes of live and CWD data—e.g., maximum CWD mass + maximum old-growth live biomass, and minimum CWD mass + minimum old-growth live biomass, where the range of CWD mass varies by scenario. Decomposition rate (k_D), growth rate (k_L), and live tree shaping parameter (r_L) were held constant for all curves. De

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Table 1. Parameters used to fit NEP_w curves. In each case, curves are calculated as mean live C stores + mean legacy CWD C stores + mean de novo C stores, upper live C stores + upper CWD C stores + mean de novo C stores, and lower live C stores + lower legacy CWD C stores + mean de novo C stores. Data, collected from the Wind River Ranger District, Washington, were fit with a Chapman-Richards function and simple exponential decomposition model ($y = De^{-kt}$), where D is initial CWD mass, k is an empirically derived decomposition constant (Equation 6) and t is time since disturbance, and all parameters were allowed to vary.

Parameter	Growth	Decomposition				De novo
	Scenario 1–4[1]	Scenario 1[2]	Scenario 2[3]	Scenario 3[4]	Scenario 4[5]	Scenario 1–4[1]
Mean						
L_{max}	319					
k_L	–0.017					
r_L	2.09					
D_0		0	76	74	393.5	
k_d			–0.025	–0.025	–0.025	
N_{max}						74.3
k_N						–0.025
r_N						11.13
Upper limit						
L_{max}	451.5					
k_L	–0.017					
r_L	2.09					
D_0		0	118.5	160.5	612	
k_d			–0.025	–0.025	–0.025	
Lower limit						
L_{max}	184.5					
k_L	–0.017					
r_L	2.09					
D_0		0	42	32	216.5	
k_d			–0.025	–0.025	–0.025	

[1] The range of current old-growth live tree C stores. The same in all cases.
[2] All legacy CWD removed by logging. Live tree and de novo C stores accumulate.
[3] The range of calculated initial CWD C stores.
[4] The range of current old-growth CWD C stores.
[5] All live trees killed by catastrophic fire and moved into on-site CWD stores. Limits are high killed live + high CWD and low killed live + low CWD C stores.

novo CWD parameters were the same in all scenarios because CWD accumulations was modeled as converging on mean old-growth CWD stores.

Results

Live tree stores ranged from 184.5 to 451.5 Mg C ha^{-1} (mean ± SE: 315.4 ± 30.8 Mg C ha^{-1}) across the nine old-growth stands. Live tree mass was low in stands for the first 10 years of succession then increased rapidly until age 75–85 years (Figure 1). Beyond this age, growth declined slowly and converged on an asymptotic maximum mass (319 ± 16.40 Mg C ha^{-1}, $F = 183.68$, $P < 0.0001$). The fitted growth parameter (k_L) was 0.017 ± 0.005 $year^{-1}$, indicating that maximum live tree stores were reached in approximately 200 years. The fitted shaping parameter (r_L) was 2.09 ± 0.72.

Mean initial CWD mass in Group 1 stands was 76 ± 7.4 Mg C ha^{-1} (range: 42–119 Mg C ha^{-1}, $n = 19$) and not significantly different from mean CWD mass in old-growth stands in 1998 (mean: 74 ± 12.7 Mg C ha^{-1}, range: 32–160 Mg C ha^{-1}, $n = 9$) ($t = –0.13$, $P = 0.89$). A small negative trend (i.e., time bias from harvest practices) among reconstructed initial CWD loads of Group 1 stands (Figure 2) was not significant either by linear (time = –1.03 ± 0.88, $t = –1.16$, $P = 0.26$) or quadratic (time = –0.02 ± 0.02, $t = –1.04$, $P = 0.312$) regression of mass against time. The fitted Group 1 legacy CWD C storage (D_0) was 55 ± 9.58 Mg C ha^{-1} ($F = 81.11$, $P < 0.000$) (Figure 2).

Legacy CWD C stores declined with increasing stand age across Group 1 with a fitted mean decomposition rate (k_d) of 0.010 ± 0.006 $year^{-1}$ ($n = 18$) (see Figure 3 for distribution of mean CWD across all stands). This was lower than the calculated mean decomposition rate of individual stands of 0.025 $year^{-1}$ (range: 0.013–0.043 $year^{-1}$) and other reported values for *P. menziesii* in the region of about 0.03 $year^{-1}$ (Sollins 1982, J.E. Janisch et al., unpublished data). Because of this, the NEP_w was based on mean decomposition rate of individual stands. Mean fitted asymptotic de novo mass (N_0), accumulation rate (k_N) and shaping parameter (r_N) were 74 ± 6.65 Mg C ha^{-1} ($F = 50.73$, $P < 0.001$), 0.025 ± 0.013 $year^{-1}$ and 11.13 ± 14.31, respectively (Figure 4). Regression of

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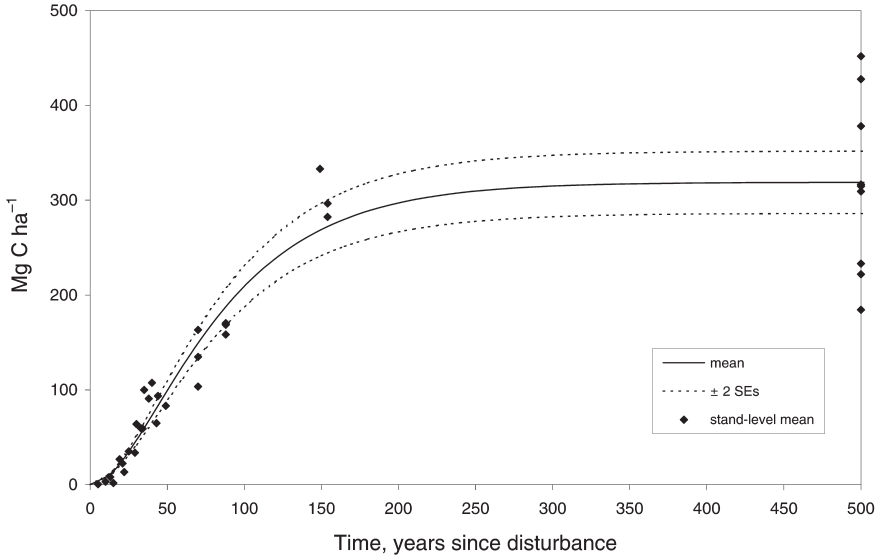

Figure 1. Live tree bole C stores along a 500-year chronosequence of 36 *Pseudotsuga–Tsuga* dominated forest stands. The *x*-axis is years since disturbance, or age of the stand. The *y*-axis is live bole C stores in each stand. Data were fit using a Chapman-Richards function where all parameters were allowed to vary. Data were collected from the Wind River Ranger District, Washington.

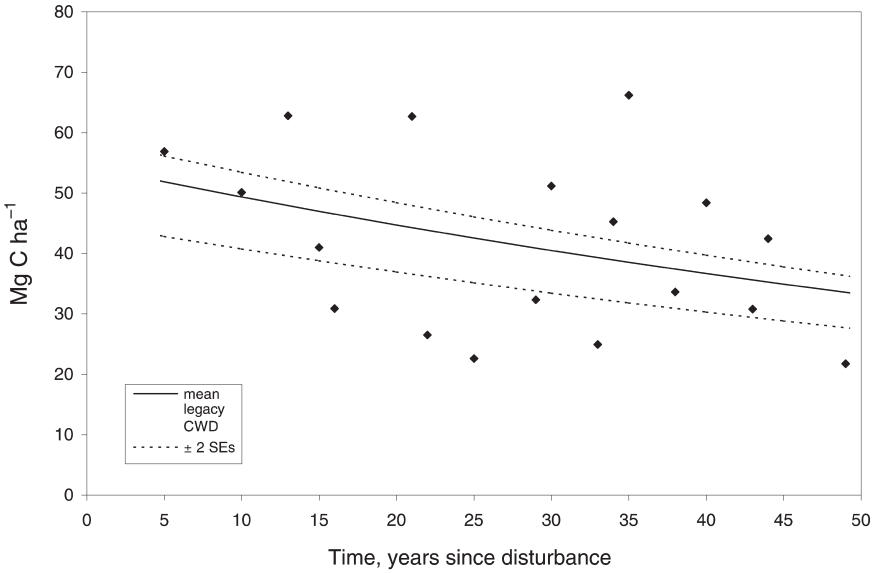

Figure 2. Change in estimated initial CWD C stores (stands < 60 years old; Group 1) using a simple exponential decomposition model ($y = De^{-kt}$). The weak time bias indicated in mass of CWD C left on-site after clear-cutting was not statistically significant. The *x*-axis is years since disturbance, or age of the stand. The *y*-axis is estimated initial CWD C stores in each stand. Data were obtained from *Pseudotsuga–Tsuga* dominated second-growth stands in the Wind River Ranger District, Washington.

old-growth live tree mass against old-growth CWD mass suggests a weak but not significant positive correlation between increasing live tree mass and increasing CWD mass (+0.19 ± 0.14 Mg C ha^{-1} CWD per 1 Mg C ha^{-1} live tree mass, $n = 9$, $t = 1.41$, $P = 0.200$).

Given these results, at a rotation age of 80 years, a regenerating stand would store 172 Mg C ha^{-1} live wood (mean) and 28 Mg C ha^{-1} CWD (mean, including de novo CWD). This is 193 Mg C ha^{-1} below old-growth rates (L_0 + mean old-growth CWD). Given a rotation age of 60 years, a regenerating stand would store a mean of 125 Mg C ha^{-1} in live wood and 21 Mg C ha^{-1} CWD. This amounts to a reduction of 247 Mg C ha^{-1} relative to old-growth stands, consistent with past modeled conversions of old-growth forests to regenerating forests (Harmon et al. 1990). Maximum C stores (live + dead) of 393 Mg C ha^{-1} were reached about 200 years after disturbance.

The transition from negative to positive NEP_w depended strongly on growth rate and decomposition rate as well as the fate of CWD and harvested wood. In Scenario 1, where all CWD was assumed to be removed, stands functioned as net sinks of atmopheric CO_2 from Year 0 (Figure 5). In Scenario 2 (Figure 6), where CWD loads are reorganized by clear-cutting, stands functioned as CO_2 sources for 12–14 years. Given the range of CWD masses in old-growth stands (Scenario 3, Figure 7), it took 10–20 years for stands to become CO_2 sinks. When an old-growth stand was assumed to be killed by fire and decomposed in situ (Scenario 4), the transition took 50–56 years (Figure 8). The NEP_w ranged from a negative extreme of –14.1 Mg C ha^{-1} year^{-1} in Scenario 4 to a positive extreme of 3.9 Mg C ha^{-1} year^{-1} in Scenario 1.

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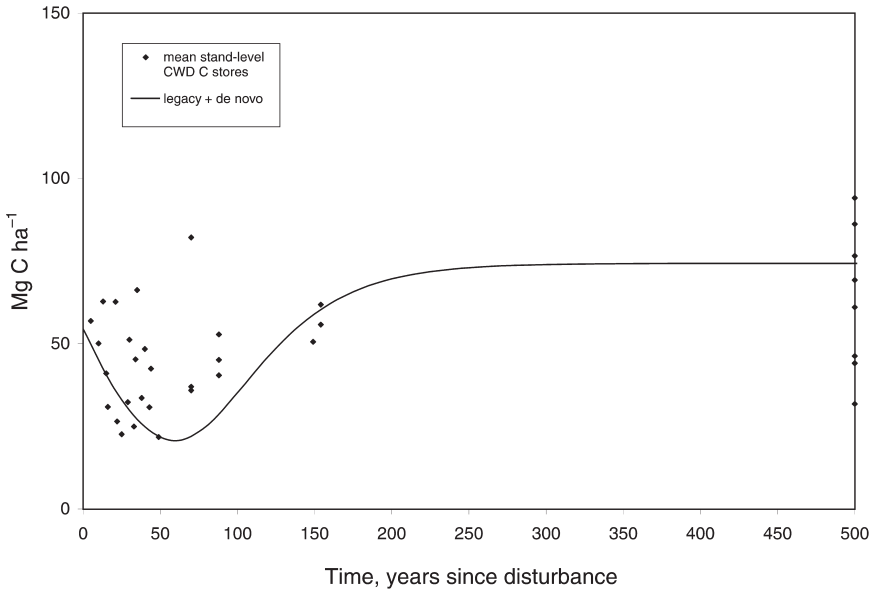

Figure 3. Total CWD C stores along a 500-year chronosequence of 36 *Pseudotsuga–Tsuga* dominated forest stands. Curve represents the sum of two separate functions: decline in legacy CWD C stores after clearcutting due to decomposition ($y = De^{-kt}$) and accumulation of de novo CWD following stand regeneration (Chapman-Richards function). The *x*-axis is years since disturbance (*t*), or age of the stand. The *y*-axis is CWD C stores in each stand. Data were collected from the Wind River Ranger District, Washington.

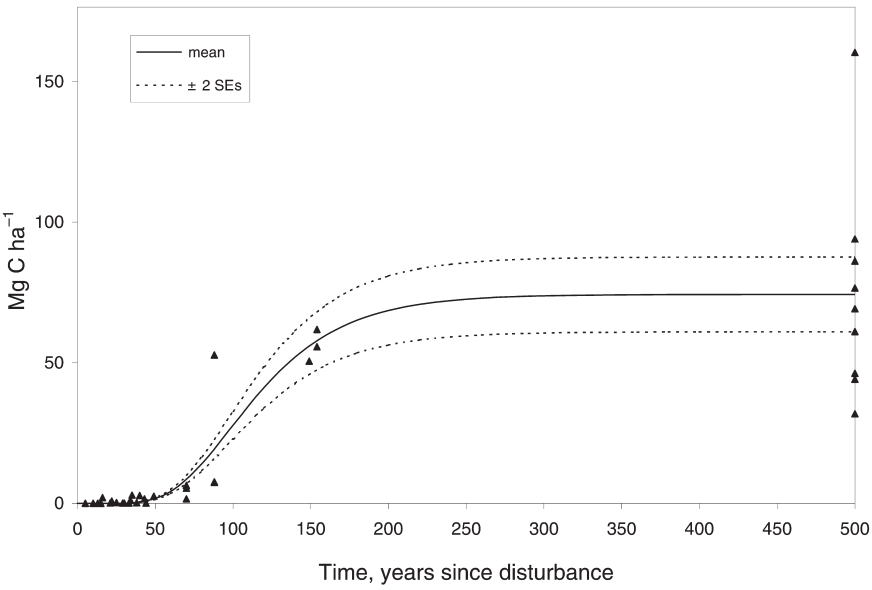

Figure 4. Change in de novo CWD C stores along a 500-year chronosequence of *Pseudotsuga–Tsuga* dominated stands in the Wind River Ranger District, Washington. Data was fit using a Chapman-Richards function. Mean old-growth CWD C mass was used as an asymptotic mass in the model. The *x*-axis is years since disturbance, or age of the stand. The *y*-axis is mean CWD C stores in each stand.

Discussion

Regional live wood and CWD

Mean live bole C stores in old-growth stands (319 Mg C ha^{-1}) were consistent with estimates from the Wind River Research Natural Area (302 Mg C ha^{-1}, M.E. Harmon, unpublished data), the H.J. Andrews Experimental Forest (295– 585 Mg C ha^{-1}, Grier and Logan 1977), and the regional mean of 296 Mg C ha^{-1} (Smithwick et al. 2001), but higher than values for other regional coniferous forests (158 Mg C ha^{-1} (*Tsuga mertensiana*, 225 years, Boone et al. 1988), 222.5 Mg C ha^{-1} (*A. amabilis*, 180 years, Grier et al. 1981) and 234 Mg C ha^{-1} (*A. amabilis–T. mertensiana*, 417 years, Krumlik and Kimmins 1976)). Our estimates of CWD C stores are generally at the lower end of the range reported for Oregon *P. menziesii*-dominated forests (127 Mg C ha^{-1}, Means et al. 1992; 29.5–325.8 Mg C ha^{-1}, Grier and Logan 1977; 95.5 Mg C ha^{-1}, M.E. Harmon, unpublished data) and coastal British Columbia *T. plicata*-dominated old-growth forests (182 Mg C ha^{-1}, Keenan et al. 1993). Compared with second-growth stands, old-growth live and CWD stores were more variable, consistent with the idea that, as stand age increases, there is more time for stochastic variation to be expressed (Eberhart and Woodard 1987, Sturtevant et al. 1997). Alternatively, variable regeneration times relative to the initiating disturbance could push old-growth stands apart in time (Tappeiner et al. 1997), leading to increased variation between such stands when treated as the same age class. Some of the increased variation with forest

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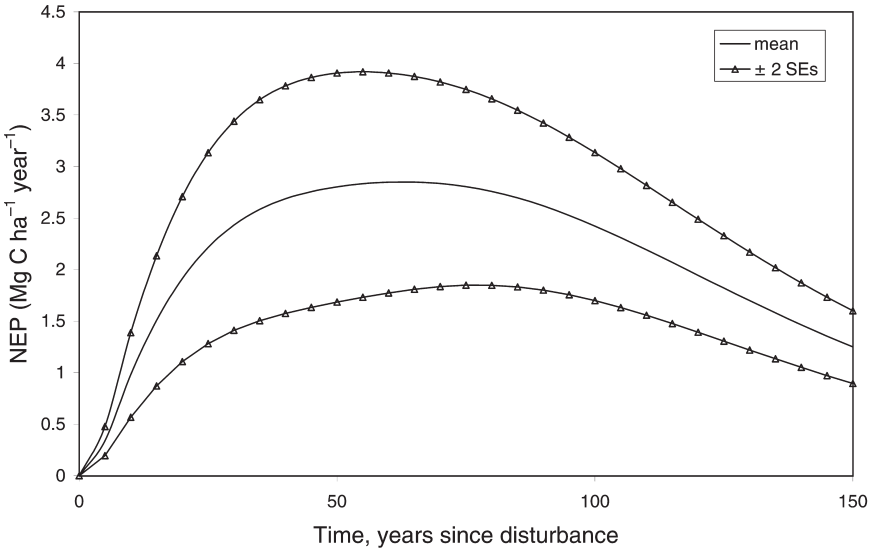

Figure 5. Predicted NEP_w dynamics over time (on site) during secondary succession. This scenario (Scenario 1) shows live tree biomass accumulation (stand regeneration), assuming that all CWD C stores are removed by logging and/or burning. Curves represent changes in NEP_w based on mean growth rate derived from a Chapman-Richards function and mean asymptotic live tree mass ± 2 SE. Predicted NEP_w values are based on data from a chronosequence of *Pseudotsuga–Tsuga* dominated stands in the Wind River Ranger District, Washington.

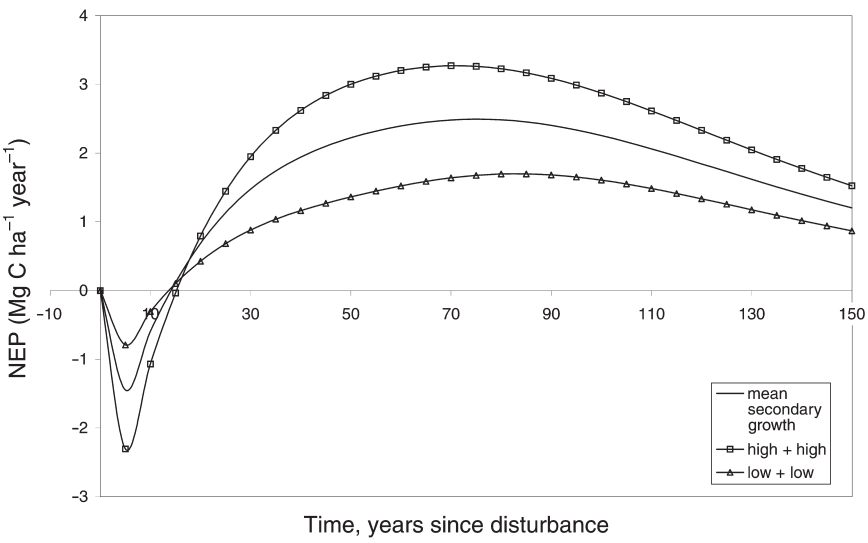

Figure 6. Predicted NEP_w dynamics over time (on site) during secondary succession when legacy CWD C stores were paired with live bole regeneration (Scenario 2). The solid curve describes NEP_w over succession based on mean legacy CWD C mass and mean asymptotic live bole mass. Dashed curves describe pairings of extremes of the ranges of live and CWD C stores. Totals include de novo CWD, but not stores removed from the site by clear-cutting. Predicted NEP_w values are based on data from a chronosequence of *Pseudotsuga–Tsuga* dominated stands in the Wind River Ranger District, Washington.

age may have been related to the small plot area used to sample old-growth stands.

Initial CWD mass

Lack of significant time bias in initial CWD was unexpected given changes in utilization and residual slash management reported elsewhere (Harmon et al. 1996*b*). This suggests that differences in initial CWD masses may be a function of old-growth CWD masses and site variables controlling production and decomposition. The weak positive correlation between increasing live tree mass and increasing CWD mass may reflect this pattern, suggesting that more studies are warranted.

Lack of a significant difference between initial Group 1 CWD loads and old-growth CWD mass does not, however, mean that CWD was unaffected by disturbance. Initial CWD mass in harvested stands, for example, included stumps, and by excluding them, mean Group 1 CWD stores declined to 57 Mg C ha^{-1} relative to old-growth CWD stores of 74.4 Mg C ha^{-1}. This indicates a rapid period of loss of CWD from the site. A second effect of harvest is indicated by the narrower range of initial CWD mass in Group 1 stands relative to the range of 1998 old-growth CWD (37–99 Mg C ha^{-1} for Group 1 versus 67–281 Mg C ha^{-1} for old growth). This suggests that clear-cutting both reduces initial CWD loads relative to old-growth stands and reduces variability in CWD loads between harvested stands.

Live biomass accumulation

Although studies of aggrading live tree biomass appear to support some models of stand development (Siren 1955, Zackrisson et al. 1996), because we did not sample 200–400-year and +400-year age classes, it is unclear which hypothesis (e.g., smooth logistic growth, shifting mosaic, etc.) applies to this region. Other chronosequence data in the Pacific Northwest suggests a decline in live tree biomass beyond Age 400 years (T.A. Spies, U.S. Forest Service, personal communication),

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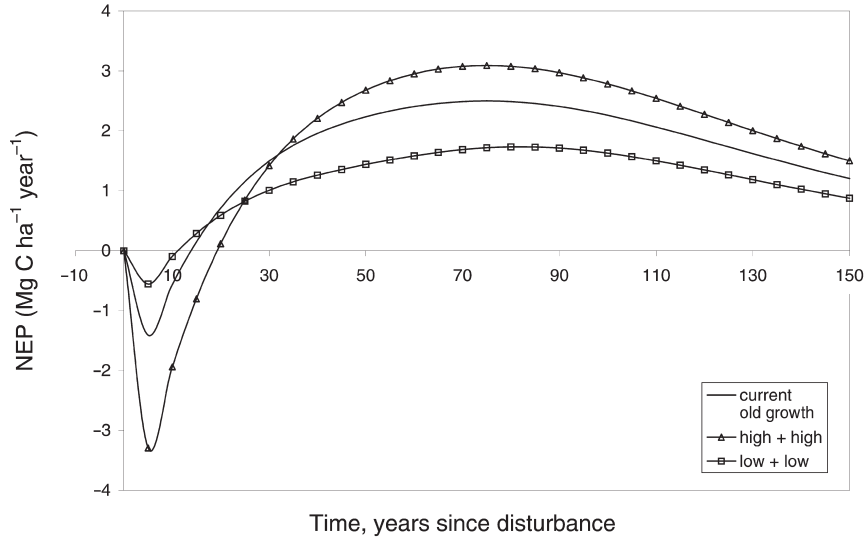

Figure 7. Predicted NEP_w dynamics over time (on site) during secondary succession for scenario when decomposition of old-growth CWD C stores is paired with live bole regeneration (Scenario 3). As with Scenario 2 (Figure 6), the transition from negative to positive NEP_w occurred approximately 14 years after clear-cutting. However, the curves, which show pairings of means and extremes of the ranges of live and CWD old-growth C stores, show a wider range than Scenario 2, indicating that CWD stores are homogenized by clear-cutting. Carbon stores removed from the site by clear-cutting are not included. Predicted NEP_w values are based on data from a chronosequence of *Pseudotsuga–Tsuga* dominated stands in the Wind River Ranger District, Washington.

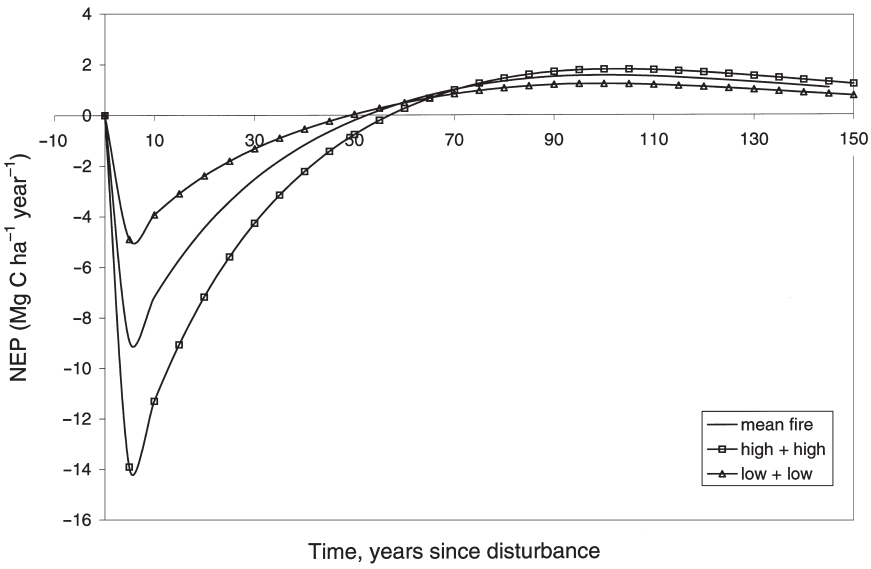

Figure 8. Predicted NEP_w dynamics over time (on site) during secondary succession for Scenario 4, in which all live trees in an old-growth stand are assumed to be killed by fire and allowed to decompose in situ. When these stores remained on-site, the transition from negative to positive NEP_w took approximately 50 years. Curves were generated by combining simple exponential decomposition models, Chapman-Richards functions, and empirically derived parameters. Predicted NEP_w values are based on data from a 500-year chronosequence of *Pseudotsuga–Tsuga* dominated stands in the Wind River Ranger District, Washington.

whereas time series data in old-growth forests suggest that biomass remains relatively constant (Franklin and DeBell 1988). Our data indicate that regrowth biomass approximates that found in old-growth forests by about 200 years after disturbance. Actual time series data showing biomass saturation by 150 years (Acker et al. 2000) and little change in old-growth live tree mass (Bible 2001) suggest that an asymptotic mass limit characteristic of the Chapman-Richards function is reasonable. Addition of other age stands and remeasurement of all stands over the next 10–20 years may help clarify the biomass accumulation dynamics of Pacific Northwest conifer forests.

NEP and initial conditions

The influence of initial conditions on NEP_w was investigated through a hierarchical set of four scenarios. In general, NEP_w followed the pattern suggested by Odum (1969)—a negative phase followed by a positive phase followed by convergence on zero. When all legacy CWD was assumed to be oxidized or moved off-site during clear-cutting, there was no negative period of NEP_w because on-site CWD stores were zero (Scenario 1, Figure 5). In addition to setting an absolute positive limit on NEP_w, this scenario shows how short-term estimates of NEP_w and C accumulation are misleading if stand history is neglected. For example, given pre-harvest C stores of 300 Mg ha^{-1} in live tree boles, approximately 95% is removed by harvest and 50% (142 Mg C ha^{-1}) of this is lost to the atmosphere during the first year (Harmon et al. 1996*a*). These initial losses would not be reflected in NEP_w were such a stand measured later in succession. The CO_2 debt might be further deepened in

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this scenario by complete oxidation of CWD stores inherited from the harvested old-growth stand, implying a negative NEP_w pulse in excess of 200 Mg C ha^{-1} within the first year after harvest. Scenario 2 (Figure 6) predicts NEP_w during regeneration of a clear-cut stand using the range of initial CWD observed. This scenario had a short negative lag period but is also unrealistic because wood moved off-site during harvest and CWD oxidized as burned slash is not counted. Unless this C is preserved in decomposition-free, long-term storage (and some was already lost to burning), CO_2 flux to the atmosphere and the negative NEP_w phase are underestimated. Scenario 3 (Figure 7), like Scenario 2, predicts NEP_w during regeneration of a clear-cut. Unlike Scenario 2, however, the range of CWD stores in intact old-growth forest, rather than the range of CWD stores left by clear-cutting, are used to model NEP_w. Because clear-cutting both reduces (burning, removal of CWD stores inherited from the harvested stand) and increases (addition of stumps, unmerchantable boles, and other components from harvested live trees) stand CWD stores, Scenario 3 avoids some of the changes in this pool confounded by logging. Compared with Scenario 2, the source-to-sink transition is delayed longer following disturbance, the source-to-sink interval is wider, and the negative NEP_w phase is deeper. However, as with Scenario 2, the negative phase of NEP_w is still underestimated because harvested wood lost during manufacturing is not accounted for. Finally, off-site pools are not an issue in Scenario 4 because all stores remained on site. When an old-growth stand is completely killed by fire, all live wood stores move immediately into the CWD pool. If these CWD stores then decompose in situ, the mass and life span of this CWD load is so great that the negative NEP_w phase during secondary succession is protracted (50–56 years) and deepened (–14.1 Mg C ha^{-1} $year^{-1}$), and the positive NEP_w phase is dampened (peaking at 1.79 Mg C ha^{-1} $year^{-1}$) relative to other scenarios. Although the role of Scenario 4 as an extreme negative limit on NEP_w is obvious, Scenario 4 also clarifies the underlying C flux signal of harvested stands, which has often been confused by the multiple fates and decomposition rates of material taken off site. Thus, if off-site C stores decompose and old-growth forests with high C storage are converted to short-rotation forests that do not attain C stores equivalent to those of the forest they replace, there is a net loss of terrestrial C to the atmosphere (Harmon et al. 1996*a*, 1996*b*). Overall, these results are consistent with modeled predictions of changes in C storage and 15–30 year negative NEP_w phases following conversion of old forest to younger forest (Harmon et al. 1990). To avoid the problem of how to treat disturbance and the fate of C removed from the site, net biome production (NBP) has been proposed as an extension of NEP (Schulze et al. 2000). We believe that NEP could also be used in this context, provided that conservation of mass is observed so that artificial C sinks are not created (e.g., NEP measured in stands is adjusted for C stores moved off-site).

NEP and carbon storage

The number of years NEP_w is negative is largely irrelevant, however, because there is little relationship between the length of time that NEP_w is negative and the total mass loss from decaying CWD. If, for example, slash burning oxidized all CWD left by logging, NEP_w of the regenerating stand would register as positive immediately after replanting even though > 50 Mg C ha^{-1} was released and the mass of the replanted stand was trivial. Second, because CWD is ultimately oxidized unless it enters some form of permanent storage, stands should be treated as CO_2 sources at least until regenerating live tree mass balances the CO_2 debt generated by clear-cutting. This point is critical because if the C fixation rate exceeds the C loss rate, stands with absolute CO_2 debts relative to pre-harvest C storage will register as CO_2 sinks during "instantaneous" or short-term monitoring of NEP_w. When NEP_w accounting includes decomposition of all CWD, the source-to-sink transition changes to 27–57 years (Scenario 2), 38– 165 years (Scenario 3) and 105–200+ years (Scenario 4) (based on mean live tree growth versus range of CWD). Further, Scenario 4 upper C storage limits are approachable only by accumulating both de novo CWD C and live bole C. Thus, C flux resulting from harvest disturbance, as well as C stores in second-growth stands relative to C stores in old-growth stands that they replace, must be included in assessing how forest management can mitigate increasing atmospheric CO_2 concentration. Given this outlook, conclusions about what constitutes a C sink, such as forest regrowth in the north temperate zone counterbalancing C released by tropical deforestation (Jarvis and Dewar 1993, Trans 1993, Gifford 1994), may need to be reassessed relative to old-growth forest baseline stores.

Improving NEP estimates

Considering whole-tree storage rather than just boles and bark would improve our NEP_w estimates, increasing the maximum NEP_w calculated by approximately one-third. Inclusion of herbaceous and shrub understory would also increase NEP, but to a smaller degree given their low maximum biomass. Including fine woody debris, forest floor litter and subsurface CWD pools would have reduced NEP during the negative phase by as much as 4–8 Mg C ha^{-1} $year^{-1}$ for all scenarios. Accumulations in forest floor litter might also add to the positive phase of NEP, whereas the fine subsurface woody detritus pools probably would not because the mass added by disturbance is much greater than the old-growth mass of these pools. Neglecting only soil C would thus provide an estimate at the ecosystem level, assuming that soil C is as unresponsive to disturbance as noted by Johnson and Curtis (2001). To reduce potential positive bias, NEP calculations could also reflect live-tree bole hollows and heart rot, which can be 8–14% of old-growth *T. heterophylla* "live" volume (Foster and Foster 1951). A further refinement would be the inclusion of lag-time parameters in the decomposition model, which could affect how negative NEP becomes, but not the magnitude of the CO_2 debt.

Because growth and decomposition rates strongly influence the NEP_w transition, better confidence intervals and upper and lower NEP_w limits could be estimated by Monte Carlo methods in which all parameters are allowed to co-vary. A true mor-

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tality function describing mass of trees entering the CWD pool throughout succession could also be used. However, modeling mortality as logistic de novo mass accumulation may be a reasonable simplification because high seedling mortality contributes little CWD mass relative to mature tree mortality.

Management implications and conclusions

Publications considering forests as a means of atmospheric CO_2 mitigation have reached contradictory conclusions (Harmon et al. 1990, Marland and Marland 1992) depending on whether calculations consider CWD loads (Harmon et al. 1990, Fischlin 1996), substitution of wood for fossil fuels (Matthews 1992, 1994), afforestation, or conversion of old-growth forest to secondary forest (Schlamadinger and Marland 1996). There is also evidence that longer rotations, underplanting and other silvicultural manipulations of existing stands do little to improve CO_2 mitigation and are less effective than afforestation (Kuersten and Burschel 1993). The latter conclusions are supported by the low storage and high fluxes associated with conversion to short-rotation forests relative to intact old-growth forest indicated here. Conversely, afforestation on a scale to achieve appreciable CO_2 mitigation is limited by available land area (Shroeder and Ladd 1991). Given these limits, optimizing forest C storage appears to mean preserving old-growth forests and stopping deforestation or moving forest products into decomposition-free permanent storage.

Mass-based methods of estimating NEP also deserve more attention, particularly if the results of these methods run contrary to flux-based estimates. Although the legitimacy of flux tower and chamber-based measurement of NEP (e.g., Arneth et al. 1998, Schmid et al. 2000) are not disputed here, key events in a stand's history, such as stand-destroying wildfire, may rapidly release high percentages of stored stand C. Because these events may span only days or weeks, a short period of time relative to potential stand life spans of several centuries or longer, there is a high probability that short-duration monitoring, regardless of method, will miss these rapid changes in C stores. Thus, estimates of NEP_w, and consequently conclusions about C sources, C sinks and C accumulation drawn from short-term flux measurements, should be interpreted cautiously.

Finally, descriptions of forest CWD C stores across a range of forest types have improved (Grier and Logan 1977, Harmon et al. 1995), but assessment of the sources and fates of these stores is still needed. Our results indicate that the more CWD is left on site, the more negative NEP_w becomes, the longer before NEP_w switches from negative to positive, and the lower the maximum NEP_w. When off-site and burned CWD stores are accounted for and C accumulation is summed over time, logging old-growth *Pseudotsuga–Tsuga* forests creates a CO_2 debt that may persist for more than 150 years, even when old-growth forests are replaced with vigorously growing secondary forest. If stand history is not considered, NEP-based determinations of whether stands function as CO_2 sources or sinks can be misleading. This is because C stores in old-growth stands may differ vastly from C stores in second-growth stands that replace them, because woody biomass exported from a site may not be reflected in NEP, and because substantial fractions of stand C stores may be lost in rapid pulses easily missed by short-term monitoring.

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Abstract

Forest carbon sequestration via forest preservation can be a viable climate change mitigation strategy. Here we identify forests in the western conterminous United States with high potential carbon sequestration and low vulnerability to future drought and fire, as simulated using the Community Land Model and two high-carbon emission scenario (RCP 8.5) climate models. High-productivity, low-vulnerability forests have the potential to sequester up to 5,450 $TgCO_2$ equivalent (1,485 Tg C) by 2099, which is up to 20% of the global mitigation potential previously identified for all temperate and boreal forests, or up to ~6 years of current regional fossil fuel emissions. Additionally, these forests currently have high above- and belowground carbon density, high tree species richness, and a high proportion of critical habitat for endangered vertebrate species, indicating a strong potential to support biodiversity into the future and promote ecosystem resilience to climate change. We stress that some forest lands have low carbon sequestration potential but high biodiversity, underscoring the need to consider multiple criteria when designing a land preservation portfolio. Our work demonstrates how process models and ecological criteria can be used to prioritize landscape preservation for mitigating greenhouse gas emissions and preserving biodiversity in a rapidly changing climate.

Keywords: carbon sequestration, biodiversity, process modeling, climate change, forest, mitigation, western US, Community Land Model (CLM)

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Introduction

Since the signing of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in Rio de Janeiro in 1992, the United Nations has recognized the need to formulate a global response to increasing greenhouse gas concentrations in our atmosphere. The subsequent adoptions of the Sustainable Development Goals (United Nations General Assembly 2015) and the Paris Agreement (United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCC) 2015) provided global targets for preserving biodiversity and limiting the negative effects of increasing greenhouse gas concentrations. Limiting global temperature to 1.5 degrees Celsius above the pre-industrial average would limit negative climate impacts (IPCC 2018), including negative effects on biodiversity (Smith et al. 2018). Unfortunately, substantial enhancement or over-delivery of emissions goals in the Paris Agreement is necessary to limit warming to less than two degrees Celsius (Rogelj et al. 2016). Missing this target could destabilize Earth's climate, terrestrial, and aquatic systems (Steffen et al. 2018) with catastrophic consequences for biodiversity (Davis et al. 2018), ecosystem services, and humans (Barnosky et al. 2012). Already, ample observational evidence exists that changes in climate are inducing ecosystem transformations through tree mortality (Allen et al. 2010, Millar and Stephenson 2015) and changes in species composition (Allen and Breshears 1998, Millar and Stephenson 2015). Process-based (Settele et al. 2014, McDowell et al. 2016) and statistical (Rehfeldt et al. 2006, Williams et al. 2007, Pearson et al. 2013) models indicate a strong potential for continued ecological transformation, and paleological analyses indicate that if we continue on our current emission trajectory, drastic changes in global ecosystem structure and function are likely by the end of this century (Nolan et al. 2018a).

Along with emissions, multiple biogeophysical processes, including carbon uptake by the land and oceans and ocean heat exchange (Solomon et al. 2009), influence atmospheric CO_2 (Canadell et al. 2007, Le Quere et al. 2018) and the integrated Earth system trajectory (Barnosky et al. 2012, Steffen et al. 2018). Recent measurements indicate the ocean heat uptake is at the high end of previous estimates (Resplandy et al. 2018), and decreasing land carbon uptake relative to carbon emissions (Canadell et al. 2007) is contributing to increasing atmospheric CO_2 and chances of climate destabilization (Barnosky et al. 2012, Steffen et al. 2018). Land preservation and timber harvest

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management (natural climate solutions) are viable options for avoiding greenhouse gas emissions and increasing the magnitude of the land carbon sink (Griscom et al. 2017).

Forest management (e.g., land preservation, reduced harvest) can contribute to climate change mitigation and the preservation of biodiversity (MEA 2005). Globally, improvements to land management could provide an estimated 37% of the mitigation needed to stabilize warming below 2°C by 2039 (Griscom et al. 2017). Land management can also mitigate the negative effects that climate-induced ecosystem transformations have on biodiversity and watersheds, which influence ecosystem services that contribute to human well-being (Canadell and Raupach 2008, Griscom et al. 2017). The effects of land use change vary globally (Bright et al. 2017), therefore regional analyses (Cameron et al. 2017, Law et al. 2018) are ideal for prioritizing lands for preservation and improving harvest management.

Here we simulate potential forest carbon sequestration in the western United States, prioritize forest lands for preservation (i.e., no harvest) based on potential carbon sequestration and vulnerability to drought or fire, and compare this carbon priority ranking with measures of biodiversity to illustrate the spatial synergies and incongruities between these two preservation metrics. We use the Community Land Model 4.5 (CLM) to simulate future forest productivity and vulnerability to drought and fire. We prioritize land based on the spatial convergence of low future vulnerability to natural disturbance and three levels of potential productivity and determine the CO_2 mitigation potential that preserving medium and high priority forests could provide. We show the co-benefits and trade-offs to biodiversity preservation and ecosystem resilience by comparing current observations of above ground carbon (Wilson et al. 2013), soil carbon (Weider et al. 2014), and species richness (Jenkins et al. 2015, USGS National Gap Analysis Program 2018) across the three forest carbon preservation priority categories. We use these combined analyses to underscore the need to consider multiple criteria when selecting forest lands for preservation.

Materials and Methods

Simulations of future forest vulnerability and potential carbon sequestration

We used the Community Land Model, version 4.5 (Oleson et al. 2013) (CLM) to simulate the forest carbon cycle across the western US (Appendix S1: Figure S1) at a 4 x 4 km spatial resolution. The

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CLM is the land surface model within the Community Earth System Model (Hurrell et al. 2013). The CLM has prognostic carbon and nitrogen cycles and calculates multiple biogeochemical and biophysical process, such as photosynthesis, autotrophic and heterotrophic respiration, carbon allocation to plant tissues, decomposition, and surface energy balance. It also has a fire module that predicts area burned under future climate and biomass fuel conditions. Here, we used climate projections, described below, prescribed vegetation type (Appendix S1: Figure S1), and prescribed soil type to drive the model. We employed several modifications that improved the CLM's simulation of aboveground carbon, net primary productivity, and ecosystem respiration across the western US (Buotte et al. 2019b). In particular, these include specification of physiological parameters controlling photosynthesis for the dominant species in the major forest types (Appendix S1: Figure S1) of the western US (Berner and Law 2016, Law et al. 2018, Buotte et al. 2019b), enhanced drought sensitivity through species-specific stomatal response to soil moisture and leaf shedding during periods of drought stress (Buotte et al. 2019b), and improved fire simulation by incorporating regional ignition probabilities and fuel load constraints (Buotte et al. 2019b).

The CLM was started from bare ground and run with 1901-1920 climate data and prognostic fire turned off until soil carbon pools reached equilibrium. Improvements to the representation of drought stress and prognostic fire were implemented beginning in 1901. From 1901-1978 we forced CLM with CRUNCEP climate data (Mitchell and Jones 2005) statistically downscaled to 4 x 4 km and bias corrected to our 1979-2014 climate data. Climate data from 1979-2014 were disaggregated from daily to 3-hourly intervals at 4 x 4 km resolution (Abatzoglou 2013). Downscaling and disaggregation details are provided in Buotte et al.(2019b). Furthermore, we used prescribed harvest to insure the model represented present-day stand ages (Pan et al. 2011).

It is crucial to assess model performance and thus we previously evaluated the modeled present-day carbon stocks, carbon fluxes, and burned area through comparisons with a suite of field and satellite observations (Buotte et al. 2019a, Buotte et al. 2019b). In particular, we compared modeled carbon stocks and fluxes with aboveground biomass interpolated from plot inventories (Wilson et al. 2013), carbon fluxes from five AmeriFlux sites, fluxes derived from plot inventories in Washington, Oregon, and CA (Hudiburg et al. 2009, Hudiburg et al. 2011), net primary productivity estimated from the MODIS satellites (Berner et al. 2017a). We also compared modeled burned area

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with a burned area data set derived from the Landsat satellites (Eldenshenk et al. 2007). As detailed in Buotte et al. (2019b), simulated carbon fluxes agreed well with a variety of observations. Simulated net primary productivity was within the range of observed and satellite-derived net primary productivity at the state level. Across all forests in the western US, simulated aboveground carbon was within one standard deviation of observation-based aboveground carbon (Obs. mean = 30.5 Mg C/ha, SD = 39.7 Mg C/ha, CLM mean = 59.1 Mg C/ha, SD = 45.5 Mg C/h, R^2 = 0.80). When grouped by forest type, simulated aboveground carbon was highly correlated with observations with a tendency towards higher simulated values (R^2=0.84, mean bias error = 4%). Over the forested domain, simulated area burned was highly correlated with observed area burned (R^2=0.75), with a 28.6% overestimate when compared with observations from the Monitoring Trends in Burn Severity (MTBS) database over 1984-2012 (Eldenshenk et al. 2007). However, Whittier and Gray (2016) determined that MTBS underestimates burn area by 20% when compared with inventory data, which implies CLM overestimates may be as low as 8%. These assessments illustrate that the model is accurately simulating important aspects of the current regional forest carbon cycle.

Our future CLM simulations were driven with two future climate projections. We used a Representative Concentration Pathway (RCP) 8.5 carbon dioxide emissions scenario for our future simulations because it best represents our current trajectory (Peters et al. 2013). We chose general circulation models (GCMs) based on data availability, representation of historical climate, and coverage of the range of projected future climate (Buotte et al. 2019b). We selected IPSL-CM5A-MR, which projects warm and dry future conditions, and MIROC5, which is close to the multi-model average for future temperature and precipitation across the western US (Buotte et al. 2019b). Climate projections for 2015-2099 were downscaled, bias-corrected to the 1979-2014 climate observation data (Abatzoglou 2013), and disaggregated to 3-hourly timescale. Downscaling and disaggregation details are provided in Buotte et al. (2019b).

The number of years with low annual allocation to stem growth and/or annual net primary productivity of 0 were used to determine forest vulnerability to drought stress (Buotte et al. 2019b). For each decade, we defined low vulnerability in grid cells with 0 years of NPP = 0 and low allocation to growth, medium vulnerability in grid cells with one year with NPP = 0 and/or 1-3 years with low allocation to growth, and high vulnerability in grid cells with more than one year with NPP = 0 and/or

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more than three years with no allocation to growth (Buotte et al. 2019b). Grid cells were ranked with low, medium, or high vulnerability for both IPSL_CM5A-MR and MIROC5 forced simulations. For every grid cell, we calculated vulnerability to fire based on the increase in simulated area burned in the future compared with the past, weighted by the simulated area burned in the past (Buotte et al. 2019b). Final drought and fire vulnerability rankings included uncertainty due to climate projections by incorporating the drought and fire vulnerability ranking from simulations using each of the two climate projections, such that:

1. Uncertain = one GCM simulation ranked as low and one simulation ranked as high
2. Low = both GCMs low
3. Med-Low = one low and one medium
4. Medium = both GCMs medium
5. Med-High = one medium and one high
6. High = both GCMs high

Further details on vulnerability calculation and assessment relative to observed mortality are provided in Buotte et al. (2019b).

We determined potential carbon sequestration (Keith et al. 2009a) by running CLM with no prescribed harvest beyond 2014 and summing net ecosystem productivity (NEP) from 2020-2099, thereby allowing forest type, soil properties, climate, and CO_2 concentrations to determine productivity. We pooled cumulative NEP across all grid cells and defined three categories of potential carbon sequestration based on the highest third (>1.12e5 gCm^{-2}), middle third, and lowest third (<3.27e4 gCm^{-2}) of the distribution. We then ranked forested areas to identify low, medium, and high carbon preservation priority based on the spatial coincidence of low future vulnerability to drought and fire and potential carbon sequestration (Appendix S1: Figure S2). Forests with low vulnerability to future drought and fire and the highest potential carbon sequestration were ranked as high priority for preservation as carbon preserves; low vulnerability and medium carbon sequestration potential were ranked as medium priority; all other combinations were ranked as low priority. Hereafter we refer to forest priority for preservation as carbon preserves as "carbon priority".

Tree mortality from bark beetles

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Tree mortality from bark beetle attack is an important disturbance in western US forests, but not currently incorporated into CLM. We therefore addressed the potential for future beetle mortality by assessing recent historical beetle mortality (Berner et al. 2017b) and existing future projections of climate suitability for beetle outbreaks (Bentz et al. 2010, Buotte et al. 2017) across our three forest carbon priority rankings.

Above- and below-ground carbon stocks

We assessed observation-based estimates of carbon stocks (i.e. not our simulated carbon stocks) across forests in each carbon priority ranking. We used the Regridded Harmonized World Soil Database V1.2 (Weider et al. 2014) for below-ground carbon stocks, and a gridded dataset of above-ground carbon stocks based on field measurements and remote sensing (Wilson et al. 2013).

Species richness and critical habitat

We examined several aspects of biodiversity across forests with low, medium, and high carbon preservation priority. We acquired published tree species richness maps for the US (Jenkins et al. 2015), species habitat maps for terrestrial vertebrates (amphibians, reptiles, birds, and mammals) from the US Geological Survey Gap Analysis Program(USGS National Gap Analysis Program 2018), and species habitat maps identifying critical habitat by the US Fish & Wildlife Service (US Fish & Wildlife Service 2018). Each map was resampled to the 4 x 4 km CLM grid. We computed terrestrial vertebrate species richness by taxa and across taxa for each grid cell. We also identified whether a terrestrial vertebrate species was listed as threatened or endangered (T&E) by the US Fish and Wildlife Service and then re-assessed species richness for this subset of species. Lastly, we summarized these aspects of species richness and critical habitat by forest carbon priority rank.

Results

High-priority forest distribution and contribution to emissions mitigation

The high carbon priority forests are primarily along the Pacific coast and the Cascade Mountains, with scattered occurrences in the northern Rocky Mountains of Idaho and Montana (Figure 1). Forests with medium carbon priority are more widely scattered throughout the western US (Figure 1).

High carbon priority forests cover 132,016 km^2 or 10.3% of the forested domain and have the potential to sequester 4,815—5,450 $TgCO_2e$ (1,312—1,485 TgC) in aboveground carbon between

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2020-2099 (Figure 1, Table 1, Appendix S1: Table S1). Medium carbon priority forests cover 9.5% of the forested domain and could sequester 1,842-2,136 TgCO2e (502-582 TgC). Low carbon priority forests cover 80.2% of the forested domain and could sequester 12,789-16,533 $TGCO_2e$ (3,485 – 4,505 TgC) by 2099. However, because the low carbon priority forests have higher future vulnerability, their carbon sequestration potential is less certain.

Co-benefits of preserving high carbon priority forests

The forests we identified with the greatest potential to sequester carbon during this century provide multiple ecological co-benefits. Recent tree mortality from bark beetle attack was the lowest in these high carbon priority forests (Appendix S1: Figure S3). These forests have the highest average present-day soil carbon stocks (14% higher than medium and 65% higher than low carbon priority) and aboveground carbon stocks (41% higher than medium and 248% higher than low carbon priority; Figure 2), and also currently support the highest tree species richness (Figure 3). Furthermore, high carbon priority forests contain the highest proportional area of terrestrial vertebrate habitat for species listed as threatened or endangered by the US Fish & Wildlife Service (Figure 4), as well as the highest proportion of habitat designated as critical for threatened or endangered species survival (Figure 4). There is less distinction in terrestrial vertebrate species richness by carbon priority rank, though high carbon priority forests tend to have higher amphibian and lower reptilian richness than forests with medium or low carbon priority ranks (Appendix S1: Figure S4). It is important to highlight that the spatial distribution of species richness (Appendix S1: Figure S5) indicates some areas of exceptionally high species richness (e.g. the Klamath region in southern Oregon and northern California) have a low carbon priority ranking due to medium to high future vulnerability, particularly to fire, or low forest productivity. Summaries of species richness and habitat area by state are provided in Appendix S1: Figs. S6 and S7.

Discussion

Hotter and drier conditions are expected to increase future tree mortality from drought (Allen et al. 2010, McDowell et al. 2016) and fire (Spracklen et al. 2009, Pechony and Shindell 2010) in parts of the western US, thus preserving forests with the lowest vulnerability to future disturbance is

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one intuitive component of a land preservation strategy. Forest preservation offers a cost-effective strategy to avoid and mitigate CO_2 emissions by increasing the magnitude of the terrestrial carbon sink in trees and soil, preserve biodiversity, and sustain additional ecosystem services (Griscom et al. 2017). We show considerable potential for forests in the western US to sequester additional carbon over the coming century and demonstrate that protecting high carbon priority areas could help preserve components of biodiversity. However, we also find high biodiversity in some areas with low future carbon sequestration potential due to slow growth or high vulnerability to fire. We therefore suggest that developing area-based retention targets (Maron et al. 2018) for both carbon and biodiversity metrics, along with the consideration of land ownership (Krankina et al. 2014), would allow the development of a portfolio of preserves to meet these criteria.

Preserving high carbon priority forests avoids future CO_2 emissions from harvesting and mitigates existing emissions through carbon sequestration. Regional fossil fuel emissions averaged ~260 Tg C / yr from 2003-2012 according to the US Energy Information Administration (2015). Preserving the high carbon priority forests in the western US would account for approximately six years of regional fossil fuel emissions, or 18-20% of the global mitigation potential of natural forest management solutions Griscom et al. (2017) identified for the combination of temperate and boreal forests by 2099. This would increase to almost 8 years of regional emissions, or 27-32% of temperate and boreal forest mitigation potential, if preservation was expanded to include medium carbon priority forests. Carbon dioxide emissions from soils in degraded forests account for roughly 11% of global net emissions (Houghton and Nassikas 2017). As the high carbon priority forests have the highest soil carbon, preserving these forests avoids additional CO_2 emissions from the soil as surface litter and root material decay after harvest.

We found that high carbon priority forests in the western US exhibit features of older, intact forests with high structural diversity (Keith et al. 2009b, Krankina et al. 2014), including carbon density and tree species richness. Forest resilience and adaptive capacity increase with increasing plant species richness (Morin et al. 2018, Watson et al. 2018), suggesting that preserving the high carbon priority forests would provide an added buffer against potential ecosystem transformation to future climate change.

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Intact forests are particularly important for watershed protection by regulating soil permeability, overland flow, and erosion (DellaSala et al. 2011, Creed et al. 2016, Moomaw et al. 2019). Across the US, National Forests are the largest source of drinking water (Furniss et al. 2010). In the Pacific Northwest, conversion of old-growth forests to plantations reduced summer stream flow by an average of 50% (Perry and Jones 2017). Preserving intact forests would provide the greatest benefit to watershed protection and clean water supply (DellaSala et al. 2011). Unfortunately, the area of forest interior (defined as forest area per land area) is declining faster than the total area of forest in the US (Riitters and Wickham 2012). Remaining primary and intact forests need to be identified and incorporated in land management policies.

Recent studies have found positive relationships between carbon density and biodiversity across multiple biomes (Brandt et al. 2014, Lecina-Diaz et al. 2018), but also weak relationships at the stand scale (Sabatini et al. 2019). We show that preserving forests in the western US with high productivity and low vulnerability to future fire and drought can aid in the maintenance of vertebrate biodiversity, as these forests contain the highest proportion of critical habitat for threatened and endangered species. Because extinction rates are expected to increase with projected climate change (Segan et al. 2016), preserving critical habitat is an important consideration for maintaining biodiversity. Our analysis also shows that benefits to biodiversity depend in part on the biodiversity metric. For example, we found amphibian richness was the highest in forests we identified with high carbon priority, likely because these forests occur most often in the moist maritime climate suitable to amphibians. On the other hand, these wet, high carbon priority forests tend to have lower reptile diversity than low carbon priority forests, such as those in the Southwest where reptile diversity was highest. We show that spatial overlap in measures of biodiversity and potential carbon sequestration occurs such that land management policies can optimize both priorities. However, we also demonstrate that areas of high biodiversity are found in medium to low carbon priority forests. Therefore, sound land preservation strategies need to include multiple priority metrics (Brandt et al. 2014).

Indeed, preservation of carbon-dense, primary (Mackey et al. 2015) and intact forests (Watson et al. 2018) is a critical but insufficient criterion for maintaining biodiversity. Secondary forests can support high biodiversity (Donato et al. 2009, Gilroy et al. 2014), as well as different species

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assemblages compared with primary forests (Ferreira et al. 2018). There are regions identified as globally significant centers of biodiversity (Olson et al. 2012) (e.g. the Klamath-Siskiyou region in SW Oregon) that we identified with medium to high future vulnerability due to fire. Therefore, when protecting biodiversity is a high conservation priority, disturbance-prone forests will need to be included in area-based targets (Maron et al. 2018). Regional assessments (Dass et al. 2018) that simulate vegetation transformation on multi-decadal timescales are needed to elucidate the effect of future disturbance regimes on plant community composition in order to assess potential future biodiversity and determine preservation priority rankings of disturbance prone forests.

Because secondary forests also arise from a legacy of human intervention, conservation of managed landscapes will be an important component of policies to maintain biodiversity and enhance climate mitigation (Kremen and Merenlender 2018). Regional analyses have shown that lengthening harvest cycles can substantially improve carbon sequestration (Law et al. 2018) and biodiversity (Gilroy et al. 2014) and therefore provide pathways for additional climate mitigation (Griscom et al. 2017). Historical stand structure analysis indicates young trees may have played an important role in buffering against particular types of disturbance (Baker and Williams 2015). However, because young trees can be more vulnerable to drought stress than mature trees (Irvine et al. 2002), assessments of future climate vulnerability of young forests will be a critical factor when evaluating harvest strategies (Nolan et al. 2018b). Regional dynamic vegetation simulations with explicit treatment of forest regeneration are necessary to assess the effects of land management scenarios and develop strategies for managed lands.

Assessing the potential for future forest carbon sequestration has inherent uncertainties concerning realized future climate, forest growth, and sources of forest mortality. We address uncertainties in future climate by using two climate scenarios that span a wide range of variability in temperature and precipitation (Buotte et al. 2019b), though we acknowledge that future climate remains uncertain due to the trajectory of carbon emissions, climate sensitivity to these emissions, and climate feedbacks (Collins et al. 2014, Schuur et al. 2015). Furthermore, simulated forest growth depends on how the model was parameterized (White et al. 2000). Here we used parameterizations developed specifically for forest types in the western US (Hudiburg et al. 2013, Law et al. 2018, Buotte et al. 2019b), which improved model agreement with historical observations as compared with

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more general forest type parameterizations (Buotte et al. 2019b). In response to increasing CO2 concentration, trees may increase their water use efficiency (Keenan et al. 2013, Schimel et al. 2015), however, this response may depend on nutrient availability (Oren et al. 2001, Norby et al. 2010). The CLM incorporates nitrogen limitation (Oleson et al. 2013), which allows the CLM to accurately simulate recent changes in NPP observed under increasing CO2 concentrations (Smith et al. 2016).

Mountain pine beetles (*Dendroctonus ponderosae*) were responsible for the majority of tree mortality from beetles in the recent past (Meddens et al. 2012). Previous analysis (Buotte et al. 2019b) indicates our drought metric identifies forests vulnerable to beetle attack due to the presence of drought-stressed trees (Boone et al. 2011), increasing our confidence in our vulnerability metric's ability to capture this important disturbance agent. Importantly, future projections of beetle population dynamics (Bentz et al. 2010) do not indicate increasing beetle populations in areas we define with high carbon priority. Climate suitability for tree mortality from mountain pine beetles is projected to increase in some high-elevation whitebark pine forests (Buotte et al. 2017), which we ranked with low carbon priority due to lower carbon sequestration potential, or medium to high vulnerability to future drought or fire. Predictive models of beetle population dynamics for multiple beetle species, that include host tree status when appropriate, would increase our ability to incorporate specific spatial representation of future forest vulnerability to beetle attack. We simulated future fire, but the model does not capture the potential for anomalous mega-fires. Therefore, our estimates of future carbon sequestration potential in the absence of large-scale mortality events are likely to be robust.

Preservation of high carbon density Pacific Northwest forests that are also economically valuable for timber production will have costs and benefits to consider, including socioenvironmental benefits, the feasibility of preservation, and opportunity costs harvest. There is tremendous potential for proforestation, growing existing forests intact to their ecological potential, which is an effective, immediate, and low-cost approach to removing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere (Moomaw et al. 2019). Proforestation serves the greatest public good by maximizing co-benefits such as biological carbon sequestration and unparalleled ecosystem services including biodiversity enhancement, water and air quality, flood and erosion control, and low impact recreation. The development of governance

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programs to promote forest preservation will be critical. Our study is a first step at identifying areas with the highest potential for natural co-benefits and proforestation.

Conclusions

If we are to avert our current trajectory towards massive global change, we need to make land stewardship a higher societal priority (Chan et al. 2016). Preserving temperate forests in the western US that have medium to high potential carbon sequestration and low future climate vulnerability could account for approximately eight years of regional fossil fuel emissions, or 27-32% of the global mitigation potential previously identified for temperate and boreal forests, while also promoting ecosystem resilience and the maintenance of biodiversity. Biodiversity metrics also need to be included when selecting preserves to ensure species-rich habitats that result from frequent disturbance regimes are not overlooked. The future impacts of climate change, and related pressures as human population exponentially expands, make it essential to evaluate conservation and management options on multi-decadal timescales, with the shared goals of mitigating committed CO_2 emissions, reducing future emissions, and preserving plant and animal diversity to limit ecosystem transformation and permanent losses of species.

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Table 1. Area, percent of forested domain, and carbon sequestration potential during 2020-2099 (calculated as the sum of annual net ecosystem production, with business-as-usual harvest amounts) in each priority category.

Priority Ranking	Area (km^2)	% of Forested Domain	Carbon sequestration potential during 2020-2099 in TgC and ($TgCO_2e$)	Carbon sequestration potential during 2020-2099 in TgC/km^2
High	132,016	10.3	4,815-5,450 (1,312 – 1,485 TgC)	0.036 – 0.041
Medium	120,800	9.5	1,842-2,136 (502 – 582 TgC)	0.015 – 0.018
Low	1,023,872	80.2	12,789-16,533 (3,485 – 4,505 TgC)	0.012 – 0.016

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Figure Legends

Figure 1. Forested land in the western conterminous US classified into priority for preservation to mitigate climate change based on the spatial co-occurrence of low vulnerability to drought and fire and low, medium, and high potential carbon sequestration.

Figure 2. Conterminous western US forests ranked with the highest priority for preservation for carbon sequestration also have the highest current soil and aboveground carbon stocks. Carbon stocks from gridded measurements interpolated from observations (see Methods).

Figure 3. Conterminous western US forests ranked with the highest priority for preservation for carbon sequestration also have the highest present-day tree species richness (BioDiversityMapping.org richness data).

Figure 4. Fraction of forest in each carbon priority ranking with (a) habitat of terrestrial vertebrate species listed as threatened or endangered by the US Fish and Wildlife Service, and (b) habitat of all threatened and endangered species designated as critical for that species survival.

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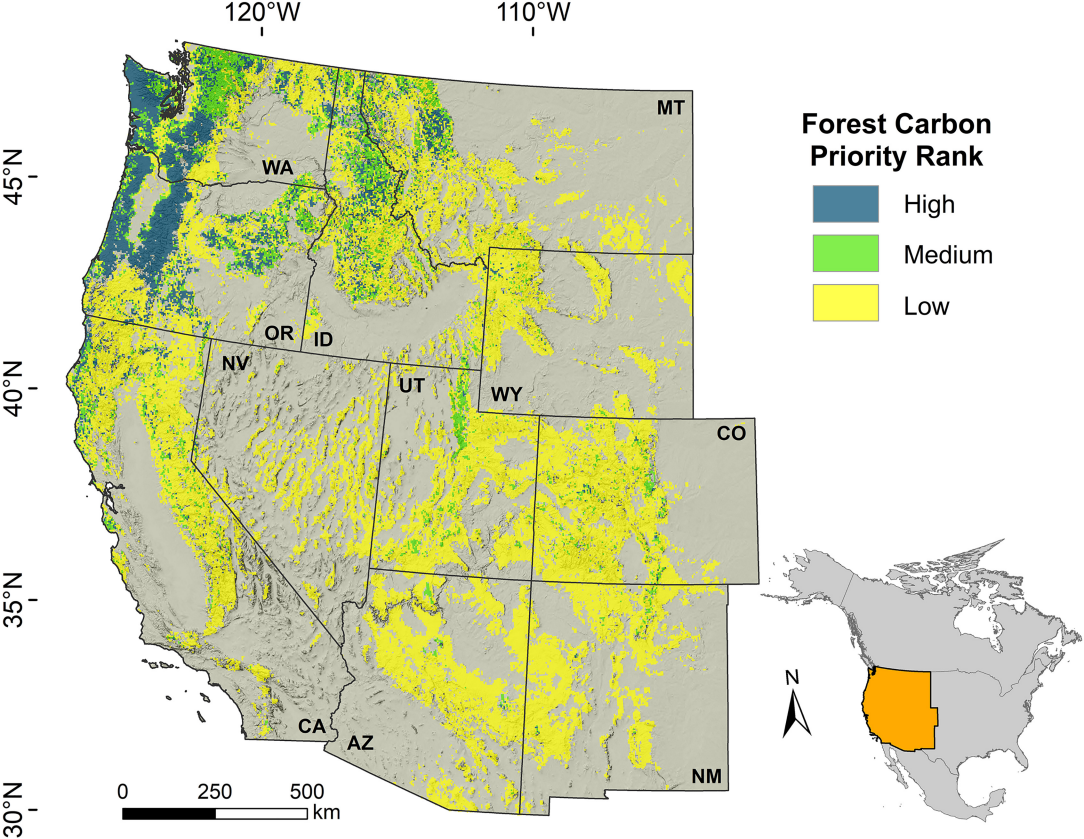
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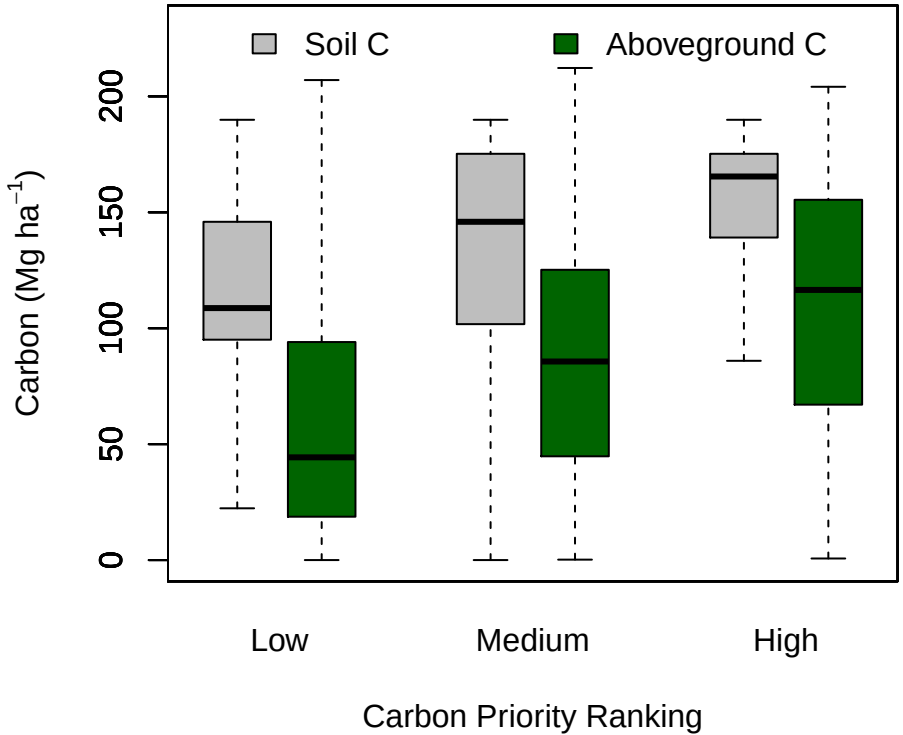
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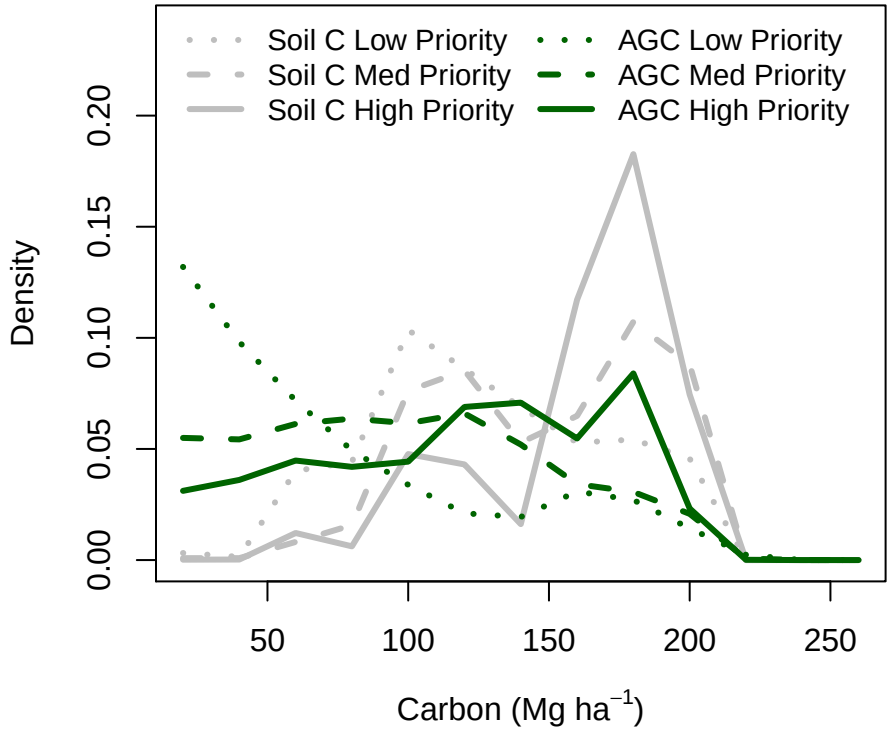
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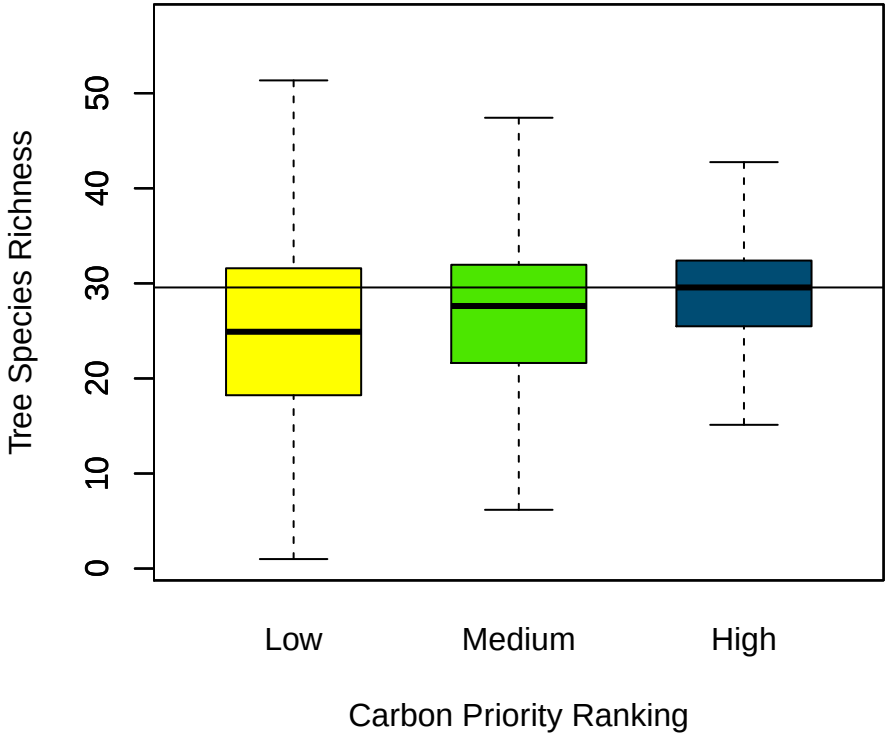
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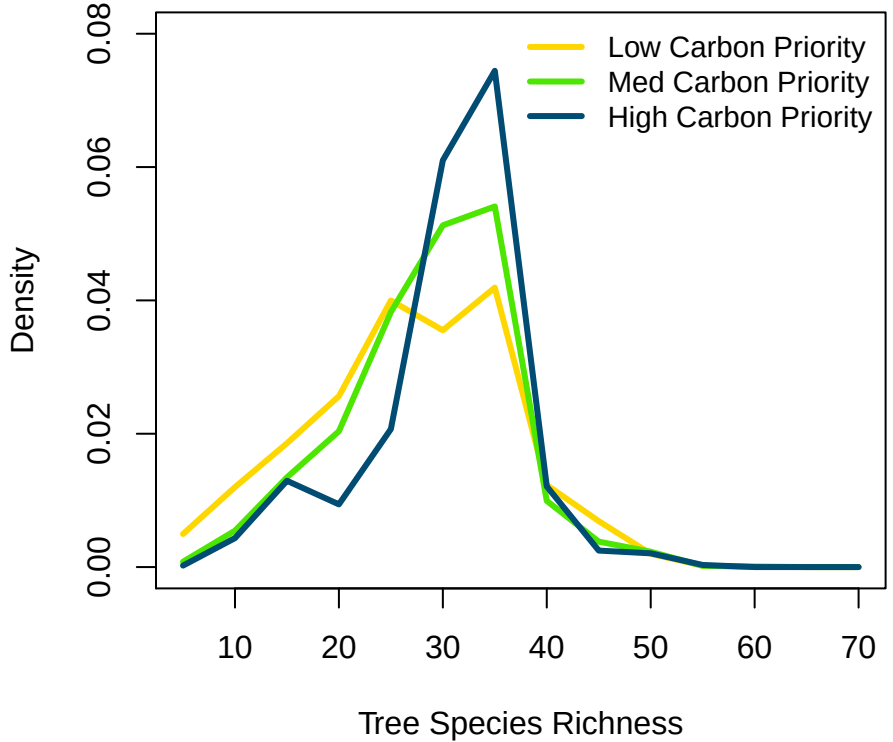
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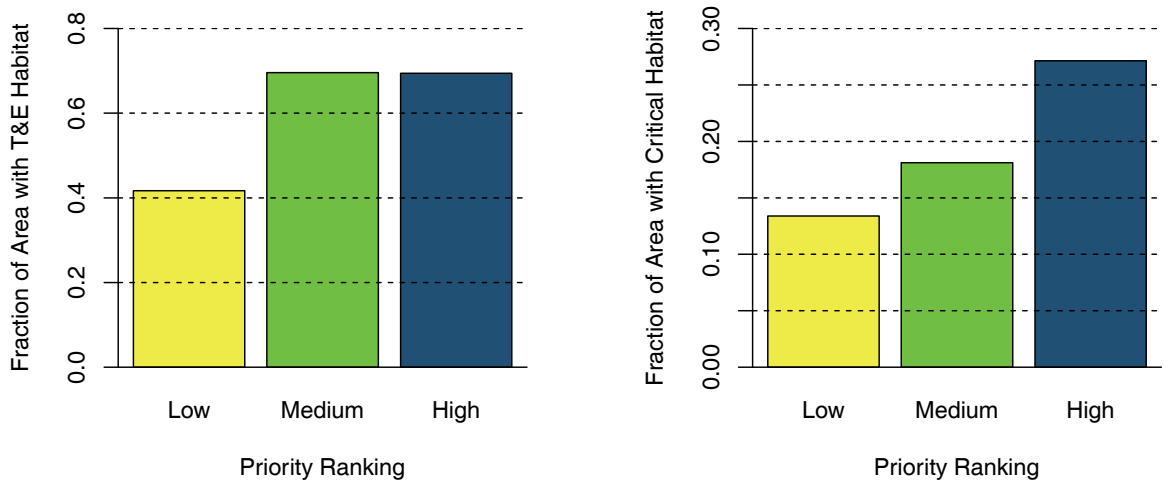
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Figure 4

Exhibit 5

THE TONGASS RAINFOREST AS ALASKA'S FIRST LINE OF CLIMATE CHANGE DEFENSE AND IMPORTANCE TO THE PARIS CLIMATE CHANGE AGREEMENTS

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*Executive Summary***:** the Tongass is a global champion in sequestering (absorbing) atmospheric carbon and storing it long-term in its ancient trees, productive soils, and dense rainforest foliage. Because it is one of the world's last relatively intact temperate rainforests, and it has a maritime climate, the Tongass is Alaska's first line of climate change defense and a climate refuge for its world-class salmon and wildlife populations. Logging of the Tongass rainforest produces greenhouse gas emissions that damages the region's contribution to a safe climate. Recognizing the critical need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to keep global warming temperatures below a dangerous 2º C (~4º F) anticipated increase, a climate change agreement was reached in Paris by 195 members of the Conference of Parties (COP 21 also known as the 2015 Paris Climate Conference), including the USA. Articles of the agreement called for forests to be managed as a global "sink" for carbon. Therefore, protecting carbon sinks and reducing forestry emissions are pivotal steps to ensure a safe climate for Alaskans and for future generations.

Given the global importance of the Tongass as a carbon sink, we wanted to: (1) determine if the Tongass Draft Forest Plan Amendment (preferred alternative) was generally consistent with the Paris articles regarding managing forests as a carbon sink; (2) consistent with the Obama Administration's policies on climate change; and (3) whether the timeline for the proposed transition out of old-growth logging was consistent with efforts to end global deforestation under global forest and climate change agreements (e.g., COP 2, NY Forest Declaration). Thus, we estimated CO_2 emissions anticipated from logging old growth and young-growth forests as proposed by the Forest Service on the Tongass over the next 25 and 100 years and compared them to emissions under a conservation alternative designed to speed up the transition by relying mostly on soon-to-be-ready-for logging young growth as a replacement for old-growth logging.

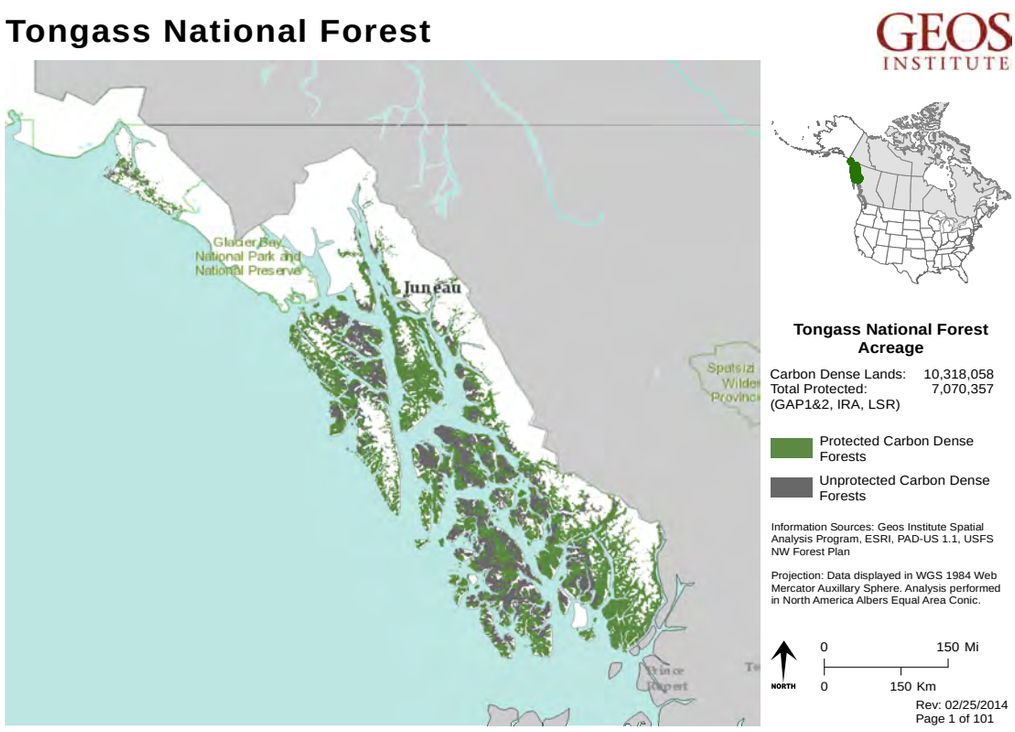
Key Findings (for 100 years):

- The agencies' preferred alternative would log 43,167 acres of old growth (OG) and 261,850 acres of young growth (YG) resulting in the equivalent emissions of ~4 million vehicles annually on Alaska roads for the next 100 years. These

estimates account for carbon stored in wood products and capture of carbon by forest regrowth.

- Logging emissions are ~175 times greater than the "reference point" for project emissions recommended by the White House's Council of Environmental Quality (CEQ). Emissions would result in a "social cost of carbon"conservatively estimated at >$100 million annually in global warming damages by the end of the century. Losses are ~10 times the projected timber revenues on the Tongass.
- A conservation alternative proposed by conservation groups (but dismissed by the Forest Service) would rely predominately on 76,000 acres of low controversy YG to support the transition with much less OG (9,125 acres over 100 years) to support specialty products. This alternative yields the equivalent emissions of over ~400,000 vehicles annually for 100 years, 16 times above CEQ emissions reference, but a tenth of the emissions from Forest Service proposed logging.
- The Tongass preferred alternative is out-of-step with efforts by the global community to reduce emissions. The conservation alternative better complies with CEQ guidelines, the Paris climate agreement, and efforts to reduce climate damages from CO_2 pollution.
- President Obama showed great interest in Alaska's already extensive climate impacts during his September 2015 Alaska visit to showcase his climate change initiatives prior to the Paris conference. Continued OG logging on the Tongass would further jeopardize Alaska's climate and is out of step with the President's climate change agenda.

NO OTHER NATIONAL FOREST STORES MORE CARBON THAN THE TONGASS (map shows concentration of Tongass forest-carbon stores)



THE TONGASS IS A NATIONAL CARBON SINK

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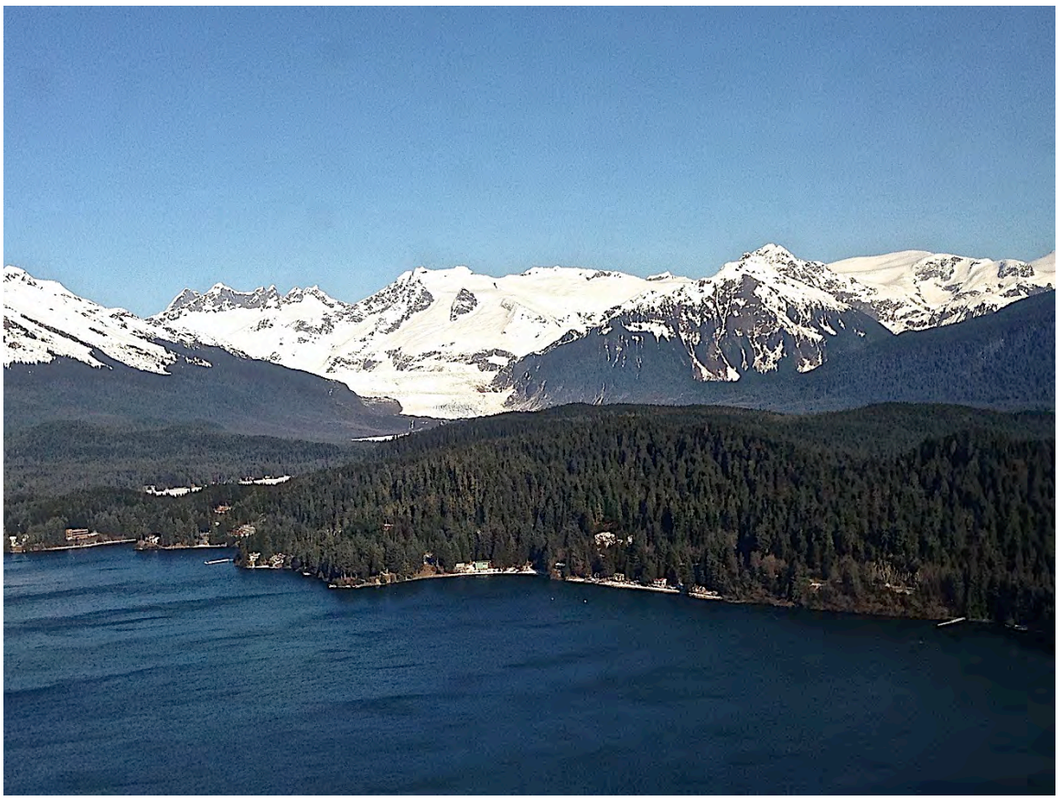

"This is as good of a signpost as any when it comes to the impacts of climate change." President Obama during his September 2015 tour to Alaska glaciers.

Alaska's First Line of Climate Defense–Alaska is at the front lines of climate change, experiencing higher temperature increases than any other region in the nation along with increasing floods, coastal erosion and displacement of native villages, interior wildfires, die off of certain conifers, thawing of permafrost, and glacial melting (among other changes anticipated over the coming century)[1]. If Alaska is on the front lines, then the Tongass is Alaska's first line of climate defense.

At 16.8 million acres, the Tongass National Forest in southeast Alaska is the crown jewel of the national forest system. It is the nation's largest national forest and one of the world's last relatively intact temperate rainforests and thus it has global significance[2]. Its world-class salmon runs are the backbone of a thriving subsistence, commercial fishery, and recreation-based economy[3]. The Tongass is by far the nation's champion in storing carbon long-term[4] and, in doing so, represents a unique opportunity for the Obama Administration to lead by example regarding its global commitments to the Paris climate change agreements designed to keep global warming below the dangerous 2º C (~4º F) presumed tipping point. During COP 21, the parties recognized the importance of forests as global "sinks" for storing greenhouse gases and called for steps by the global

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[4]Leighty, W.W. et al. 2006. Effects of management on carbon sequestration in forest biomass in southeast Alaska. Ecosystems 9:1051-1065

community to *conserve and enhance* forest sinks to help stabilize what may soon become run-away climate chaos.

Conference of the Parties (COP 21) Twenty-First session, Paris, December 12, 2015

"Recognizes the importance of adequate and predictable financial resources, including for results-based payments, as appropriate, for the implementation of policy approaches and positive incentives for reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation, and the role of conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks; as well as alternative policy approaches, such as joint mitigation and adaptation approaches for the integral and sustainable management of forests…..

Parties should take action to conserve and enhance, as appropriate, sinks and reservoirs of greenhouse gases as referred to in Article 4, paragraph 1(d), of the Convention, including forests."

Photo: D. DellaSala

The Tongass is pivotal to the Obama Administration's climate change commitments. The region's forests not only store more carbon than any national forest,but also may function as a climate refuge (i.e., first line of defense) given maritime influences may moderate more extreme climate events anticipated for interior Alaska and temperate rainforests further south[5]. Relatively intact watersheds provide a refuge for old-growth dependent species (including many that are important to subsistence needs), and buffer salmon populations from cumulative effects of climate change and more extensive logging in the surroundings (non-federal lands)[6].

Notably, prior estimates of net carbon flux from logging scenarios on the Tongass indicate that *only a no-logging scenario* maintains carbon stores through time[4]. Carbon

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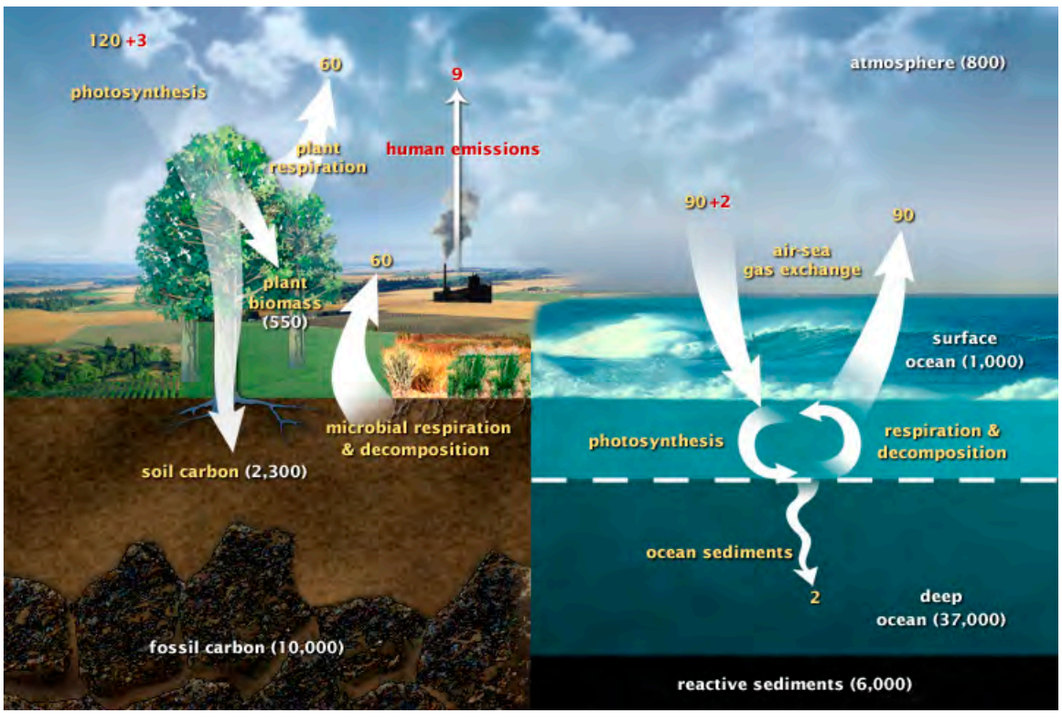
also has future economic value in terms of avoided costs from global warming pollution and development of carbon-offset markets. For instance, if carbon were stored long-term in old-growth forests instead of being released to the atmosphere by logging, the estimated annual economic value of carbon would be comparable to revenue generated from Tongass timber sales should carbon markets mature[4]. Moreover, the Interagency Working Group on Social Cost of Carbon estimated the cost of carbon in economic impacts from global warming would be $27-221 per ton by 2050[7]. Recent evidence suggests the anticipated costs maybe much higher, including large demographic displacements of human populations along coastlines[8].



Planetary carbon cycle with exchange of carbon among land, atmosphere, and oceans (billions of tons of carbon per year)[9]. Yellow numbers represent natural carbon fluxes, red are carbon dioxide emissions in billions of tons of carbon per year. White numbers show stored carbon. Note the fossil fuel related carbon stores in the diagram. Forests are integral to the earth's carbon filtration system. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carbon_cycle

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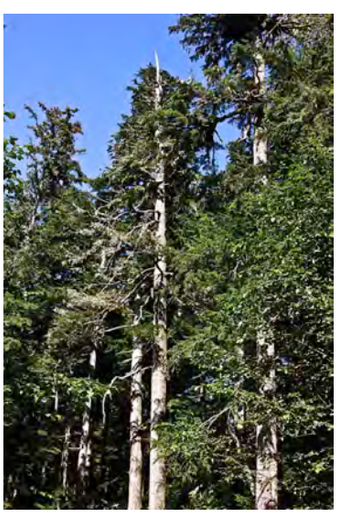

Forests as a Carbon Sink – forests are a vital part of the global atmospheric carbon cycle that contribute to climate stabilization by absorbing (sequestering) and storing vast amounts of carbon dioxide (CO_2) in trees (live and dead), soils, and understory foliage. As a forest ages, it continues to sequester and store carbon, functioning as a net "sink" for centuries if undisturbed. Ongoing carbon sequestration and storage has been measured in forests >800 years old[10].

When a forest is cut down, roughly 66% to 80% of the stored carbon in the forest[11] is released overtime as CO_2 (some carbon is stored in wood products) thereby converting forests from a sink to a "source" or "emitter." The minimal storage in wood products is an accounting misstep typical of federal agency carbon

[7] Interagency Working Group on Social Cost of Carbon, United States Government. 2013. *Technical Update of the Social Cost of Carbon for Regulatory Impact Analysis – Under Executive Order 12866*. May.
[8] Pizer et al. 2014. Using and improving the social cost of carbon. *Science* 346:1189-1190. DOI:10.1126/science.125974
[9]Reprinted from DellaSala, D.A. In 2013. The carbon cycle and global change: too much of a good thing. Reference Module in Earth Systems and Environmental Sciences, Elsevier. 3 pp. http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/B978-0-12-409548-9.05874-7
[10]Luyssaert, S. et al. 2008. Old-growth forests as global carbon sinks. Nature 455:213-215
[11]Wayburn, L.A. 2000 (several citations included). Forest carbon in the United States: opportunities and options for private lands. Pacific Forest Trust, San Francisco.

pronouncements that over value carbon in wood products[12].

Soon after logging, carbon is emitted to the atmosphere via rapid decomposition of logging slash, fossil-fuel emissions from transport and wood processing, and decay or combustion (within 40-50 years) of forest products in landfills[13]. Planting or growing young trees or storing carbon in wood products does not make up for emissions released from a logged forest. Indeed, after an old forest is clearcut, the young forest remains a net CO_2 emitter for 5 to 50 years, depending on site productivity[14].

Logging on the Tongass is global warming pollution(photo: D. DellaSala)

Globally, deforestation (8-15%) and forest degradation (6-13%) **contribute more greenhouse gas pollution than the world's entire transportation network**[15], which is why countries, including the U.S., have committed to reducing emissions and protecting forest sinks (COP 21 climate agreements). Recognizing the importance of unlogged forests as carbon sinks, scientists also have repeatedly called on countries to protect their vast forest carbon stores as integral to stabilizing global climate change[16].

[12]The White House. 2015. Climate change and the land sector: improving measurement, mitigation and resilience of our natural resources.
[13]Harmon, M.E. W.K Ferrel, J. F. Franklin. 1990. Effects on carbon storage of conversion of old –growth forests to young forests. Science 247:699-702.
[14]Law, B. E., and M.E. Harmon. 2011. Forest sector carbon management, measurement and verification, and discussion of policy related to climate change. Carbon Management 2:73-84.
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[16]MackeyB., et al. 2014. Policy options for the world's primary forests in multilateral environmental agreements. Conservation Letters 8:139-147 DOI: 10.1111/conl.12120. Also letters sent to the Forest Service and USDA in 2015 signed by 7 scientific societies and hundreds of the nation's leading natural resource scientists calling on the Administration to protect the Tongass old-growth rainforest sink.

Photo: The Big Thorne logging operation on Prince of Wales Island converted Tongass old-growth rainforest from a carbon sink to a source of emissions (S. Ballhorn)

"The Tongass National Forest is a national treasure. Today, I am outlining a series of actions by USDA and the Forest Service that will protect the old-growth forests of the Tongass while preserving forest jobs in southeast Alaska. I am asking the Forest Service to immediately begin planning for the transition to harvesting second growth timber while reducing old-growth harvesting over time." July 3, 2013 Press Release, USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack.

Tongass Is Transitioning But Not Soon Enough – Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced in July 2013 that a transition away from old-growth logging would need to occur rapidly on the Tongass National Forest while maintaining a viable timber industry. In November 2015, the Forest Service released a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) Plan Amendment to transition the Tongass from predominately old growth to predominately young-growth logging with the preferred alternative adopting recommendations of a multi-stakeholder Tongass Advisory Committee that incorporated years of additional old growth volume as "bridge timber" to accommodate the transition. Here, we compare the Forest Service preferred alternative to a conservation alternative prematurely dismissed by the Forest Service as not producing enough volume. The agencies' decision to dismiss this alternative occurred before completion of independent field inventories that now show sufficient volume from young growth can accommodate a more rapid transition with minimal old growth (Appendix I, report in preparation).

In conducting theTongass logging emissions analysis, we compared the following:

- *Forest Service Preferred Alternative* – proposes logging 43,167 acres of old growth and 261,850 acres of young growth over 100 years with extensive road building (road building was not calculated in emissions scenarios although it certainly contributes to emissions).

- *Conservation Alternative* – proposed by conservation groups to accelerate the transition while meeting timber demand targets of the Forest Service using much less old growth (OG) to transition. Young growth (YG) estimates were provided by Mater Engineering (Appendix I) from field-verified 55-year old pre-commercially thinned (PCT) YG sampled from a land base of 76,000 acres of relatively low controversy areas (i.e., areas not considered environmentally sensitive based on a suite of attributes, manuscript in preparation). An additional 9,125 acres of old growth was estimated for specialty wood products over 100 years (Appendix I).

We estimated carbon stored in young and old forests by interpolating data from prior estimates on the Tongass[4] for above ground biomass, which was higher than estimates used by the Forest Service for live tree carbon only. We projected logging emissions of the two alternatives over 25- and 100-year increments. We then converted logging emissions to equivalent emissions from vehicles using EPAs equivalencies calculator and compared these projected emissions to CEQ's draft "reference point" for minimizing emissions of federal actions. CEQ directs agencies to adopt projects with low emission using a reference of 25,000 metric tons of $CO_2(e)$[17] on an annual basis[18]. We used the CEQ reference for two reasons: (1) to determine if the preferred alternative is generally consistent with the Obama Administration's global warming commitments (COP 21, Paris agreements); and (2) to provide an appropriate regional comparison of logging emissions that is based on easy to understand emissions comparable. Notably, the Forest Service based logging emissions projections on comparisons to the entire U.S. annual greenhouse gas emissions (the wrong scale of comparison), masking the severity of regionally specific climateimpacts.

ESTIMATING LOGGING EMISSIONS USING VEHICLE EQUIVALENTS

Photo: Juneauempire.com

Forest Service Preferred Alternative – In general, the agencies' preferred alternative to log substantially more OG and YG than proposed by the conservation alternative is estimated to generate **annual** emissions that are:

- equivalent to 4 million vehicles annually for 100-years (Appendix II); and
- 175 times > the CEQ emissions reference.

Conservation Alternative – the transition proposed by the conservation alternative uses much less OG and is estimated to generate **annual** emissions that are:

- equivalent to 419,535 vehicles annually (Appendix II); and
- 16 times > the CEQ emissions reference.

The conservation alternative, while also exceeding CEQ's reference, yields 10 times less emissions in the long-term compared to the agencies' preferred alternative and therefore should have been kept in the DEIS as a reasonable alternative under NEPA. The agencies' preferred alternative is generally inconsistent with the COP 21 climate agreements

[17]Carbon dioxide equivalents (CO_2e) are an internationally accepted term for comparing different greenhouse gas emissions using a common (standardized) unit of analysis.
[18]CEQ 2014. Draft published for public review and comment Dec. 2014. White House.https://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/docs/nepa_revised_draft_ghg_guidance_searchable.pdf

(Article 4 on greenhouse sinks) to conserve forests as a sink for atmospheric carbon and is well above the CEQ emissions reference.

SOCIAL COSTS OF CARBON
Photo: S. Ballhorn

Executive Order 12866 requires federal agencies to "*assess both the costs and benefits of the intended regulation and, recognizing that some costs and benefits are difficult to quantify, propose or adopt a regulation only upon a reasoned determination that benefits of the intended regulation justify its costs*."

We provide an estimate of the social cost of carbon (SCC) derived from relevant published sources as a means for costing emissions in a regional context and to illustrate how the Forest Service could achieve compliance with the Executive Order by documenting climate costs of logging and the benefits of maintaining the Tongass carbon sink.

In any cost-benefit analysis, it is imperative to incorporate the *benefits* (or cost savings) of avoiding damages to the environment, or, in this case, the climate, so as to level the economic playing field (although many ecosystem services critical to properly functioning forests are difficult to quantify). In this case, SCC is expressed as monetized damages associated with incremental increases in emissions, including, but not limited to changes in net agricultural productivity, human health, property damages from increased flood risk, and the value of ecosystem services. An Interagency Working Group on SCC estimated the **annual** cost of releasing emissions to be $27-221 per ton of carbon using 2050 projections. For this analysis, we used the lower bound of $27 per metric ton of CO_2(e) to estimate potential costs of logging emissions recognizing costs will escalate overtime as a result of the accumulation of regional and global emissions under status quo emissions scenarios.

Forest Service Preferred Alternative - CO_2 (e) released from logging would contribute to:

- ~$108 million annually in global warming costs over 100 years. Estimated costs are 10 times greater than the $8-10 million in annual wood products value anticipated by the Forest Service (DEIS Table 3.22-16).

Conservation Alternative - CO_2(e) released from logging would contribute to:

- ~$11 million annually in global warming costs, a tenth as costly as the Forest Service alternative.

Thus, the conservation alternative represents a cost savings to the foreseeable future climate compared to the Forest Service's preferred alternative that would result in much higher costs due to greater logging emissions and this should have been included in the agencies' NEPA analysis. It should be noted that *only a no-logging alternative* results in maximizing carbon sinks and generating apositive SCC. This is because removing carbon from a forest always results in some costs to the climate (costs are based on the combination of regional logging intensity and global emissions contributions).

LIMITATIONS, UNCERTAINTIES, AND THE FUTURE CLIMATE

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Follow Up Research and Monitoring – accurately estimating carbon in regional forest assessments requires the use of new carbon assessment tools and improved inventories (including soils) along with inclusion of sequestration rates (e.g., Net Ecosystem Productivity). Carbon assessments are costly but necessary to develop proper carbon flux estimates from logging and to evaluate SCC as a multiple-use objective. In this case, we approximated emissions from published sources, published estimates of carbon stored in wood products (using conversion factors), and published estimates of carbon capture via forest regrowth (using nationally recognized online carbon tools).

Without the benefit of a comparable analysis, however, the Forest Service claims that logging old-growth forests could result in *either a net loss or gain* of carbon depending on logging practices even though clearcut logging (a substantial emissions source) is the method of choice on the Tongass (some young tree retentions and small (<10 ac) clearcuts are proposed in young forests within Old Growth Reserves and Beach buffers by the agency). Our findings are meant to provide a better estimate of emissions than the DEIS. Moreover, we used an appropriate scale of analysis that tiers to CEQ emissions guidelines and used comparable emission sources (e.g., vehicle equivalents that are locally applicable) to evaluate the magnitude of regional impacts. Follow up work, ideally conducted by the Forest Service in collaboration with scientists, is needed to improve upon these estimates and address uncertainties.

Climate Shift Happens – Notably, the effects of climate change on forest productivity represents additional uncertainties. As the climate warms in Alaska, other vegetation types may replace conifer forests that evolved under a cooler climate[3]. For instance, during the Miocene millions of years ago Alaska was a much warmer place dominated by hardwood forests. As climate change now accelerates, it could lower carbon storage in conifer forests as the climate conducive to hardwoods gradually replaces conifers and some conifers die off from climate change effects (thereby releasing CO_2 as is currently

happening with an extensive die-off of Alaska yellow cedar[19]). However, the maritime climate of the Tongass might ameliorate some of these shifts compared to more extreme changes anticipated for interior Alaska and temperate rainforests to the south[3].
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ALASKA'S FIRST LINE OF CLIMATE CHANGE DEFENSE AT RISK: CONCLUSIONS

Although the Obama Administration took a leadership position during the climate negotiations in Paris, its global commitments to lower emissions and end deforestation ostensibly do not extend to Alaska's globally significant Tongass rainforest carbon sink.

The Administration has a unique opportunity to demonstrate to the world that it takes its climate change commitments seriously by quickening the pace of transition without relying on controversial timber sales that will cost more in future economic losses from climate change than the revenues generated by logging. The Forest Service has not conducted a logging emissions analysis as directed by CEQ. It has not conducted a cost-benefit analysis of the SCC implications of more OG logging and is out of compliance with Executive Order 12866. The feasibility of an accelerated transition was demonstrated in the conservation alternative summarily dismissed by the agency but which uses much less OG and generates far less emissions over time.

A robust analysis using carbon life cycle accounting is needed to more fully assess the social cost of carbon using advancements in forest carbon accounting as declared in recent climate change policies of the White House[11]. The Tongass is a known carbon sink, yet land-use emissions[11]references the importance of climate resilience best achieved through ecosystem and landscape conservation. Ecosystem resilience, and therefore the Tongass carbon sink, will decline on the Tongass with another 100 years of OG logging and road building. Proposed logging will be occurring at a time when the climate is changing the likelihood that the Tongass can function as a climate refuge[3].

"I loved Alaska and met so many inspiring people. Have to keep up the fight on climate change for their sake—and ours." President Obama on his September visit

The international community clearly spoke up in Paris about the strategic value of forest sinks in keeping global warming below the dangerous 2º C threshold. Choosing a climate responsible alternative for the Tongass would allow the Obama Administration to live up to its commitments to safeguard Alaska's climate, comply with the COP 21 climate agreements and its pledge to end global deforestation.

[19]Hennon P.E.et al. 2012. Shifting climate, altered niche, and a dynamic conservation strategy for yellow-cedar in the North PacificCoastal Rainforest. Bioscience 62: 147–158.

"We share the vision of slowing, halting, and reversing global forest loss while simultaneously enhancing food security for all. Reducing emissions from deforestation and increasing forest restoration will be extremely important in limiting global warming to 2°C." United Nations Climate Summit New York Declaration on Forests (agreed to by 157 governments, including the U.S, indigenous groups, corporations, NGOs, and others)

APPENDIX I. YOUNG GROWTH LOGGING LEVELS NEEDED TO HIT TIMBER DEMAND THRESHOLDS OF THE FOREST SERVICE CALCULATED FROM MATER 2015 PHASE II CRUISE RESULTS (IN PUBLICATION PREPARATION).

	Estimated Avg Length of Tree Residual for PCT Stands When Harvest at 55 yrs Based on 2015 Cruise Results *(lineal ft from top of merchantable log to tree top)*		
	Trees producing *two* 34' logs (ft)	**Trees producing *one and a half* 34' logs (ft)**	**Trees producing *only one* 34' log (ft)**
2020	**36**	**27.4**	**40.86**
2025	**38.7**	**41.1**	**45.23**
2030	**33.4**	**31.9**	**39.39**

		Conservation Alternative • With 80% merchantable volume growth every 5 yrs per 2015 cruise results • Focus on *one and a half* log-producing trees
		Annual mbf harvested 2020-2024
		33,074
		Annual mbf harvested starting 2025
Industry Demand (DEIS)	**46,000**	46,000
	Public Law 113-291	
Total acres harvested; first 10 years	**15,000 ac max**	13,272 ac
Annual acres harvested; first 5 years	**3,000 ac max**	1,696 ac
Annual acres harvested; next 5 years	**3,000 ac max**	958 ac
Total acres harvested overall	**50,000 ac max**	44,636 ac
Acres harvested per year after 10 years	**5,000 ac max**	697 ac
Total acres harvested: 25 years		23,727
Total acres harvested: 100 years		76,002 (44,636 before re-harvest)

APPENDIX II: ESTIMATED LOGGING EMISSIONS UNDER THE FOREST SERVICE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE (DEIS) VS. A CONSERVATION ALTERNATIVE IN 25- AND 100-YEAR INCREMENTS AND IN RELATION TO CEQ'S EMISSIONS GUIDELINES (25,000 METRIC TONS CO2 (E) ANNUALLY)

	DEIS • Comply with PL 113-291 (harvest below CMAI) on 14% of acres • Harvest above CMAI on 86% of acres • Harvest above stated FS demand volume (46 mmbf/yr)	Conservation Alternative • Comply with PL 113-291 (harvest below CMAI) on 100% of acres • Harvest capped at FS demand volume (46 mmbf/yr)
Acres to be harvested first 25 years	• 37,390 ac SG below CMAI (@65 yrs) • 23,223 ac OG (@ 120 yrs)	• 23,727 ac SG below CMAI (@55 yrs) • 3,500 ac OG (@ 120 yrs)
Acres to be harvested next 75 years	• 224,460 ac SG above CMAI (@120 yrs) • 19,944 ac OG (@ 120 yrs)	• 52,273 ac SG below CMAI (@55 yrs) • 5,625 ac OG (@ 120 yrs)
	After initial harvest, re-growth, and (where applicable) re-harvest:	
Total CO2(e) emissions	In 25 years	In 25 years
	105,347,668 tons (4,213,907 tons/yr)	36,576,407 tons (1,463,056 tons/yr)
	In 100 years	In 100 years
	441,068,733 tons (4,410,733 tons/yr)	41,953,532 tons (419,535 tons/yr)
Multiplier above CEQ annual CO2(e) emissions limit of 25,000/yr	In 25 years	In 25 years
	x 168	x 58
	In 100 years	In 100 years
	x 175	x 16

Calculation Notes (all other calculations will be posted online):

- Carbon values interpolated from Leighty et al. 2006 Fig. 2 for age classes as follows: 55 years (494 tons per ac), 65 years (585 tons per acre), 120 years (776 tons per acre).
- Emissions adjusted to account for wood products stores using published estimates in footnote 10 and then multiplied by 3.67 to convert to metric tons CO_2 (e).
- Logging emissions are equivalent to passenger vehicle emissions http://www.epa.gov/energy/greenhouse-gas-equivalencies-calculator.
- CEQ reference = 25,000 metric tons CO_2 (e): https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2014/12/24/2014-30035/revised-draft-guidance-for-federal-departments-and-agencies-on-consideration-of-greenhouse-gas
- PL 113-291 requires: no more than 50,000 acres of initial YG (not including re-harvest acres) logging; total YG logging in first ten years cannot exceed 15,000 ac; 3,000 ac annual acres in first five years; 3,000 acres annual in 6-10 yrs; and 5,000 YG acres annual after 10 years. If the timber volume goal is 46 mmbf/yr and compliance with PL113-291, the conservation alternative would log: 8,480 acres YG in 2020-2024 (1,696 ac/yr @ 13mbf/ac with a 1.5 multiplier for long log to short log recovery factor) producing 33 mmbf/yr.; not enough pre-commercially thinned 55-yr old stands are available at this time to meet the timber target exclusively from YG); 4,790 acres in 2025-2029(958 ac/yr @ 32mbf/ac with a 1.5 multiplier for long log to short log recovery factor meets that target); 697 acres YG annual logging beginning in 2030 (1.5 multiplier for long log to short log recovery factor producing 46 mmbf/yr @ 44 mbf/ac). See Appendix Ifor Mater 2015 YG numbers plus specialty OG products (e.g., 3 mmbf/yr = 75 ac OG logged per year using a mid point of 40,000 board feet per acre Class 6 old growth (Tongass DEIS: 3-295) to back calculate to acres logged).

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Inken
Last name: Purvis
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Inken Purvis and I live in Longmont, Colorado.

I live in Colorado and I don't want to breathe in any more of the brown smog!

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.

In Southeast Alaska, tourism accounts for 28% of employment and generate an annual $1 billion in economic benefit, making it far more of an economic driver than the timber industry, which is less than 1% of the regional economy.

Any choice but the No Action alternative would also put wildlife and critical habitat at risk, threaten access to clean water, and be a step in the wrong direction on climate change jeopardizing Alaskans at a time when the state already faces severe challenges related to rising temperatures. I urge you not to abandon the Roadless Rule in Alaska and instead to put the public interest above corporate profits by choosing to keep the rule in place unchanged.

Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Inken Purvis

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Jennifer
Last name: Purvis
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Jennifer Purvis and I live in Chevy Chase, Maryland.

Please dont weaken any clean air regulations. We need them four our own health and for the planet.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Jennifer Purvis

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Virginia
Last name: Purvis
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Virginia Purvis and I live in Salem, Oregon.

Recycle wood products if you need wood. Otherwise, find a new job for your income needs.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Virginia Purvis

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Wilmalyn
Last name: Puryear
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Wilmalyn Puryear and I live in Lutherville-timonium, Maryland.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Wilmalyn Puryear

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Joyce
Last name: Pusel
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Joyce Pusel and I live in Durham, North Carolina.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Joyce Pusel

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Joyce
Last name: Pusel
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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. Trumps plan is yet another attack from the Trump administration on Indigenous rights. Alaskan Native communities -- including the Tlingit, Haida, and Tsimshian peoples -- have depended on the Tongass Rainforest for millennia. It is the backbone to their culture, traditions, and communities -- we simply cannot let it disappear.

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.

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, Joyce Pusel

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Hailey
Last name: Pusich
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC5488

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,

Hailey Pusich

Juneau, AK 99801

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): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: alex
Last name: puskar
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, alex puskar

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/11/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Kellen
Last name: Puskar
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): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Diane
Last name: Puso
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Diane Puso and I live in Lodi, New Jersey.

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.

In Southeast Alaska, tourism accounts for 28% of employment and generate an annual $1 billion in economic benefit, making it far more of an economic driver than the timber industry, which is less than 1% of the regional economy.

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Diane Puso

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Elizabeth
Last name: Putnam
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.

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, Elizabeth Putnam

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/14/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Heidi
Last name: Putnam
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Heidi Putnam and I live in Stevens Point, WI. 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 did a semester study away experience in Alaska to take advantage of the large tracts of public land available to us. Unique forest ecosystems like the Tongass National Forest are necessary to not only protect habitat for many plant and wildlife species but also to provide for the humans inhabiting the area. Subsistence living is a crucial part of the way of life for many Alaskans which many of us in the lower 48 states do not understand as we have a different lived experience with many amenities like grocery stores only a few miles away from our homes. Alaska is a special place where there is not the luxury of transportation networks that easily move thousands of people every day. Instead, Alaska is homework to these large parcels of wild lands like the Tongass that should be protected for the indefinite future to sustain future generations of Alaskans.

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 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, 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 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: quinten
Last name: putnam
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is quinten putnam and I live in Pompano Beach, Florida.

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Last name: Putney
Organization:
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Organization:
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Last name: Putzel
Organization:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/24/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Babette
Last name: Puzey
Organization:
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Jessica
Last name: Pyatt
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
To Whom it May Concern -

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

I live in SE AK for a reason. Our physical, mental and food health is directly linked to the forest around us. I am having my first child and intend to raise this child here and stay in SE AK. We need to preserve it for the long term rather than consider the one time payout to a few from the cutting of a tree. Please respect the original work and intention of the roadless rule and respect the prior comments of people of the region. The roadless rule allows for needed infrastructure for communities in the region.

Those of us that actually live here do not feel that we are being represented by our governor or US representatives. They represent other parts of the state.

If the roadless rule is changed I ask all US legislators to explain to all American tax payers the following:

- Where the funds will come from for the federal subsidy of building of roads and infrastructure for a few private jobs that will be abandoned after use?

- How they will pay for the cost of fighting the future of wild fires that are making their way north? In Sitka we have areas of clear cut that were done in the late 1800s. Now that area of second growth has no life in it. You and I, let alone deer and animals cannot walk through it. No life grows underneath it. It is literally a bunch of match sticks ready to burn.

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- How will you subsized the cost to import food to individuals that live in these communities after the destruction of fish, deer, sea life for us to gather for subsistence?

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Thank you for reading and listening to the SE AK public.

~Jessica Pyatt

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First name: Janel
Last name: Pyle
Organization:
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Comments:
HC5714

Dear U.S. Forest Service,

CC: Alaska Congressional Delegation and Federal Administration

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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): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Linda
Last name: Pyle
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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