

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

First name: Jennifer

Last name: I.

Organization:

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

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Last name: I.

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First name: Anna

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First name: Noa

Last name: Iacob

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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

First name: Sandra

Last name: Ianello

Organization:

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Comments:

My name is Sandra Ianello and I live in Clinton, Connecticut.

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First name: Sofia

Last name: Ianniciello

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Comments:

HC856

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: Deborah

Last name: Iannizzotto

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

First name: Sonia

Last name: Ibarra

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC5775

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]

I value the Tongass fish and wildlife because of customary & traditional foods & recreational activities.

[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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First name: Brian

Last name: Ibenthal

Organization:

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HC3248

U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule

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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,

Brian Ibenthal

Trabuco Canyon, CA 92679

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Last name: Ibrahim

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

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Last name: Ice

Organization:

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

First name: jeri

Last name: ichikawa

Organization:

Title:

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My name is jeri ichikawa and I live in Vancouver, Washington.

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Regards, jeri ichikawa

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

First name: Adam

Last name: Ickes

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): 10/18/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Anon

Last name: idar@epix.net

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:

Idarose Huf, USA, PA

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Angela Willmes

PLS #SEND #Emails To Oppose Modifications to the Roadless Rule in Alaska Anneke Andries Personalize if you can ...

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/24/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Robbin

Last name: Iddins

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Robbin Iddins and I live in East Point, Georgia.

Please think of the future children and people of the earth before money. Do the right thing.

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, Robbin Iddins

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

First name: Robbin

Last name: Iddins

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Robbin Iddins

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

First name: Olivia

Last name: Ide

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. Trump's 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 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.

Regards, Olivia Ide

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

First name: Lloyd

Last name: Iden

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Lloyd Iden and I live in Germantown, Maryland.

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, Lloyd Iden

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

First name: Lloyd

Last name: Iden

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC4007

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,

Lloyd Iden

Germantown, MD 20874

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

First name: Jasmine

Last name: Ieremia

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Jasmine Ieremia and I live in Petersburg, AK. I've lived in Petersburg since I was 10 years old. I am a commercial fisherman and I use fishing as my main source of income. As a university student, I fish to be able to pay for tuition, rent, and my cost of living. 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, and 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, and for 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 the central mainland from Hobart Bay to Stikine River, Wrangell and Etoilin Islands, Kupreanof Island, Baranof Island, Admiralty Island, the northern mainland above Port Snettisham, and 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 in a sustainable, thoughtful way. 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 we cannot ignore the impact a healthy environment has on our communities. We depend on the land to provide healthy habitat for salmon, which in turn provides us with healthy economies and supports our communities. Full exemption would ignore our economical and cultural connection to the land and harm our communities. While the State of Alaska may say 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

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 with the Tongass going forward.

[Position]

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

First name: janet

Last name: ievins

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

comment on roadless rule

The Roadless Rule of 2001 protected a large area, including virgin forests. It makes no sense to now decide that the majority of said forest can be removed after-all.

We are led to believe that logging is now conducted sustainably and w/ little collateral damage. I am not so gullible-I have viewed many areas in Oregon and California that have been logged. The ground is completely gouged, all topsoil removed. There are huge piles of branches not taken-generally larger piles of discard than of logs.

We can see the ubiquitous logging trucks carrying huge and obviously very old logs. None of this is sustainable. And of the many lumber yards that receive these logs, most have enormous piles of seemingly abandoned logs left to rot.

We can expect a repeat of these practices if the Tongass is opened to logging. Logging companies will destroy forests as long as they are allowed and until there is not a tree standing. (The same as fishers will fish the ocean to species extinction.)

It has been shown that we must have wild areas for our physical and emotional health. As our world shrinks and wild areas are removed, people suffer.

The Roadless Rule is in place for the very purpose of protecting the Tongass-one of Earth's few remaining virgin forests. I beg you to not change the Roadless Rule but to leave this large area as protected as it is now-which is already a compromise.

Thank you.

Janet Ievins

[Position]

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

First name: Lisa

Last name: Iffland

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Lisa Iffland and I live in Chicago, Illinois.

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, Lisa Iffland

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

First name: Danielle

Last name: ifrah

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Danielle ifrah and I live in Pembroke Pines, Florida.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Danielle ifrah

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Elisa

Last name: Ignatius

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Wolves not roads

I strongly urge the Forest Service to select Alternative 1, the "no-action" alternative to protect wolves, salmon, and other native wildlife.

Thank you,

Elisa Ignatius

[Position]

[Position]

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

First name: Lyn

Last name: Ignatowski

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Repealing the Roadless Rule in Tongass National Forest would cast aside years of collaboration with thriving local tourism and recreation economies that depend on healthy forests, and usher in a new era of reckless old-growth clear-cut logging that pollutes streams with sediment, hurts the salmon and deer populations, and irreparably harms subsistence hunters. This proposed plan 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.

Please do not strip protection from one of the largest intact temperate forests in the world that is also one of our most effective tools to mitigate climate change for future generations.

[Position]

[Position]

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

First name: Michael

Last name: Ihde

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Michael Ihde and I live in Sitka, AK. I was born and raised in Sitka, Alaska. I can trace my father's lineage in Sitka back at least 5 generations. My mother's ancestors, the Tlingit People, have been here for ten thousand years. We are famous for our ability to sustainably harvest the land and the sea with relatively no negative ecological impact. With the arrival of settlers in the early 1700's came disease, war, alcoholism, famine, rape, and eventually near total destruction of all Alaskan cultures. However, we have remained strong and never fail to come together when it comes to defending our land and our tradition. The forest and rivers, the ocean and the mountains are all an essential part of the diets of tens of thousands of Southeast Alaskans, and all of these are at stake should the Roadless Rule be abolished. 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, 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, and 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, practicing my culture, recreating and enjoying nature, carbon sequestration and local climate change mitigation, keeping public lands wild for future generations. A full exemption does nothing whatsoever to 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.

The Roadless areas on the Tongass that are especially important to me are those on or around Baranof Island, Chichagof Island, Admiralty Island, as well as the rest 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 strongly reject 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. I have always relied on subsistence food to keep me happy and healthy. A full exemption of the Roadless Rule is absolutely NOT in the best interest of any mindful Alaskan. Anyone who thinks otherwise either does not fully understand the proposition or has only their own best interests in mind, and not those of others. The State of Alaska says that a full exemption is needed for rural economic development opportunities, which is not necessary.

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

I urge the Forest Service to prioritize the voices of Southeast Alaskans over those of our political representation and corporate interests. Choosing a full exemption will not create a long lasting, durable solution for roadless

areas on the Tongass. It will only increase the legal challenges, uncertainty for businesses, and conflict on the Tongass going forward.

I am 21 years old. In the last few years, I have witnessed and experienced extreme climatic change. I have seen decimated salmon population and returns. Alaska has experienced record high temperatures, severely decreased rainfall, and near complete failure to accumulate significant winter snow pack in the mountains, both of which play an absolutely crucial role in the stasis of our pristine, untouched, and beloved rainforest home.

[POSITION]

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

First name: Glen

Last name: Ihrig

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Glen Ihrig and I live in Burbank, California.

Once the old growth forests are gone, they are gone for ever...

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, Glen Ihrig

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

First name: Paul

Last name: lida

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC6027

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, [Signature]

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

Yes No

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

First name: Frederick

Last name: III

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC5259

U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

My wife and I have visited the Tonga's National Forest two times over the past couple of years and plant to return. It's unspoiled beauty and sheer size are virtually indescribable. Changing its natural state would destroy much of its value and its attraction to visitors like us. We certainly have no stake in the Alaskan economy, but as American tourists we have made small contributions to it and plan to continue doing so.

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,

Frederick Adams III

Spartanburg, SC 29307

[Position]

[Position]

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

First name: Roland

Last name: III

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Keep 'Roadless Rule' Protections for the Tongass National Forest.

Dear U.S. Forest Service,

Subject Line is the message.

Thank You Very Much,

R.RR.III

Sincerely,

Roland Ruutz-Rees III

Anchorage, AK 99503

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/18/2019 5:50:39 PM

First name: Trigg

Last name: III

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,

Trigg Wright III

Klein, TX 77379

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

First name: Wallace

Last name: limura

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Wallace limura and I live in Cupertino, California.

We need to do everything we can to slow climate change to avoid a disaster for the human race.

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, Wallace limura

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

First name: Joseph

Last name: Ikley

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 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.

Regards, Joseph Ikley

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

First name: Joan

Last name: Ikoma

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Tongass

Please keep the Tongass roadless .

Thank you,

Joan Ikoma

Coupeville,WA

Sent from my iPhone

[Position]

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

First name: Elizabeth

Last name: Ilem

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Elizabeth Ilem and I live in Troutdale, Oregon.

I am distressed that in 2019 we are still fighting to preserve what was set aside under the roadless rule. It is so important that the Tongas National Forest continues to be protected. I may live in Oregon but I have made the effort to travel there.

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, Elizabeth Ilem

[Position]

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

First name: Davina

Last name: Ilgin

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Davina Ilgin and I live in Flower Mound, Texas.

We need to start taking better care of the planet.

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, Davina Ilgin

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

First name: Angela

Last name: Ilisie

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Slashing protections for more than 9 million acres of national parks? Trees that are more than 1,000 years old will be razed. These are the kinds of actions that can never be undone. I oppose this rule, we cannot keep attacking the only source of hope (trees) to slow down global warming which will have devastating consequences for us, with extreme migration from other uninhabitable regions as well as catastrophic extreme weather here in the US.

[Position]

[Position]

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

First name: Patria

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HC5637

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 12:00:00 AM

First name: Abe

Last name: [Illegible]

Organization:

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HC670

Dear Secretary Perdue,

I live and work on the lands and waters of Alaska. I do NOT want Alaska and the Tongass exempt from the Roadless Rule because game trails on mountains are way cooler than roads!

[Position]

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

First name: Alex

Last name: [Illegible]

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HC285

Dear Alaska Roadless Rule Planning Committee,

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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 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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HC681

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Last name: [Illegible]

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Last name: [Illegible]

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC936

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.

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

First name: Anon

Last name: Illegible

Organization:

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HC6377

I live in the Tongass fish, kayak, hike and bike.

I have seen the vast veins of the forests where industrial logging occurred on the Tongass.

Select the No Action Alternative.

11/30/19

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HC6345

Dear Secretary Perdue,

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

I urge you to keep the federal Roadless Rule intact and current protections in place for national forests in Alaska and across the country. -Please, please! This place is important to all Americans.

Sincerely,

[Position]

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HC247

Dear Staff,

We are writing from Colorado to show our support for you during these difficult times.

Please know you are appreciated and respected.

Sincerely

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[Position]

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First name: Anon

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HC1

I have lived and worked in Southeast Alaska for the last 10 years and now am raising my family here. I urge you to take no action on the Roadless Rule- please consider a forest management plan that takes unto consideration our future generation! Substantive actions are so important to the health of our families and communities- please let the tongass be!

Thank you,

[illegible] 99827

[Position]

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HC99

I use the Tongass for recreation. As a old lady who grew up in Haines, I know the impact roads & logging make on the ecosystem- disrupting animals, waterways/fish- not to mention the awful look of clear cutting form 40-50 years ago. Keep it Roadless, No action alternative.

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Last name: [Illegible]

Organization:

Title:

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First name: Anon

Last name: [illegible]

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC4941

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]

I would like to get more involved in the campaign!

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

First name: Anon

Last name: [Illegible]

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC891

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.

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[Position]

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

First name: Anon

Last name: [Illegible]

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC610

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!

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

First name: Anon

Last name: [Illegible]

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC759

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): 12/13/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Anon

Last name: [Illegible]

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC419

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?

I work for the Forest Service and m livelihood depends on stable, intact ecosystems and places for fishing & recreation.

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?

I want to keep wild places wild and maintain recreation opportunities for all people wo have lived and made livings off this place.

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.

Ushk Bay! Nakwasina Inlet, Hoonah Sound. All my favorite fishing holes!

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

All of the above!

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,

[Signature]

I do not want to receive a copy of the Draft Environmental Statement

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

First name: Anon

Last name: [Illegible]

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC123

Hello,

I grew up in the Tongass forest. It is an integral part of my identity and my home. Please do not exempt the Tongass from the roadless rule and take no action. There are plenty of alternative to timber, we don't need to destroy our homes to support ourselves

-[illegible]

[Position]

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

First name: Anon

Last name: [Illegible]

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC50

Hey!

I was born + raised in Alaska + have spent the last 3 years @ Auke Lake, foraging for mushrooms + berries + going to school @ UAS. *Please* [Text underlined for emphasis] protect this wonderful space. I demand a no-action alternative on the AK- specific roadless rule.

[Illegible]

[Position]

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

First name: Anon

Last name: [Illegible]

Organization:

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Comments:

HC1444

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HC1409

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First name: Anon

Last name: [illegible]

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC1025

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HC723

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Comments:

HC996

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HC709

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

First name: April

Last name: [Illegible]

Organization:

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HC1396

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

First name: Barbara

Last name: [Illegible]

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC242

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Barbara [Illegible]

[Position]

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

First name: Bill

Last name: [Illegible]

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC1084

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First name: Bill

Last name: [Illegible]

Organization:

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HC1045

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

First name: Brigitte

Last name: [Illegible]

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC720

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

First name: C.

Last name: [illegible]

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC5612

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!

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

First name: Carol

Last name: [Illegible]

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC346

I trust you will be a wise leader who will protect all of the life in this truly important forest. As another head of the USDA said, "The health of the earth must be our prime concern. [Illegible] this nothing else really matters."

Carol [Illegible] Albuquerque N.M 87108

[Position]

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

First name: Carol

Last name: [illegible]

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC5618

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]

The ecology of the area & the [illegible] [illegible] depends on a healthy forest.

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

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

First name: Caroline

Last name: [Illegible]

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC155

Please Protect old growth trees in the Tongass!

[Position]

[Position]

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

First name: Catherine

Last name: [illegible]

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC6220

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]

Having lived in Washington, where the clear cut areas were totally *devastated*[Text underlined for emphasis], I am interested in conserving old growth forests for the generations to come!!

Sincerely,

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

Yes[Text circled] No

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

First name: Cheng

Last name: [illegible]

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC4985

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First name: Clave

Last name: [Illegible]

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC3077

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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 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,

We must [Illegible] our National Forest keep [Illegible] Roadless! Especially the [Illegible] Tongass National Forest.

[Signature]

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

First name: Clay

Last name: [illegible]

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC5451

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Sincerely,

Clay [illegible]

Juneau, AK 99801

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

*Roadless Rule! *[Text underlined for emphasis]

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

First name: Cody

Last name: [Illegible]

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC596

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!

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

First name: Colin

Last name: [illegible]

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC3027

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 area 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 recreate in the Tongass and I fear [illegible] down this rule (Roadless Rule) would compromise my ability to enjoy the outdoors, participate in generations-old traditions and connect with nature.

Sincerely,

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

Yes ***No***[Text circled]

[Position]

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

First name: Daniel

Last name: [Illegible]

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC631

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 Bay 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!

Save the fish... save the bears!

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

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Yes ***No***[Text circled]

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

First name: Donna

Last name: [Illegible]

Organization:

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Comments:

HC237

I *support the No Action Alternative for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement* [Text underlined for emphasis] on the proposed *Alaska Roadless Rule* [Text underlined 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 protection for Roadless [illegible]* [Text underlined for emphasis] in the Tongass National Forest.

Donna [Illegible], Seattle WA

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

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HC739

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Last name: [Illegible]

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HC3073

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Sincerely,

[Signature]

Edmonds, WA

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

First name: [Illegible]

Last name: [Illegible]

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC5663

Dear U.S. Forest Service,

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First name: [Illegible]

Last name: [Illegible]

Organization:

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Comments:

HC5564

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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!

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

First name: [illegible]

Last name: [illegible]

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC4997

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.

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

First name: [Illegible]

Last name: [Illegible]

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC3068

Dear Secretary Perdue,

I am writing to support the No-Action Alternative for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the proposed Alaska Roadless Rule, Alternative #1. I support keeping the current Roadless Rule protections 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,

[Signature]

Edmonds, WA

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

First name: [illegible]

Last name: [illegible]

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC6224

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): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: [Illegible]

Last name: [illegible]

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC6274

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): 11/18/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Jan

Last name: [Illegible]

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC254

Please keep the Roadless Rule *Intact* [section underlined for emphasis] for the Tongass.

Our old growth forest is one of the only intact stands left. Roads destroy the wild environment and the tourist value.

Roads mostly support logging, which does not make economic sense. What DOES make sense is to protect the true economic value of the standing forest for tourism, wildlife, commercial & subsistence fishing, cultural values, protection of that intact environment.

Each year Juneau gets over a million visitors to the Tongass. The unbroken wild state, scenic beauty, and the experience of seeing an area not ruined by man is what they come to see from all over the world.

If they wanted to see logging roads, they would go to OR & WA. Those states no longer have eagles, bears, and salmon like we do. We should be working hard to pass this standing forest on - intact - to future generations.

Jan [Illegible]

Juneau 99801

[Position]

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

First name: Jane

Last name: [illegible]

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC6225

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): 11/26/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Jasper

Last name: [Illegible]

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC215

The Tongass is important because it allows us to show others the beauty of Alaska. [illegible] of the main attraction of Alaska.

[Position]

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

First name: John

Last name: [illegible]

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC4963

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): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Kasey

Last name: [illegible]

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC6046

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): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Kethy

Last name: [illegible]

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC5760

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.

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

First name: Kevin

Last name: [Illegible]

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC745

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): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Laura

Last name: [illegible]

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC3023

Dear U.S. Forest Service:

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

We need to be mindful of our future, our kids and grandkids, and what sort of environment we leave behind. the Roadless Ruled ensure the protection of land and animal life that is precious and vital for health!

Sincerely,

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

Yes ***No***[Text circled]

[Position]

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

First name: Leonard

Last name: [illegible]

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC5804

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): 11/26/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Lindsay

Last name: [Illegible]

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC20

We use the Tongass for fishing, recreation, and harvesting.

I demand a no-action alternative on the Alaska Specific Rule! Keep the Tongass Roadless!!

Sincerely,

Lindsay [Illegible]

[Position]

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

First name: Mark

Last name: [illegible]

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC4923

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

First name: Marlene

Last name: [Illegible]

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC635

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 Bay 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!

Please protect this area the future growth of the fish habitat and people. Very essential and needs to stay that way. Forests and [illegible] are amust for the fish and animals and livelihood of the people.

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

First name: Marsha

Last name: [illegible]

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC5571

Dear U.S. Forest Service,

CC: Alaska Congressional Delegation and Federal Administration

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Sincerely,

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

First name: Mary

Last name: [Illegible]

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC634

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Personal Comments: I am not interested in learning more!

Please protect this beautiful forest for future generations to enjoy. [Illegible] to be for hunting or fishing or just enjoy the [illegible]

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

First name: Mary

Last name: [illegible]

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC5611

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): 12/13/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Mikkel

Last name: [Illegible]

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC358

Chief Vicki Christiansen,

Please protect Tongass National Forest from increased logging.

Thanks

Mikkel [Illegible]

[Signature]

[Position]

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

First name: Montiguea

Last name: [Illegible]

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC706

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): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Nancy

Last name: [Illegible]

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC3064

Dear Secretary Perdue,

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

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

Sincerely,

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

First name: Paul

Last name: [Illegible]

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC348

Dear Chief Christianson,

I am disgusted to hear the proposal to increase logging in the Tongass National Forest. Please protect this important temperate rainforest, the old-growth trees that remain, and the wildlife that depend on them.

Yours truly

Paul [Illegible]

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

First name: R.

Last name: [Illegible]

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC238

I write in support of the No-Action Alternative for the Draft Env. Impact Statement on the proposed Alaska Roadless Rule.

The Tongass contains one of the largest rainforests in the world. It provides clean water for fish and wildlife habitat.

I strongly OPPOSE any efforts to weaken protections for Roadless areas in the Tongass.

R. [Illegible]

Seattle

[Position]

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

First name: Raven

Last name: [Illegible]

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC138

Being born & raised in Alaska, Nature is the most important asset that our state can offer. [Illegible] the road will destroy it's nature beauty, the Nature of [illegible] and safety will turn [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Keep the Tongass Roadless!

[Position]

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

First name: Remy

Last name: [illegible]

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC5670

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): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Rhonda

Last name: [Illegible]

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC925

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): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Rita

Last name: [illegible]

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC5654

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): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Sandra

Last name: [illegible]

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC5605

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,

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

First name: Sarah

Last name: [illegible]

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC6489

11/4/2019

To Whom It May Concern,

I believe the Tongass forest should not be messed with. I think right now we need this forest to help with climate change. It contributes to soaking up the most carbon dioxide in the United States. It may not be a whole lot of help, but tearing through it is selfish and only making the situation worse. I think we need to think about the affect of this on our future economy and generations.

From Sarah [illegible]

Oakhurst, CA 93644

[Position]

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

First name: Seat

Last name: [illegible]

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Dear Chief Christiansen,

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

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First name: Shimon

Last name: [illegible]

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC130

Hi I live in Thorne Bay I hunt and fish in kasaan and surrounding areas please leave the already Built roads alone and maintain them so we can hunt and leave the thorne alone so the fish I harvest can live and eat will stay there

[Position]

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

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Last name: [Illegible]

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Last name: [illegible]

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC6431

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

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

Sincerely,

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

First name: Sylvia

Last name: [illegible]

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC4953

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CC: Alaska Congressional Delegation and Federal Administration

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

First name: Tim

Last name: [Illegible]

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HC1437

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

First name: Timothy

Last name: [Illegible]

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC158

To whom it may concern:

1) greatly enjoy the Tongass area because of wilderness Aspect

2) I love the area around Wrangell 99929 fish, hike, boat

3) Please- sustain Roadless rule- take no action alternative

Timothy [Illegible]

[Position]

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First name: Tony

Last name: [illegible]

Organization:

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First name: William
Last name: [Illegible]
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC438

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?

William [Illegible] Sitka, Alaska [Address] No, I've lived in Tongass forest my whole life

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?

My economy and fishing

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.

Baranof Island as a whole

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): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Anon

Last name: [Illegible]

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

First name: Walter

Last name: Illert

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Walter Illert and I live in St. Louis, 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.

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, Walter Illert

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

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Regards, Walter Illert

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

First name: Neil

Last name: Illiano

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Neil Illiano

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

First name: Eve

Last name: Ilsen

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Eve Ilsen and I live in Boulder, Colorado.

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Last name: Iltis

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First name: Mana

Last name: Iluna

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Mana Iluna and I live in Bellevue, Washington.

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Last name: Imagination

Organization:

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First name: takeshi

Last name: imajo

Organization:

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Comments:

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Regards, takeshi imajo

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

First name: Joanne

Last name: Imamura

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Leave the area road-less, as is and protected for future generations. Do no harm.

[Positon]

[Positon]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/5/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Ray

Last name: Imel

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

The Tongas is a bulwark against climate change. It is our home. It is where we hope to be buried. It sustains us with it's wildlife and sustains our spirits in it's roadless, undeveloped state. It belongs to us, but also to future generations. You don't have to do this. We don't have to remove the regulations, they protect the Tongas and us from shortsighted schemes and plans. We see and experience the results of less regulated forests in the lower 48. You don't have to do this. No action is my families preferred alternative. The methodology you are using to justify this change is deeply flawed, if you can even call it a methodology. Have you considered the work of Charles Peters and his successful efforts at protecting Amazon Rainforest? This is a valid an viable option for the northern temperate rainforests with much more desireable results. Have you considered balancing scientifically demonstrated harm to the planet from practices outside the Tongass, like accelerating climate change, and impacts of deforestation in other areas? The effects of repealing the roadless designation do not happen in a vacuum. It is all connected right? You know what the right thing to do is.

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/28/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: roger

Last name: imhoff

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Tongass roadless comment

To whom it may concern: i have been following this issue for months now and have written to our logger in chief, lisa murkowski, several times expressing opposition to the "repeal" of the roadless rule. So yes...i am against the overturning of the rule by the trump admin.

Let me say that i am a forestry engineering grad from osu (class of 70) and have worked in SE and southcentral alaska and over the course of my career have designed too many clear cut units and roads to count. So i believe i have some knowledge of forest management.

These times of climate change place more importance than ever in the importance of carbon capture, habitat protection, and watershed protection...all for a variety of reasons that i am sure you are familiar with.

I must say that the forest "products" industry in AK has been dying for decades. It is now a very very minor blip in the state economy. Whereas the tourism industry in SE is growing. Since when has the forest service ever made a dime? Timber sales are a net monetary loss anyway you look at the numbers. Its not a secret.

Also i am appalled that round log shipments to asia continue to this day from the tongass. What ever happened to value added??

Myself and thousands of others oppose additional road building into these areas and oppose new cutting of old growth forests. I hope you consider these comments from one who cares deeply about the future of not only alaska, but of the world! Really!

Thank you, roger imhoff

[Position]

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

First name: Tyler

Last name: Imhoff

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 12:00:00 AM

First name: William

Last name: Imhoff

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is William Imhoff and I live in Mendocino, California.

When is this government going to realize that everytime it attacks the environment that it advances global warming? Of Course when is this government going to realize that there is gobal warming and that its policies are causing it? Making our country one of the greatest security threats to the world. Stop this insanity!

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Last name: Imholte

Organization:

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

First name: Marc

Last name: Imlay

Organization:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/2/2019 12:00:00 AM

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Last name: Imlay

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Don't exempt the Tongass from the Roadless Rule

U.S. Forest Service

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

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Docket Number: FS-2019-0023

Secretary Perdue:

I urge you to keep the Roadless Area Conservation Rule intact for the Tongass National Forest.

I have found time, and time, and time again, that if I listen to my opponent, and they see I respond positively to a good point they make, they listen to me and take an action I recommend. Marc

Sincerely,

Marc Imlay

Bryans Road, MD 20616

[Position]

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

First name: Antoinette

Last name: Imus

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Antoinette Imus and I live in Lake Forest, California.

Please do not cut down trees that we need to keep the climate under control!

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Last name: Ince

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Last name: Incze

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, C.A. Incze

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

First name: Linda

Last name: Indelicato

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Linda Indelicato and I live in Malverne, New York.

Stop big business from destroying our beautiful forests.

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Regards, Linda Indelicato

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

First name: Eric

Last name: Indermuehle

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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First name: Eric

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

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Last name: Indman

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Regards, Pec Indman

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

First name: Linda

Last name: Indyke

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Linda Indyke and I live in Cockeysville, Maryland.

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Last name: Iness

Organization:

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

First name: Bob

Last name: Iness

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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

I implore you to maintain the integrity of Alaska's roadless areas and the Tongass 77, critical watersheds for trout and salmon. The Roadless Area Conservation Rule is a collaborative management approach adopted following one of the most extensive public engagement campaigns in the history of federal rulemaking. It may be America's best and most popular land management rule ever. The costs to American taxpayers for road building and unconscionably subsidized resource extraction are too high - not to mention the irreparable impact to wildlife, water, subsistence practices and traditions like hunting and fishing.

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

First name: Bob

Last name: Iness

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC3604

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,

Bob Iness

Fall City, WA 98024

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

First name: Hannah

Last name: Infanti

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

As humans, it is our right to protect the environment and the species that inhabit the ecosystem. Tongass National Forest is one of the oldest and largest national forests in United States. Being an old growth forest, there is as much biodiversity in these forests compared to rainforests. Furthermore, Tongass is home to all five species of Pacific Salmon (ecosystem services), grizzly bears and wolves (apex species), deer, bald eagles, etc. With the removal of these native species the overall ecosystem and its species will already be in decline. There is a point where humans have taken too much, and therefore, there is no return or fix we could do. I agree with logging because it provides succession processes, but not in a high biodiverse old growth forest. Thus, as mentioned before, we as humans have the right to protect the environment around us.

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

First name: maryan

Last name: infield

Organization:

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Regards, maryan infield

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Regards, maryan infield

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

First name: John

Last name: Ingalis

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC5779

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: Giusy

Last name: Ingallinera

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC926

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): 12/17/2019 9:46:08 PM

First name: Kathy

Last name: Ingallinera

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Kathy Ingallinera and I live in Sitka, AK. I am a 23 + year resident of Sitka and an outdoorswoman. Not a hunter, not a fisherman, I am actually a vegan, but i know that eagles, bear and other animals, such as humans, are not all vegan. Many rely on healthy salmon runs for survival or at least a good dinner. All of us rely on a healthy forest for our physical and mental health. 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 foraging for wild foods, 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 recreating.

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, 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, 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 The people need to have their voices heard, and most support No Action - the Roadless Rule is fine just as it is.. 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.

The Tongass is a National Treasure and needs to be protected. It is hard to repair damage that has been done, best to prevent it.

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): 12/13/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Kathy

Last name: Ingallinera

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC593

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 have lived in S.E. Alaska for 23 years + have visited many wilderness areas here. In this crazy world, we need as many wilderness areas as possible to calm + sooth our souls.

[Position]

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

First name: Kathy

Last name: Ingallinera

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC423

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?

Kathy Ingallinera Sitka been here 23 yrs

I live 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?

Just on general principles - we have enough roads

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.

Not sure - don't have a boat

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

Hiking + berry picking

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.

Salmon restoration especially in the streams, more attention to safe + accessible subsistence activities + recreational activities

Additional comments for the Forest Service:

Sincerely,

Kathy Ingallinera

I do not want to receive a copy of the Draft Environmental Statement

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

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Last name: Ingallinera

Organization:

Title:

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

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Last name: Ingalls

Organization:

Title:

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Regards, Diane Ingalls

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

First name: Libby

Last name: Ingalls

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Libby Ingalls and I live in San Francisco, California.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Libby Ingalls

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

First name: William

Last name: Ingalls

Organization:

Title:

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

I implore you to maintain the integrity of Alaska's roadless areas and the Tongass 77, critical watersheds for trout and salmon. The Roadless Area Conservation Rule is a collaborative management approach adopted following one of the most extensive public engagement campaigns in the history of federal rulemaking. It may be America's best and most popular land management rule ever. The costs to American taxpayers for road building and unconscionably subsidized resource extraction are too high - not to mention the irreparable impact to wildlife, water, subsistence practices and traditions like hunting and fishing.

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

First name: Givsy

Last name: Ingawinera

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Comments:

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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 thrilled! No Words [smiley face]

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

First name: Edward

Last name: Inge

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC3961

U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule

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Sincerely,

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Mobilee, AL 36604

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

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Last name: Ingelsson

Organization:

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Comments:

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

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Last name: Ingenito

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

First name: Karen

Last name: Ingerman

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Karen Ingerman and I live in Hartsdale, New York.

PLEASE--OUR ALASKAN WILD FORESTS ARE TOO IMPORTANT TO NOT PROTECT. DO NOT LET THEM BE CLEARCUT AND DESTROYED. THAT WOULD BE A HORRIFIC, IRREPARABLE TRAGEDY, AND IT MUST BE EVERTED.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Karen Ingerman

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

First name: Jack

Last name: Ingersoll

Organization:

Title:

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Regards, Jack Ingersoll

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

First name: John

Last name: Ingersoll

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

I have had the privilege of hunting a (no road) wilderness forest in Colorado and while I did not kill any game...it was the most thrilling outdoor experience of my life. I live on the game lands of Pennsylvania, so I am acquainted with hunting and fishing as a way of life. But the wilderness of the West will never be ours again once it is open to the many destructive ways of mineral and logging

extraction. I am old and may never get a chance to see Alaska and it's wonders...but my grandsons may go some day. Don't take this away from us.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/28/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Sarah

Last name: Ingersoll

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

I am writing to urge The Forest Service to take the "No Action Alternative" on the proposed Alaska Roadless Rule.

Having lived and worked in the tourism industry in Alaska many years ago, I understand the commercial value of its forests, and the commercial value will be diminished by opening the Tongass to more logging. We are already experiencing the economic effects of climate change, and the Tongass forest's role in the global carbon cycle is significant. It stores more carbon than any forest in our nation and is the most productive carbon-trapping forest on Earth. Removing protections for its 9.3 million roadless acres would opens pristine areas of our largest national forest to logging and road development. Not only would this threaten habitat for wildlife, it would also set a dangerous precedent that could open up roadless areas in wild forests across the nation.

Thank You, Sarah Ingersoll

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

First name: Evan

Last name: Ingle

Organization:

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Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Evan Ingle

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

First name: Don and Pat

Last name: Ingledue

Organization:

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Comments:

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

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Last name: Ingleson

Organization:

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Comments:

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Regards, Donna Ingleson

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

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Last name: Ingman

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Regards, Fred Ingman

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/20/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Claudia

Last name: Ingraham

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Claudia Ingraham and I live in Jacksonville, Oregon.

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Regards, Claudia Ingraham

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

First name: Lara

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First name: Lara

Last name: Ingraham

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Lara Ingraham and I live in Los Angeles, California.

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Last name: Ingram

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

I implore you to maintain the integrity of Alaska's roadless areas and the Tongass 77, critical watersheds for trout and salmon. The Roadless Area Conservation Rule is a collaborative management approach adopted following one of the most extensive public engagement campaigns in the history of federal rulemaking. It may be America's best and most popular land management rule ever. The costs to American taxpayers for road building and unconscionably subsidized resource extraction are too high - not to mention the irreparable impact to wildlife, water, subsistence practices and traditions like hunting and fishing.

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

First name: Michael

Last name: Ingram

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Support Alt 1 for Current EIS process

I strongly support retaining the 2001 roadless rule for all of Alaska, including the Tongass National Forest. This is Alternative 1 in the current EIS process. I have been to the Tongass and understand the value it offers in its current state, where salmon and wildlife thrive and local communities and visitors alike can enjoy the abundance. Allowing road development and the return of industrial-scale logging in the Tongass would benefit only a select few people and harm the water and fish and wildlife that many, many other people currently enjoy. Please do not compromise the integrity of this resource and the future of this ecosystem for the short-term benefit of a few people, vocal and well-connected though they may be.

Michael Ingram

Seattle, Washington

[Position]

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

First name: Raymond

Last name: Ings

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Last name: InLove

Organization:

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Regards, Rich InLove

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

First name: Sadie

Last name: Inman

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC135

I've used the tongass to camp I as I kayaked up Endicott arm and back. The entire area is so pure and wild. It's a place of escape and it's one of the few places left. Please choose no action on the roadless rule!

[Position]

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

First name: Stephanie

Last name: inman

Organization:

Title:

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Last name: Inman

Organization:

Title:

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Regards, Gwen Innes

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

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Last name: Inness

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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

First name: David

Last name: Inouye

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

3980

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Sincerely,

David Inouye

Hotchkiss, CO 81419

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

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Last name: Inouye

Organization:

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

First name: Rev.

Last name: Insley

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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

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Last name: INSURRIAGA

Organization:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, AURORA INSURRIAGA

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

First name: Sue

Last name: Inwood

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC855

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: Marla

Last name: Inzerillo

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Marla Inzerillo

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

First name: Sofie

Last name: Ioannou

Organization:

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Regards, Sofie Ioannou

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

First name: Debbie

Last name: Ioli

Organization:

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

First name: Carol

Last name: lossa

Organization:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/19/2019 3:00:00 PM

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Last name: IOSUPOVICI

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, MIRIAM IOSUPOVICI

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

First name: MIRIAM L.

Last name: IOSUPOVICI

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

After having seen (from air, land and sea) and hiked in the Tongass in Alaska, I am adamantly opposed to any road development to open up the area for logging, mining, drilling, etc. You know the science against such actions, so I need not repeat. This land is irreplaceable and replanting is not a viable option according to experts. The impact on Native Americans would be devastating.

STOP PLANS FOR DESTROYING THE TONGASS IMMEDIATELY

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Regards, Brenda Iovino

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

First name: Teresa

Last name: lovino

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Teresa lovino and I live in Germantown, Tennessee.

Nothing is more priceless than protecting our animals, water, land and air. Nothing can compete with that. The ecosystem must be intact for our survival. Economic resources mean nothing compared to our survival.

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Last name: Ipsen

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Regards, Stephen Ipsen

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

First name: Vanessa

Last name: Ipsen

Organization:

Title:

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Last name: Irby

Organization:

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Last name: Iriarte

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Last name: Irish

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Regards, Lura Irish

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

First name: Paige

Last name: Irish

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Paige Irish and I live in Plano, Texas.

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

First name: Angela

Last name: Irvin

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC6000

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

Sincerely,

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

Yes ***No***[Text circled]

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

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Last name: Irvin

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC4999

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

First name: Eric

Last name: Irvin

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC6495

11/4/19

USFS,

Please accept this letter as my public comment *against* opening up the Tongass National Forest to new roads and logging. This area provides more ecosystem services and value than logging could ever generate. It is imperative we leave forests such as those to combat climate change.

Thank you,

Eric Irvin

Oakhurst, CA 93644

[Position]

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

First name: Kim

Last name: Irvin

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Kim Irvin

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

First name: Michelle

Last name: Irvin

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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

First name: Yvonne

Last name: Irvin

Organization:

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Regards, Yvonne Irvin

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/26/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Chuck

Last name: Irvine

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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

First name: Gael

Last name: Irvine

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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

First name: Irina

Last name: Irvine

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Irina Irvine and I live in Petaluma, California.

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

First name: Felix

Last name: Irving

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): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Carol

Last name: irwin

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: Irwin

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Organization:

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

First name: Hugh

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Alaska Roadless Rulemaking #54511

Gary Hugh Irwin

Black Mountain, NC 28711

December 16, 2019

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U.S. Department of Agriculture

1400 Independence Ave S.E.

Washington, D.C. 20250

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

First name: Jonathan

Last name: Irwin

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): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

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Last name: Irwin

Organization:

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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule

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

Sincerely,

Michael Irwin

Maynardville, TN 37807

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

First name: Pat

Last name: Irwin

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Last name: Isaac

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First name: Judy

Last name: Isaacson

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

The Tongass is priceless, keep it roadless for wildlife

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.

Stop the destruction of all that is needed for our equally important wildlife legacy.

I strongly urge the Forest Service to select Alternative 1, the "no-action" alternative.

Thank you,

Judy Isaacson

[Position]

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

First name: Petr

Last name: Isaacson

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.

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 12:00:00 AM

First name: Evelyn

Last name: Isaak

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Evelyn Isaak and I live in Penngrove, California.

This is sacred land, please leave it to nature. Humans have already ruined enough of our earth because of greed!

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, Evelyn Isaak

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

First name: Ruth

Last name: Isaks

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. Trump's 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 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.

Regards, Ruth Isaks

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/10/2019 4:58:03 PM

First name: Allan

Last name: Isbell

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Allan Isbell and I live in Ojai, 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.

Because wild lands are important. I want my children to feel the wild in their bones like I do.

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 passive watershed restoration (stream and habitat) to improve and 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): 11/20/2019 3:27:18 PM

First name: Linda

Last name: Isbell

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Comments to oppose modification to the Roadless Rule

Dear U.S. Forest Service,

The Roadless Rule were put in place for a reason. It helps protect old-growth habitat for beautiful birds like the Prince of Wales Spruce Grouse and Northern Goshawk among others, as well as for mammals like wolves and deer. Opening roadless areas to more logging and roads will rip up the forest and eliminate more of the big old trees that these animals rely on to survive. Also, intact, ancient forests are strongholds of climate resilience, and the Tongass is one of world's largest.

Don't destroy the Tongass. All of the action alternatives in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement allow more roadbuilding and logging across the Tongass National Forest. This is irresponsible. Logging roads and timber operations cost tens of millions of taxpayer dollars every year, with zero return on investment. Why let the timber industry destroy something that can never be replaced? These destructive activities degrade the naturally sustainable wealth of salmon, wildlife watching, and tourism opportunities.

It is time to stop opening more and more acres to the timber industry. Instead put stronger protections in place to save the old-growth forests and wild areas on the Tongass. PLEASE select the "No Action" Alternative (Alternative 1) and allow the Roadless Rule to remain intact on the Tongass National Forest.

Sincerely,

Linda Isbell

Maryland Heights, MO 63043

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

First name: Linda

Last name: Isbell

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Linda Isbell and I live in Maryland Heights, Missouri.

These forests are breathtaking. They mean the world to nature lovers like myself. Please do not cut down these magnificent forests.

I am writing to express my total 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. Take away the forests and tourism dwindles.

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. Please do not abandon the Roadless Rule in Alaska and instead put the public interest above corporate profits by choosing to keep the rule in place unchanged.

Thank you.

Regards, Linda Isbell

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

First name: Luna

Last name: Isbell-Love

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Secretary Perdue and Chief Christensen,

I write with deep sadness in my heart about our need to protect the Tongass. I urge you to "select the 'no-action' alternative on the Alaska-specific Roadless Rule" as the Tongass and/or roadless areas, their place on this Earth is here for a reason. It is not for us to interfere. The outcomes of our interference in other places have been devastating for the environment, the people, culture, and wildlife in these areas. It serves the few, not the many, to destroy millions of acres of land that helps us breathe clean air and so much more. I visited this area over 20 years ago and it is a place that continues to live in my heart. Think about the legacy you can leave behind for your self, your family, that land, and the world but selecting the "no-action" alternative on the Roadless Rule.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Luna

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Luna Grace Isbell-Love

Transformational Alignment Mentor

Host of the Radical Remembrance Podcast

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

First name: Zephyr

Last name: Isely

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Zephyr Isely and I live in Golden, Colorado.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Zephyr Isely

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

First name: Daryl

Last name: Isenberg

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Daryl Isenberg

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

First name: Seth

Last name: Isenberg

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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

First name: Jeff

Last name: Isenhart

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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

First name: Evelyn

Last name: Isgro-Desplat

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Dear Sir or Madam,

I heard a report recently on NPR concerning the proposed expansion of logging in the Tongass national forest and would like to submit my own comments. Both in the NPR report and online there are views on both sides, some more compelling than others. One major issue for me is the sustainability of the logging industry in this region. Should the roadless rule be removed and old growth cutting allowed, sure it will support the industry for a time, but for how long? And at what cost? These old growth trees are a natural resource that are more valuable than the value of their wood. We should be looking into the long term with management of national forests. It is too easy for us as humans to look at a tree and think of the money, jobs, and final products. These trees once cut will likely never exist in that place again. Once converted to a logging area they will be consistently and periodically logged and regrowth will not be possible. Not only would cutting more of these ancient trees be a shame it would also be, as many are no doubt commenting, harmful to wild animal and fish populations. Please note that I am not against logging. I think that it is a valuable industry and that wood has a useful part in our lives, I am for the continuation of logging. I am however against the harvesting of more ancient trees for short term gains, look at what these trees have survived! Logging should be sustainable, and an industry supported by old growth trees is not. One thing that stuck with me from the NPR interview was a man saying that the young trees were not as much of a thrill to cut as old growth. That is why there are no more White Rhinos, there was a profit and a thrill and now they are for all intents and purposes extinct. In Maine, where I live, 5 million acres of land are owned and managed for paper, sawmills and other wood processing facilities. Of the total forest, 6% is publicly owned and managed, and the remaining 94%, 16.7 million acres, is split between private and industrial owners. Across these 17.7 million acres covering 90% of the state only about 6,700 acres of old growth trees remain. Many were cut in colonial days, others into the 1900s. The management of wood lands as a renewable resource is possible without cutting more old growth in Maine or in Alaska, the cutting of more ancient wood is simply unnecessary. Unlike the Tongass forest with an age of 800 years and more, the old forests of Maine are primarily consisting of white pines live to about 450 years; reaching the old status after 200-300 years. These forests were first cut into in the 1700's and have been cut 3 or 4 times since. After about 300 years of forest management, old growth once cut has not been restored. The remaining old growth exists because it was in locations difficult to access. History has shown us that humans do not look into the long term well, and exclusion is the most effective method of protection and preservation. We do not see far enough in the future to plant, cut and manage forests in rotation because we do not live for centuries, but only decades. Nevertheless these forests and habitats once disturbed will likely never be restored and perhaps we might learn to use what we have already influenced rather than cut all of what we have. The forests of Maine are young because about a century ago they were cut en mass. National forests and parks were created for a reason, they need to be left alone.

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

First name: Sindhuma

Last name: Ishaya

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

In this time of serious climate change we cannot allow the selling off of federal lands for more oil or other fuels to be stripped from our National forests, to the detriment of the environment.

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

First name: Takako

Last name: Ishii-kiefer

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Takako Ishii-kiefer and I live in [@advCity], 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, Takako Ishii-kiefer

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

First name: Rika

Last name: Ishii-Price

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Rika Ishii-Price and I live in Half Moon Bay, California.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Rika Ishii-Price

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/18/2019 3:46:55 PM

First name: Elizabeth

Last name: Ishmael

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,

Elizabeth Ishmael

Eden Prairie, MN 55344

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

First name: Simmons

Last name: Isler

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 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.

Regards, Simmons Isler

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

First name: Lisa

Last name: Isley

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Lisa Isley and I live in Mill Valley, 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.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Lisa Isley

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

First name: Ann

Last name: Isolde

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Ann Isolde and I live in Santa Monica, CA.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Ann Isolde

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

First name: Igal

Last name: Israel

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Igal Israel and I live in Costa Mesa, California.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Igal Israel

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/31/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Joshua

Last name: Israel

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

I support logging in the Tongass with specific mitigations and restrictions in place.

1. Will all rivers/creeks/wetlands have adequate buffer zones for tree/shrub cover for continued salmon/trout production?
2. Will potential steep slopes that could be landslide prone be protected so sediment will not crash and smother productive salmon spawning beds during rainy season?
3. Will appropriate sized bridges and culverts be utilized to cross rivers/creeks so as to not interfere with salmon spawning and production? Washington, Oregon, California, Idaho, Montana are spending large amounts of monies to replace outdated culverts with size appropriate culverts/open bottom culverts/bridges as to not impede salmon runs. Some culverts are priced at a million dollars each when taking into account design, engineering, placement, site recovery.
4. Will large woody debris, appropriate timber slag, downed trees that are not commercially viable be put into these streams for increased salmon enhancement?
5. Will older logging roads that cross rivers/creeks prior to the 2001 Roadless Rule be inventoried and culvert crossings be enhanced/replaced/removed for salmon passage? Mitigation opportunities here.
6. Will clear-cut areas be replanted with area appropriate trees (Sitka spruce, western hemlock, Douglas fir)?

Finally, I support logging in the Tongass, but please adhere to ethical logging for the 21st-22nd Centuries. Don't return to status quo of the 20th Century where people benefited from clear cut logging but salmon populations crashed. Do logging right this time. Set the standard right in the Tongass for others to model in their forestry practices. The USFS was correct in choosing Gifford Pinchot's forestry harvest model. I believe Pinchot would have wanted plentiful timber for Americans continued use while also having bountiful salmon runs. We need timber for homes and salmon to eat. The creatures in the Tongass need salmon to eat as well.

[Position]

[Position]

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

First name: Lesley

Last name: Israel

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Lesley Israel and I live in Easton, Maryland.

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, Lesley Israel

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

First name: Mike

Last name: Israel

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

There is no going back from this. As Teddy Roosevelt said, we owe conservation of this nation's great resources to our future generations. Whose respect would you rather Eran, TRs or Trump's? Should be an easy answer.

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, Mike Israel

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

First name: Strong

Last name: Israel

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): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Tanja

Last name: Israel

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Tanja Israel and I live in Mahwah, New Jersey.

Leave the Tongass alone. We need old, untouched forests.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Tanja Israel

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

First name: Theresa

Last name: Israel

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Theresa Israel and I live in Terrebonne, Oregon.

Once these critical areas are destroyed, there is no alternative. Please protect them now.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Theresa Israel

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

First name: Amanda

Last name: Israelson

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Amanda Israelson and I live in Yakutat, Alaska.

Please dont change the roadless rule! This is not what Alaskans want!

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Amanda Israelson

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

First name: Anon

Last name: Issac

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC6261

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]

my name: issac i ama

i like to fish

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 12:00:00 AM

First name: Margaret

Last name: Isserman

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Margaret Isserman and I live in St. Louis, Missouri.

Our beautiful home Earth deserves our respect and protection. It is critical to reverse the damage of pollution of our air and water. Corporations please stop ??? the Greed and help create a healthy Planet Earth ???

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Margaret Isserman

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

First name: Douglas

Last name: Iszard

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Douglas Iszard and I live in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

I want to visit Alaska's Inland Passage soon. The last thing I want to see is a huge scar where I expect to see wildlife and a beautiful, pristine, primordial rain forest. I hope the ship stops nearby so I can take at least one hike through those big and beautiful conifers, maybe see an American Bald Eagle take flight!!! Take a look at my Colorado Springs' Front Range beautiful? "scar". A lovely? gravel mine that interrupts the National Forest's protected scenscape between Rockrimmon and the US Air Force Academy. How few one-time jobs does clearcutting generate vs. lost opportunity for ecotourism forever? How many salmon spawning rivers are lost for generations? I just doesn't make economic sense or moral sense. Thanks, Doug I.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Douglas Iszard

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

First name: Walker

Last name: Italia

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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

First name: Corinne

Last name: Italiano

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Corinne Italiano and I live in Lynbrook, New York.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Corinne Italiano

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

First name: Derreld

Last name: Itallenback

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC5686

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]

Illustrates to me that i need to get more in-tune with local issues. Was not aware there wa a proposal for additional roadways.

Tongass [arrow] the last frontier of the Last Frontier.

[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: Gina

Last name: Itri

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Gina Itri and I live in Wall Township, New Jersey.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Gina Itri

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

First name: Mary

Last name: Ittner

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Mary Ittner and I live in Gualala, California.

The Tongass National Forest is a very special place and should be protected.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Mary Ittner

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

First name: CHARLES

Last name: IV

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC3814

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,

CHARLES CARROLL IV

Delaplane, VA 20144

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

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Last name: IV

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

3814

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CHARLES CARROLL IV

Delaplane, VA 20144

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

First name: Charlie

Last name: IV

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Charlie

Last name: IV

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Comments:

HC1090

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

First name: Zara

Last name: Ivanova

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Zara Ivanova and I live in Anchorage, Alaska.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Zara Ivanova

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

First name: Kathleen

Last name: Ivens

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. Trump's 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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Regards, Kathleen Ivens

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

First name: Jennifer

Last name: Ivers

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Jennifer Ivers

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

First name: Jennifer

Last name: Ivers

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Jennifer Ivers and I live in Edwardsville, Pennsylvania.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Jennifer Ivers

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

First name: Heather

Last name: Iverson

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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

First name: Jan

Last name: Iverson

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Title:

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Regards, Jan Iverson

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

First name: JON

Last name: IVERSON

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is JON IVERSON and I live in New Braunfels, Texas.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, JON IVERSON

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/10/2019 9:01:00 PM

First name: Marianna

Last name: Iverson

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Marianna Iverson and I live in Milwaukie, 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.

Marianna Iverson

I urge the Forest Service to select Alternative 1, the no action alternative, for the final decision on the Alaska Roadless Rule. This alternative protects the inventoried roadless areas in Alaska that are full of pristine wilderness and provide important fish and wildlife habitat, and already allows for important community and economic development projects. As an American citizen, I value the Tongass National Forest and the Chugach National Forest for its status as America's best natural solution to climate change and its sequestering of millions of metric tons of carbon and mitigating climate change, its wild salmon populations and the world-class fishing opportunities, its status as the largest intact temperate rainforest in the world, its huge swaths of intact ecosystems and all the biodiversity it contains, 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 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). 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.

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

First name: Abby

Last name: Ives

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Abby Ives and I live in Ossining, New York.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Abby Ives

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/23/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: James

Last name: Ives

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Once these precious, old and historic landscapes are compromised, there is no going back!! These are true treasures that should not be exploited. Instead they should be conserved so future generations can see what these environments used to be, and hopefully still will be - remote and wild. Please do the right thing here not just for me, but for future generations.

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

First name: Kenneth

Last name: Ives

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Kenneth Ives

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

First name: Ron

Last name: Ives

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Ron Ives

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

First name: DANA

Last name: IVEY

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is DANA IVEY and I live in New York, New York.

Tress are the lungs of the word, We NEED our old growth forests. Protect them! Don't cut them!

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Regards, DANA IVEY

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

First name: Dewey

Last name: Ivey

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

It is a shame that any lawmaker would allow this pristine forest established by our greatest conservationist president to be cut. Are there not forests that are already being utilized somewhere else? Why must we have this conversation again and again. These forests were set aside for protection. That means hands off! I don not live in Alaska. I have never been to Alaska. I hope to some day travel there and see the wonders of this great state.

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

First name: Marjorie

Last name: Ivey

Organization:

Title:

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Regards, Marjorie Ivey

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

First name: Philip

Last name: Ivey

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Regards, Philip Ivey

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

First name: CATHERINE

Last name: IVIE

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is CATHERINE IVIE and I live in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

This is my home and even if I do not live there at this point it is still a place that should be kept in its beauty!

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Last name: Ivie

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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

First name: Mary

Last name: Ivie

Organization:

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Regards, Mary Ivie

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

First name: Ronda

Last name: Ivie

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Ronda Ivie

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First name: Richard

Last name: Ivonen

Organization:

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Regards, Richard Ivonen

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

First name: Howard

Last name: Iwahashi

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Howard Iwahashi and I live in West Caldwell, New Jersey.

Greed and profit does not justify destroying a natural factor in our daily living.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Howard Iwahashi

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/20/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Anne

Last name: Iwata

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Dear Secretary Perdue and Chief Christensen:

I strongly support the "no-action" alternative on the Alaska-specific Roadless Rule and keeping the 2001 National Roadless Rule on the Tongass.

In September 2019, I spent two weeks in Alaska's National Parks. They are expansive and beautiful, however they are threatened and have changed greatly in my lifetime. I had visited 19 years ago. It is plain to see. I believe the National Parks belong to us all and want future generations to experience them like I have.

My family is from western Washington state. I have seen how logging scars the land and destroys the environment.

The Tongass contains some of the last remaining intact old-growth temperate rainforests in the world, and its value in providing endless recreation opportunities, clean water, and fish and wildlife habitat is essential to the economic, cultural, and ecological health of Southeast Alaska. I urge you to keep the 2001 National Roadless Rule intact and current protections in place on the Tongass National Forest.

The Tongass and its network of islands and shores are braided by rivers, lakes and streams that support nearly 80 percent of all salmon commercially fished in Southeast Alaska. This is sustainable commercial fishing. Logging in Tongass is not sustainable and would require publicly funded road-building and other taxpayer infrastructure subsidies.

The existing 2001 National Roadless Rule is well designed and flexible enough to allow for access and development projects. Since 2009, 48 projects have been approved in the Tongass, the majority relating to surface exploration of potential mining and hydropower. The This approval process taking one to three weeks for the Tongass National Forest.

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.

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

First name: Patricia

Last name: Iwata

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Patricia Iwata and I live in Portland, Oregon.

At a time when the rest of the world is waking up to the Climate Crises propelled by carbon based energy sources, the USA is leading us backward by further destroying our protected, God given, environment for profit. The greed and unwillingness to have a long term energy strategy to combat our changing climate will not bode well for U.S. leadership at a time when it is most needed. I am afraid we have abandon our roll as world leaders for a better world and replaced it with control as much oil as you can and to hell with everything and everyone else. A truly sad day!

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

First name: Gerald

Last name: Iyall

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

First name: Laurel

Last name: Izard

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Comments:

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First name: Mark

Last name: Izard

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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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First name: Bryce

Last name: Izlar

Organization:

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Comments:

Public Input for Tongas

ALTERNATIVE 1, Let's protect these havens of biodiversity from the overreach of hungry and exploitative industry. We have lost nearly all of our old growth forests here in Oregon and there seems to be no hope of getting them back in the bear future. There is no need to consider this pattern elsewhere except for the profit of relatively few individuals.

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

First name: eduardo

Last name: izquierdo

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Comments:

My name is eduardo izquierdo and I live in Santa Cruz, California.

no weakening methane pollution standards

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Regards, eduardo izquierdo

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

First name: Laurie

Last name: Izzo

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Comments:

My name is Laurie Izzo and I live in North Haven, Connecticut.

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Regards, Laurie Izzo