

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

First name: Angie

Last name: F.

Organization:

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Comments:

My name is Angie F. and I live in New Brunswick, New Jersey.

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

First name: angie

Last name: f.

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Regards, angie f.

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First name: Valerie

Last name: F.

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

First name: Annette

Last name: F

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Annette F and I live in Arlington, Washington.

Please save our planet. The climate is rapidly deteriorating. Please do something to protect the environment.

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Regards, Annette F

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First name: glenn

Last name: f

Organization:

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Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, glenn f

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

First name: H

Last name: F

Organization:

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First name: K

Last name: f

Organization:

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Regards, K f

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

First name: Karen

Last name: F

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Karen F

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

First name: Morgan

Last name: F

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Dear Secretary Perdue,

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

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

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

First name: o

Last name: f

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

The removal of Clinton's roadless rule will contribute to the destruction of our planet. The roots of the trees hold the soil together, therefore when they're demolished, the soil will erode and the nutrients won't stay in the soil. The biodiversity will be affected and since the food webs are interconnected, many species will be displaced and have to find another source of food. This policy only benefits the dying logging industry, but at the same time, will impact Alaska's only thriving commodity, salmon. I'm tired of old legislators making laws that will negatively impact future generations to pursue their own personal interests. Climate change is a real issue, and I'm tired of policies like the green new deal being put on the backburner so policies like this can be considered.

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

First name: p

Last name: f

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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First name: S

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

First name: Y.

Last name: F.-Smith

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

It is my will that the United States Forest Service uphold the Roadless Area Conservation Rule (Roadless Rule) in Alaska and elsewhere. The Roadless Rule was implemented with unprecedented public support to protect some of our nation's most pristine public lands, including large parts of the Tongass National Forest. The U.S. Forest Service must choose the "No Action" alternative. Any other choice would ignore overwhelming public support and harm Alaskans, including Alaska Natives, and harm me (a native-born U.S. citizen), along with millions of Americans across the nation.

According to reports, in Southeast Alaska, tourism accounts for 28% of employment and generates 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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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Y.

Last name: F.-Smith

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Pristine, healthy, alive, old-growth, and intact National Forests are of vital importance to Our spiritual well-being, in addition to Our mental health and physical survival. Our National Forests are sacred and beloved to us for their wild beauty, peaceful environment, and the psychological/spiritual nourishment and solace they provide. In particular, the ancient and old-growth trees of Our National Forests are precious and irreplaceable and so must be kept alive and protected in perpetuity. Keeping Our National Forests alive, unspoiled, and intact holds immense cultural, spiritual, and aesthetic value. We will the U.S. Forest Service to fulfill its true purpose: "Caring for the Land" means keeping Our National Forests actually forested, alive, healthy, pristine, wild, and intact. That is how We truly serve Ourselves, i.e. "Caring for the land and serving people."

We will the USDA and the U.S. Forest Service to select the "No Action" Alternative (Alternative 1) and uphold the Roadless Area Conservation Rule. Keep the Tongass National Forest (along with other irreplaceable and ancient forests) unspoiled, alive, protected, and intact.

P.S. We are including a weblink to a video entitled: "Breathe" Defending the Tongass National Forest

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HtbhYJ9QLG0>

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/18/2019 6:20:59 PM

First name: Peter

Last name: F.Schultz

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,

Peter F. Schultz

Downers Grove, IL 60516

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/15/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Y.

Last name: F.Smith

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Y. F.Smith and I live in Waldorf, Maryland.

Protecting the life, health, & wild beauty of our natural world: our National Forests, Parks, Monuments, and all other wild lands (including the fauna/wildlife that dwell there) is vastly more important than "making money". Please uphold the Roadless Rule and conserve & protect our National Forests from further desecration/resource extraction. Protect our National Forests, our air, our water, our HEART for present and future generations.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Y. F.Smith

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

First name: Leigh

Last name: Fabbri

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Leigh Fabbri and I live in Plano, Texas.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Leigh Fabbri

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

First name: Esther

Last name: Faber

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Esther Faber and I live in Bellingham, Washington.

We need our forests, as our earth lungs, to improve our CO2/O2 balance. Grow and maintain them. Dont cut them fir corporate profit at the expense of life on earth.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Esther Faber

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/10/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Justin

Last name: Faber

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): 11/7/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Justin

Last name: Faber

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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

First name: Megan

Last name: Faber

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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In addition, I strongly object to your plans to reduce and remove protections from our national forests roadless areas. The Roadless Rule is one of the smartest and most popular land management policies the Federal Government has ever adopted. Not only does it preserve some of Americas best fish and wildlife habitat, but it also saves untold millions of taxpayer dollars that might otherwise be spent to subsidize money-losing timber sales. The value of the Roadless Rule in preventing environmentally damaging and economically wasteful road-building and logging is particularly relevant in the Tongass, where logging costs vastly exceed timber revenues and require unconscionable taxpayer subsidies.

Regards, Megan Faber

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

First name: Megan

Last name: Faber

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Megan Faber and I live in Denver, Colorado.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Megan Faber

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/14/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Michael

Last name: Faber

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Comments to oppose modification to the Roadless Rule

Dear U.S. Forest Service,

Temperate old growth forest is entirely too precious to cut. We didn't know better when we cut the chestnut of Pennsylvania, the pines of Wisconsin, and the redwoods of California. But now, in an era of diminishing unique ecosystems, there can be no rationale to allow intrusion into this unique area. Look to our Canadian neighbors, and how they have protected the coastal old growth of BC. Please, enough is enough, consider our grandchildren.

Michael Faber

Essex Vermont.

Sincerely,

Michael Faber

Essex Junction, VT 05452

[Position]

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

First name: Dagmar

Last name: Fabian

Organization:

Title:

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Regards, Dagmar Fabian

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

First name: Donna

Last name: Fabiano

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Donna Fabiano

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

First name: Hennessy

Last name: Fabio

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Hennessy Fabio

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

First name: Dan

Last name: Fabrello

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

I am writing in strong support of full exemption of the Tongass from the Roadless rule. The Forest service allowing this rule to take affect in the 90's and the continued political football the Tongass has been without the due diligence to review all economic impacts to the region that is and has occurred since the implementation of the road less rule has been reckless and detrimental to the region. Exempting the Tongass from the roadless rule will not bring death and destruction to wilderness and wildlife as the opponents of the exemption exaggerate and distort as they continue to disseminate misinformation to build hysteria while continuing to line their financial coffers preying on sympathetic individuals around the world that do not even live in the region. The continued economic impact of the roadless rule has seen the timber industry die, the Ferry system die and people leave the region. The Ferry system is on it's last legs due to declining population and ridership from the political uncertainty that the roadless rule has created through the past few decades. If the roadless rule were to be eliminated or the Tongass granted the full exemption, it would allow for renewable energy sites to be developed, world class mineral development with some of the safest and modern mining practices in the world to be developed, road access through areas to allow economic growth of the effected communities, electrical inter-ties and roads allowing the strengths of many communities tied together creating a stronger region of economic sustainability, reducing the cost of living and allow Southeast Alaska towns and Villages to have a clear path forward for building a sustainable economy. The opponents of full exemption do not want communities to work together, and actively visit the various villages and towns pitting them against each other and feed them misinformation on what the roadless rule exemption would allow and not allow in regards to all the other forest rules that remain in effect.

Please support the full exemption of the Tongass from the arcane Roadless rule.

Thank you for considering my comments.

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

First name: Bernard

Last name: Fabro

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Bernard Fabro and I live in Cheshire, Connecticut.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Bernard Fabro

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

First name: Alan

Last name: Fabros

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Dear U.S. Forest Service,

CC: Alaska Congressional Delegation and Federal Administration

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

Sincerely,

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

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

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

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

First name: Renee

Last name: Facchini

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Renee Facchini

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

First name: Donna

Last name: Faccioni

Organization: PCONES FOUNDATION

Title:

Comments:

We do not agree with the logging at all...we submit no logging of the whole area. These forests are needed on our planet, there are alternatives to destroying the environment for profit!! They cannot be replaced once gone and no one on this planet needs those forests, more than the animal and plant species that live there!! STOP THE CARNAGE OF OUR PLANET FOR GREED AND PROFITS...ITS SELFISH AND ENTITLED AND YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO DO AS YOU PLEASE!!

[Position]

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

First name: Valerie

Last name: Face

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Valerie Face and I live in Santa Clara, California.

It is our duty to protect the Tongass National Forest -- for the trees that have been there for centuries, for future generations of the wildlife that call the forest home, and for future generations of humans who will live in harmony with all of nature and enjoy its beauty.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Valerie Face

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

First name: D

Last name: Fachko

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is D Fachko and I live in Buena Park, California.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

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

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Last name: Fachko

Organization:

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Regards, D. Fachko

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

First name: Roxanne

Last name: Factor

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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

I live in a beautiful natural area and I know how precious and fragile wilderness is. Short sighted actions like opening more wilderness to roads and clear cutting may benefit a few now, but can cause irreparable damage for the future.

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

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

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

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

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

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

First name: Thomas

Last name: Factor

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Thomas Factor and I live in Wilson, WY. 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.

This land is a national treasure and unique environment in addition to its importance for carbon sequestration. Destroying it for short term economic gain is a violation of the public trust.

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

First name: linda

Last name: fadem

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is linda fadem and I live in Phoenix, Arizona.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, linda fadem

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

First name: Toni

Last name: Fader

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Toni Fader

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

First name: Dirk

Last name: Faegre

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Dirk Faegre and I live in Belfast, Maine.

I believe that clear cutting Alaska forests is an exceptionally poor idea. We should have put this technique behind us years ago. But more importantly, in this time of climate change with the sequestration of CO2 needed, clear cutting is just reprehensible. Don't do it.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Dirk Faegre

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

First name: Dirk

Last name: Faegre

Organization:

Title:

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Last name: Faes

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Regards, Stephen Faes

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

First name: Stephen

Last name: Faes

Organization:

Title:

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

First name: katie

Last name: fagan

Organization:

Title:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, katie fagan

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

First name: Kelsey

Last name: Fagan

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC6095

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

Sincerely,

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

Yes No

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

First name: Tommy

Last name: Fagan

Organization:

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Regards, Rebecca Fager

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

First name: Douglas Paul

Last name: Fagerness

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Douglas P Fagerness and I live in Coeur d'Alene Idaho. The road less areas as they are currently protected represent the last place on earth of this nature. No measure of extractives can match The value of this place. Living water, vast expanse is the forest, a host of creatures great and small transcend all monetary value.

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Last name: Faggert

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Regards, Mark Faggert

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

First name: Cristina

Last name: Fagundes

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Cristina Fagundes and I live in Miami, Florida.

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

First name: Daniel

Last name: Fahey

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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

First name: Keith

Last name: Fahey

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Keith Fahey and I live in Los Angeles, California.

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

First name: Kevin

Last name: Fahey

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC3550

U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule

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Sincerely,

Kevin Fahey

Urbana, IL 61801

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

First name: Kevin

Last name: Fahey

Organization:

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

First name: Maryann

Last name: Fahey

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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

First name: Nancy

Last name: Fahey

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Regards, Nancy Fahey

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

First name: Sean

Last name: Fahey

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

As a hunter, fisherman, and supporter of preserving our wild lands I encourage you to keep the Tongass roadless. I understand that this area may provide needed income for locals, but I suspect that the majority of the profits will end up in the hands of people who will simply want to further the exploitation of this treasured land. We're must ask ourselves How much h is enough? Can we leave nothing for our ancestors to explore?

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

First name: Cheryl

Last name: Fahlman

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Last name: Fahrenbruch

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Regards, Carol Fahrenbruch

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/24/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Breanna
Last name: Fahrenholz
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
See attached file(s)

The following text was copy/pasted from an attached letter. The system cannot display the formatting, graphics, or tables from the attached original.

To Whom it may concern,

My name is Breanna Fahrenholz and I am a Sophomore at Northeast Community College in Norfolk, Ne. I am writing this letter regarding the possibilities of the government opening protected land to the public and preparing it for deforestation.

I am writing in opposition to this act. By opening up the protected land to the public to use for deforestation and public uses it sets a precedent for the future, meaning is sometime in the future we need more land the law that protects the land will become weaker with each piece of protected land we give up. It begins to put us on a slippery slope.

Not only will it demote the governments word in the future, but it will also decrease the amount of wildlife, diverse habitats, and spawning habits of fish. Each one of these is a domino in action and once one domino begins to fall it starts to create a dangerous rippling effect. We saw this effect when they took the wolves out of Yellowstone National Park. We need to learn from our past mistakes and make them better, instead of repeating them.

Not only will it destroy the diversity of the animals, but it will also destroy the beautiful landscape that people come to see and explore in. This will take away multiple people jobs as well, as many who work for this national forest, are rangers, scientist, and guides to the public. If we take the land we are using for tours, hunting, and fishing that is a huge income loss that could greatly impact the economy.

Now there are some logging companies that take care in cutting the trees down and trying to preserve the land but in most times, it is not the case. The more careful you are, the more time it takes, and the more time it takes the more money it costs. Due to the rising cost of logging in general, no company is going to want to take more time and more money to do it.

This national forest is close to many estuaries and has a unique biome. The estuaries are very important to the spawning of fish and are becoming even more important due to the growth of dams that are being used for electricity. The dams ruin the estuaries and spawning process of the fish because the streams are flowing faster and deeper, making it very difficult to lay eggs, and for them to survive. As for the unique biome it is a temperate biome but also gets a lot of rainfall, so it is not completely a temperate are but is not completely a rainforest either.

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Sincerely,

Breanna Fahrenholz

[Position]

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

First name: Gill

Last name: Fahrenwald

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Gill Fahrenwald and I live in Olympia, Washington.

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

First name: Rita

Last name: Fahrner

Organization:

Title:

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

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Last name: Faich

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Ron Faich

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

First name: Ron

Last name: Faich

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Tongass NF

I oppose the future building of roads and permitting of timber sales in the Tongass NF.

Ron Faich

Sent from my iPad

[Position]

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/14/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: LISA

Last name: FAILLA

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, LISA FAILLA

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

First name: Steven

Last name: Fain

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

As a supporter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers and our wild public lands, waters and wildlife, I am very concerned with the proposed rulemaking announced in Federal Register Document Number 2019-0023. I am writing these comments to strongly encourage you to maintain roadless area protections for the Tongass National Forest, including the wild fisheries habitat in the Tongass 77 and adopt the no action Alternative 1. These public lands and waters are prized by sportsmen and women and are a mainstay of Alaska's economy, helping drive an \$887 billion economic engine from outdoor recreation like hunting and fishing.

At nearly 17 million acres, the Tongass is the nation's largest national forest and the world's largest remaining intact coastal temperate rainforest; 9.3 million acres of that wild backcountry is inventoried roadless areas, providing high quality habitat for a unique diversity of sought-after game species, including mountain goats, black-tailed deer and both brown and black bears. The Tongass also encompasses thousands of miles of salmon-rich waterways, legendary among anglers and fundamental to the state's commercial salmon industry. The commercial fishing sector alone relies on the Tongass for more than 80 percent of its salmon and employs more than 4,300 people in the region, accounting for 9 percent of the area's entire employment. By contrast, timber production accounts for only 1 percent of the region's jobs.

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

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

First name: Thomas

Last name: Fair

Organization:

Title:

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Regards, Darlene Fairbrook

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

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Last name: fairchild

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Christie Fairchild

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

First name: Donna

Last name: Fairchild

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

I oppose opening up the Tongas area to logging or any other intrusion. Alaska's flora and fauna are national treasures and should not be harvested for corporate or governmental profit.

[Position]

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

First name: Jan

Last name: Fairchild

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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When will we learn. Putting corporate profits ahead of protecting our environment never works

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

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Last name: Fairchild

Organization:

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Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

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

First name: Jim

Last name: Fairchild

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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I urge you to keep the federal Roadless Rule intact and current protections in place for national forests in Alaska, and in the contiguous United States. Not only does it preserve some of Americas best fish and wildlife habitat, but it also saves untold millions of taxpayer dollars.

Regards, Jim Fairchild

[Position]

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

First name: Sam

Last name: Fairchild

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Comments to oppose modification to the Roadless Rule

Dear U.S. Forest Service,

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REMEMBER THE AMAZON RAINFOREST! WE REALLY DO NEED THE OXYGEN! Especially to breathe and also to feed the boilers whose steam generates the electricity that brought you this message!

Sincerely,

Sam Fairchild

Columbus, OH 43235

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/18/2019 6:17:27 PM

First name: Stephanie

Last name: Fairchild

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Sincerely,

Stephanie Fairchild

Cambridge, OH 43725

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

First name: Stephanie

Last name: Fairchild

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Stephanie Fairchild and I live in Cambridge, Ohio.

No way should the Tongass National Forest be opened up to any kind of timber or any other kind of industry! Protect the roadless rule! Extend protection with Wilderness status!!

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Regards, Stephanie Fairchild

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/18/2019 5:17:11 PM

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Last name: Faircloth

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Sincerely,

Diane Faircloth

Hartly, DE 19953

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

First name: Richard

Last name: Fairfield

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Richard Fairfield

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

First name: Samantha

Last name: Fairhurst

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Samantha Fairhurst

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

First name: Judy

Last name: Fairless

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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

First name: Pete

Last name: Fairley

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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

First name: Marcia

Last name: Fairman

Organization:

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Regards, Marcia Fairman

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First name: Simone

Last name: Fairman

Organization:

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

First name: Susan

Last name: Fairweather

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Alaska Roadless Rule

The Honorable Sonny Perdue, Secretary, United States Department of Agriculture

David E. Schmid, Regional Forester, USDA Forest Service, Alaska Region

Dear Secretary Perdue, and Mr. Schmid:

I wish to express my opposition to any modification to the Roadless Rule in Alaska. The changes that have been proposed would facilitate increased old-growth logging in the Tongass and Chugach National Forests, permitting landscape fragmentation, endangering wildlife habitat and risking access to safe drinking water.

There is strong agreement among scientists 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 in excess of another ten years. The Tongass and Chugach forests play a vital role in capturing excess carbon from the atmosphere. Alaska experienced unprecedented heat waves this summer and 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.

Please do not grant 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. I urge you instead to 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 for your attention.

Susan Fairweather.

[Position]

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

First name: Maria

Last name: Faisal

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Maria Faisal

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First name: Lawrence

Last name: Fait

Organization:

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Regards, Lawrence Fait

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

First name: Tammy

Last name: Fait

Organization:

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

First name: Bonnie

Last name: Faith-Smith

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First name: Linda

Last name: Falacara

Organization:

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

First name: Steve

Last name: Falce

Organization:

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Comments:

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Sincerely,

Steve La Falce

Flagstaff, AZ 86004

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

First name: Jenn

Last name: Falcon

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Keep 'Roadless Rule' Protections for the Tongass National Forest

Dear U.S. Forest Service,

Do not make new roads, cut down trees, mine, or hurt the animals in the national forest.

Sincerely,

Jenn Falcon

Worcester, MA 01605

[Position]

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

First name: Ruth

Last name: Falcon

Organization:

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Comments:

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Regards, Ruth Falcon

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Last name: Falcone

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

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Regards, Eugene Falik

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

First name: Darlene

Last name: Falk

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Darlene Falk

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

First name: Diane

Last name: Falk

Organization:

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

First name: Dj

Last name: falk

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

First name: Garrett

Last name: Falk

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

As a supporter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers and our wild public lands, waters and wildlife, I am very concerned with the proposed rulemaking announced in Federal Register Document Number 2019-0023. I am writing these comments to strongly encourage you to maintain roadless area protections for the Tongass National Forest, including the wild fisheries habitat in the Tongass 77 and adopt the no action Alternative 1. These public lands and waters are prized by sportsmen and women and are a mainstay of Alaska's economy, helping drive an \$887 billion economic engine from outdoor recreation like hunting and fishing.

At nearly 17 million acres, the Tongass is the nation's largest national forest and the world's largest remaining intact coastal temperate rainforest; 9.3 million acres of that wild backcountry is inventoried roadless areas, providing high quality habitat for a unique diversity of sought-after game species, including mountain goats, black-tailed deer and both brown and black bears. The Tongass also encompasses thousands of miles of salmon-rich waterways, legendary among anglers and fundamental to the state's commercial salmon industry. The commercial fishing sector alone relies on the Tongass for more than 80 percent of its salmon and employs more than 4,300 people in the region, accounting for 9 percent of the area's entire employment. By contrast, timber production accounts for only 1 percent of the region's jobs.

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

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

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

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Last name: Falk

Organization:

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Regards, Jennifer Falk

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First name: Lisa

Last name: Falk

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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

We must keep one of the few true wildernesses protected from human encroachment. We need the carbon offset from all the trees. We need a sense of the wild preserved for our childrens children. Dont be greedy. Protect this place. No roads.

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

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

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

I urge the Forest Service to listen to the voices of the American people and prioritize them over corporate interests. The Forest Service should strengthen public involvement in developing land management policy and

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

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

First name: Rebecca

Last name: Falk

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

I support Alternative 1.

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

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Last name: Falk

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Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Susan Falk

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/10/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: James

Last name: Falke

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

As a supporter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers and our wild public lands, waters and wildlife, I am very concerned with the proposed rulemaking announced in Federal Register Document Number 2019-0023. I am writing these comments to strongly encourage you to maintain roadless area protections for the Tongass National Forest, including the wild fisheries habitat in the Tongass 77 and adopt the no action Alternative 1. These public lands and waters are prized by sportsmen and women and are a mainstay of Alaska's economy, helping drive an \$887 billion economic engine from outdoor recreation like hunting and fishing.

At nearly 17 million acres, the Tongass is the nation's largest national forest and the world's largest remaining intact coastal temperate rainforest; 9.3 million acres of that wild backcountry is inventoried roadless areas, providing high quality habitat for a unique diversity of sought-after game species, including mountain goats, black-tailed deer and both brown and black bears. The Tongass also encompasses thousands of miles of salmon-rich waterways, legendary among anglers and fundamental to the state's commercial salmon industry. The commercial fishing sector alone relies on the Tongass for more than 80 percent of its salmon and employs more than 4,300 people in the region, accounting for 9 percent of the area's entire employment. By contrast, timber production accounts for only 1 percent of the region's jobs.

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

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First name: Joan

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

First name: Joan

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Organization:

Title:

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First name: marian

Last name: falla

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, marian falla

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

First name: marian

Last name: falla

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

no action on the 2001 roadless rule - no exemptions

Please vote for:

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

Marian Falla

Jamestown RI 02835

[Position]

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

First name: marian

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Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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

First name: Susan

Last name: Fallander

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Susan Fallander and I live in Lakewood, Colorado.

Our parks are being loved to death. So many people are visiting our parks that they are crowded and are deteriorating because the land and resources can't handle all the people. We need more parks--not fewer. Our parks are a priceless treasure--not to be sold to the highest bidder.

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Regards, Susan Fallander

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/18/2019 3:37:14 PM

First name: Jenna

Last name: Fallaw

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,

Jenna Fallaw

Bozeman, MT 59715

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

First name: Jenna

Last name: Fallaw

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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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First name: Lisabeth

Last name: Faller

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First name: Jean

Last name: Fallon

Organization:

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Comments:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/13/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Nick
Last name: Fama
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
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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?

Nick Fama / Thorne Bay, AK

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."

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

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

Do not log near Thorne River or on Honker Divide Route.

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

Thorne River is popular recreation area and great wild salmon run. I commercial fish and target hatchery fish to preserve these wild runs.

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,

Nick Fama

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

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

First name: Susang-Talamo

Last name: Family

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

We are the Susang-Talamo Family. Our family home is in Pennsylvania, but jobs have taken us all over the USA. We reunite with active park vacations.

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Thank you for considering our comments.

Regards, Susang-Talamo Family

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

First name: Aubrey

Last name: Fan

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

Although I may not be a resident of Alaska, nor fully comprehend the logging industry, I would like to voice my objection to any proposal that might enable logging companies to remove old growth timber. This practice is not sustainable, and it is rather unconscionable in a day and age when we have made advancements in building technology such that old growth is not necessary whatsoever.

If Alaska wishes to renew their industry, why not invest into other areas of lumber-related technology, such as production of Cross-Laminated timber, Glu-Lam, OSB, or SIP panels - all of which are becoming more heavily utilized in the construction industry.

Returning to the practice of cutting down majestic, 1000 year-old trees feels like a step backwards, like a return to coal when we have so many other means of generating energy. Please consider my input as someone who is concerned with both the economic and ecological futures of our nation. I long to visit Alaska some day before I die, and I hope that there are ample untouched old-growth forests for me to explore.

Thank you for your time,

Aubrey Fan

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

First name: Cynthia

Last name: Fan

Organization:

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

First name: Robin

Last name: Fanelli

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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

First name: Abigail

Last name: Fanestil

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Abigail Fanestil

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

First name: Rose

Last name: Fanger

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Deforestation was the first and most important reason that human extinction happened in the past. We, if we truly are an intelligent species, should take this into account and save all of the forests we have left.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Rose Fanger

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

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Last name: Fangué

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Regards, Karen Fangué

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

First name: Karen

Last name: Fangué

Organization:

Title:

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Regards, Karen Fangué

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

First name: Marlon

Last name: Fannin

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

It is my opinion that the Tongass National Forest should be left alone. The purpose of the National Forest wasn't to "make money" but to preserve the land and habit in it's natural state.

Please leave this and all National Forest's alone.

[Position]

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

First name: Brian

Last name: Fanning

Organization:

Title:

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Regards, Brian Fanning

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

First name: Christine

Last name: Fanning

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

I support maintaining the Roadless Rule for the Tongass! The Tongass rain forest is vitally important to the world acting as a carbon sink. Maintaining natural habitat for wildlife helps support Alaska's visitor and seafood industries, both are vitally important to Alaska's economy. But I believe some things can't have a price put on them, they are worth more than we will ever be able to monetize, and the Tongass is one of them.

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

First name: Christie

Last name: Fannon

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Please do Not open up 9 million acres of Tongass Forest to logging and development. Please conserve and protect this natural resource.

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

First name: Emily

Last name: Fano

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Emily Fano

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

First name: Jeff

Last name: Fanok

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): 11/16/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Barbara

Last name: Fant

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Barbara Fant and I live in Birmingham, Alabama.

You obviously are not interested in the health, welfare and expressed desire of the American people for federal clean air and water regulations. Instead you attempt to protect the profits of polluting companies and individuals in exchange for campaign contributions, with their lobbyists your political appointees. We are sick and tired of your putting self-interest above national interest with a constant barrage of depredations.

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

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Last name: Fantoni-Salvador

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Last name: Farabaugh

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Last name: Farah

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First name: Carol

Last name: Farber

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Carol Farber and I live in Miami, Florida.

Trees = oxygen, plus they sequester carbon. Worldwide , instead of increasing the size of forests as promised by international agreement some years ago, we have actually substantially reduced the size of our forests. Who reap the benefits of yet another national resource? Makers of toilet paper! Or worse yet we are selling these trees to foreign interests . Who benefits? Not the American people, not our environment, not the inhabitants of these forests, but corporate interests. This is morally and ethically wrong, not to mention a factor which is directly contributing to global warming, ocean acidification, and environmental degradation.

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Regards, Carol Farber

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Last name: Farber

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First name: Judy

Last name: Farber

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Sandy Farber

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

First name: Bart

Last name: Farell

Organization:

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Comments:

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Regards, Bart Farell

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

First name: Julia

Last name: Farhat

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Thank you for considering my comments.

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

First name: Larry

Last name: Farin

Organization:

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Comments:

HC5232

U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

I have had the privilege of fishing in the Bristol Bay area and later vacationing with my wife in Wrangell. Please respect the natural beauty of your land and hear the voices of the native people who live on, and off of, the land.

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,

Larry Farin

Lake Oswego, OR 97035

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

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Last name: Farina

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

First name: Chanda

Last name: Farley

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

First name: Eddie

Last name: Farley

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Save Ancient Forests in Alaska

To Whom it May Concern,

As an Alaskan resident and a lover of preserving the lands and outdoors, I write to you today about Choosing Alternative One to follow the 2001 Roadless Rule and prohibit road building in the vital Tongass National Forest.

It is as you refer to as "The Crown Jewel" and it's name is well deserving. It's is an important ecosystem for this world, providing carbon storage and a massive salmon fishery. The ramifications about allowing logging, building of roads and various other industries would damage it in ways that will resonate for generations. The Forest is a bastion of what is right about the Forest Service.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very Respectfully,

Edward Farley

[Position]

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

First name: Nan

Last name: Farley

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Nan Farley and I live in Encinitas, California.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Nan Farley

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/7/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Nancy

Last name: Farlow

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Preserve Alaska's Roadless Rule

Greetings:

As a teacher of Environmental Science, I urge you to choose Alternative 1, taking no action and leaving all of Alaska under the 2001 Roadless Rule, including the entire Tongass National Forest.

Our country's old growth forests are a priceless resource. Once they're gone, they can never be replaced. We have a duty to protect our resources for future generations. The temporary economic gain from logging this area would not be worth the long-term price. Clearcutting even part of the Tongass National Forest, as alternatives 2 - 5 propose, could irreparably damage the area's ecosystems. Please consider the following points:

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* Clearcutting causes soil erosion when the roots of the trees, which hold the soil together, decompose after they die. Depending on the topography of the area (hilly or flat), this can drastically alter the landscape and cause unforeseen damage to nearby ecosystems.

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Please consider these points and make a decision for the long-term benefit of our country and our citizens.

Sincerely,

Nancy Farlow

Science Teacher

[Position]

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

First name: Allene

Last name: Farmer

Organization:

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Regards, Allene Farmer

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

First name: Blake

Last name: Farmer

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Tongass Alternative 3

I believe option three will best serve the community, as well as adding additional protections to watershed and Audubon lands.

Ideally any timber harvest would open up areas for more eco tourism centered development as well as give native Alaskans the opportunity to benefit from the land once belonging to them.

Blake M. Farmer

[Position]

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

First name: Bonnie

Last name: Farmer

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Bonnie Farmer and I live in Alexandria, Virginia.

Oll-growth trees are a treasure in themselves and best never be disturbed. But their presence also supports so many species, and we do not need to put more species at risk. Nature's balance will prevail but it may be a balance we won't like very much if we don't back off from environmental destruction.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Bonnie Farmer

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

First name: James

Last name: Farmer

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, James Farmer

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

First name: Jeff

Last name: Farmer

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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

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

First name: Katy

Last name: Farmer

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Katy Farmer and I live in Crater Lake, 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.

As a wildlife ecologist I value sustainable use, study, and recreation of natural resources. The habitat in the Tongass National Forest needs the preservation that the roadless act would provide.

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 the lifestyles of the indigenous communities that the forest supports its status as a national and global treasure, to keep public lands wild for future generations, the high density of incredible wildlife it contains, the recreational opportunities it provides, its status as the largest intact temperate rainforest in the world, its huge swaths of intact ecosystems and all the biodiversity it contains, its wild salmon populations and the world-class fishing opportunities. A full exemption does not protect these priorities, nor does it effectively balance economic development with the countless other benefits provided by roadless areas. I would like the Forest Service to manage roadless areas for low-impact recreation (camping, hiking, hunting, foraging, etc), medium-impact recreation (FS cabins, trails, mooring buoys, 3-sided shelters), passive/active watershed restoration (stream and habitat) to improve/maintain roadless characteristics (culvert removal/replacement, improve fish passage, wildlife thinning, etc). It is important to me that high-value intact habitat including the T77 watersheds and the TNC conservation priority areas retain their roadless protections in any alternative selected.

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

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

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

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

[Position]

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

First name: Nancy

Last name: Farmer

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Nancy Farmer and I live in Lake Worth, Florida.

[Your personal comment will be added here.]

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Nancy Farmer

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

First name: Richard

Last name: Farmer

Organization:

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Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Richard Farmer

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

First name: Robert

Last name: Farmer

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Robert Farmer

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

First name: Steve

Last name: Farmer

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Steve Farmer and I live in Portsmouth, Ohio.

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Regards, Steve Farmer

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

First name: Tawna

Last name: Farmer

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Tawna Farmer

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

First name: Linda

Last name: Farnell

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Linda Farnell and I live in Belmont, California.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Linda Farnell

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

First name: Richard

Last name: Farnell

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC326

Date: November 4, 2019

Subj: Comments to Proposed Change to Tongass Roadless Rule

I am requesting that the Roadless Rule for the Tongass be kept intact, for the following reasons:

1. As the nation's largest National Forest, the Tongass is a huge natural atmospheric carbon sink, and as such should be kept intact to facilitate the sequestering of carbon dioxide from our atmosphere.
2. The reason I live here in Juneau is the wild Tongass that surrounds us; I don't want to live in a big city, I want to live where I am a small entity in a large natural environment. I regularly visit this wilderness through hikes and boating excursions, and the aesthetic benefits from these incursions are an integral part of my enjoyment of life.
3. Your own analysis states that deleting the Roadless Rule will have no effect on the current levels of logging and sawmill jobs (p. 3-44). So: Why are we doing this process??
4. Repeal of the Tongass Roadless Rule, which has already been rejected by the courts, would jeopardize the existence of these characteristics. Please request Agriculture Secretary Perdue to seek a no action alternative to the current process being proposed.

Richard M Farnell

[Position]

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

First name: Janet

Last name: Farness

Organization: 19811 E Riverwalk Ave

Title:

Comments:

As a person of faith called on to steward life on the earth, as an American citizen and resident of planet earth, I ask you to allow the Tongass forest to remain intact to serve as North America's lungs supporting the vital fabric of life for the indigenous people and the creatures who share it. Timber is an insignificant commodity in comparison with the life giving function of the forest in water shed and the local and global eco systems. Thank you for preserving this significant forest.

[Position]

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

First name: Jennifer

Last name: Farnum

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Jennifer Farnum

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

First name: Anne

Last name: Farr

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is [@Anne] [@Farr] and I live in [@Alexandria], [@Virginia].

Besides playing a critical role in fighting climate change and providing habitat to countless animals and a home to Native Americans, the Tongass is a vacation spot. It is far too valuable a resource to be exploited by the timber industry.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Anne Farr

[Position]

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

First name: Claire

Last name: Farr

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Please keep the ROADLESS RULE INTACT for Tongass National Forest. This forest's role in reducing effects of climate change (loss of it was further promote climate change) and health of ecosystems, including fisheries, is without question. Protect all forests but not allowing roads to be built which would encourage more logging in privately held lands. Our future health depends on NO ROADS in Tongass.

[Position]

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

First name: Daniel

Last name: Farr

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Daniel Farr

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/26/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Dean
Last name: Farr
Organization: Public Lands Committee, Izaak Walton League
Title:
Comments:
November 27, 2019

Alaska Roadless Rule USDA Forest Service P.O. Box 21628, Juneau, Alaska 99802-1628

SUBJECT: Alaska Roadless Rule Comments, Docket ID FS-2019-0023

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Sincerely,

Dean Farr Public Lands Committee Crystal Lake,

Rick Cerwick Chairman Public Lands Committee Des Moines, IA

Mike Penfold Montana Member Retired, BLM State Director in Alaska

CC: Alaskan Department of Natural Resources

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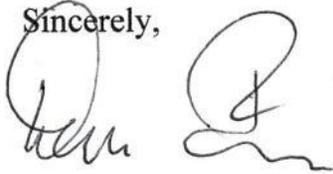
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Dean Farr
Public Lands Committee
Crystal Lake, IL

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Chairman
Public Lands Committee
Des Moines, IA

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

First name: Dorothy

Last name: Farr

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Dorothy Farr

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

First name: Gina

Last name: Farr

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Comments to oppose modification to the Roadless Rule

Dear U.S. Forest Service,

Our ancient forests are critical to climate resilience. The Tongass is essential to keeping us safe. It is also home to wildlife and the heart of what Roosevelt wanted for America, to preserve our national treasures for future generations.

Our family begs you to select the "No Action" Alternative (Alternative 1). Keep the Roadless Rule intact on the Tongass National Forest.

Sincerely,

Gina Farr

Fairfax, CA 94930

[Position]

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

First name: Janet

Last name: Farr

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Janet Farr and I live in Chicago, Illinois.

Business interests cannot take preference over preserving our planet. Our lives depend on a healthy planet. We cannot continue to do business as usual and disregard the health of our environment. We need to understand that WE are becoming an endangered species and start protecting our long term future rather than short term business gains.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Janet Farr

[Position]

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

First name: Melissa

Last name: Farr

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Melissa Farr and I live in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Melissa Farr

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

First name: Beverly

Last name: Farrar

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Beverly Farrar

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

First name: Christian

Last name: Farrar

Organization:

Title:

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Regards, Christian Farrar

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

First name: mary

Last name: farrar

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is mary farrar and I live in Rumford, Maine.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, mary farrar

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

First name: Robert

Last name: Farrar

Organization:

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Regards, Robert Farrar

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

First name: Vicki

Last name: Farrar

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Vicki Farrar and I live in Boise, Idaho.

Choose conservation, not destruction.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Vicki Farrar

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

First name: Catherine

Last name: Farrell

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Catherine Farrell and I live in Arlington, Massachusetts.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Catherine Farrell

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

First name: Daniel

Last name: Farrell

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Save the Tongass! it is not right to just chop down or otherwise destroy such a natural wild area. For heaven's sake, have a heart!

[Position]

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

First name: jeanine

Last name: farrell

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, jeanine farrell

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Last name: farrell

Organization:

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Regards, jeanine farrell

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

First name: Jim

Last name: Farrell

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Jim Farrell and I live in Fairbanks, Alaska.

PLEASE DO NOT DESTROY THE TONGASS NATIONAL FOREST. THE TONGASS SHOULD BE PROTECTED....NOT DESTROYED. PLEASE DO NOT DESTROY THIS ALASKAN TREASURE...AS A ALASKAN CITIZEN I AM ASKING YOU TO PROTECT THE TONGASS NATIONAL FOREST.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Jim Farrell

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

First name: Luke

Last name: Farrell

Organization:

Title:

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Regards, Luke Farrell

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

First name: Marilyn

Last name: Farrell

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Marilyn Farrell and I live in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Marilyn Farrell

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

First name: pat

Last name: farrell

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Roadless Rule comments

Dear Secretary Perdue and Chief Christensen,

I urge you select the "no-action" alternative on the Alaska-specific Roadless Rule and protect all inventoried roadless areas on the Tongass National Forest under the 2001 National Roadless Rule.

The Tongass National Forest holds important value for Alaska and the world. Allowing timber sales and further timber-related infrastructure in roadless areas would irreversibly damage these resources, which include clean water, wildlife habitat, and salmon-producing watersheds. The EIS has not considered the full impacts of such changes to the existing law.

I am a father and am raising my children in Alaska, with much of our year spent in southeast Alaska, where intact forests and healthy, productive coastal waters are our greatest assets. It would be extremely shortsighted to damage these for dubious short-term gains.

I am a homebuilder and rely on wood products in my industry. However, there is no need for logging of old growth forests to acquire quality materials. In fact, opening up roadless areas would be a detriment to Alaska's economy by harming recreational and tourism opportunities, two of the most promising and profitable industries in southeast Alaska. Timber sales on the Tongass have been heavily subsidized, making further logging in this area unsustainable and economically unsound, ultimately applying a burden to American taxpayers.

I strongly request that you select the "no-action" alternative on the Alaska-specific Roadless Rule and keep the 2001 National Roadless Rule on the Tongass.

Sincerely,

Patrick Farrell

Farrell Home Building, LLC

[Position]

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

First name: Valerie

Last name: Farrell

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Valerie Farrell and I live in Charlottesville, Virginia.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Valerie Farrell

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

First name: William

Last name: Farrell

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, William Farrell

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

First name: Ashley

Last name: Farreny

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Ashley Farreny and I live in Pennsauken Township, New Jersey.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Ashley Farreny

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

First name: Blake

Last name: Farresfer

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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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: Craig

Last name: Farrington

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Comment on Tongass Roadless Rule Exemption

Dear Sirs:

On the Tongass Roadless Rule Exemption, take the 'NO ACTION ALTERNATIVE' please. Tourism is huge business (and is still growing) in Southeast Alaska, and a pristine, roadless Tongass is exactly what tourists come here to see and experience.

KEEP the Roadless Rule in its entirety, and KEEP the Tongass roadless with the 'NO ACTION ALTERNATIVE'.

Craig Farrington

Juneau AK 99801

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/14/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Raymond

Last name: Farrington

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Raymond Farrington and I live in Syracuse, New York.

The science is clear, we need clean air to breathe, We need sensible laws that crack down on air pollution caused by the major polluters in this country.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Raymond Farrington

[Position]

[Position]

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

First name: Cathy

Last name: Farris

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is cathy farris I live in Mountaindale, ny.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Cathy Farris

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

First name: Jean

Last name: Farris

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Jean Farris and I live in Orlando, Florida.

DON'T DESTROY OUR WETLANDS;THEY PROTECT US FROM HURRICANES, CLEAN OUR WATER AND KEEP OUR ECOSYSTEMS BALANCED. LETTING THEM BE PROFLIGATELY DESTROYED IS INSANE;YOU MAY AS WELL JUST CUT US OFF FROM THE MAINLAND AND SINK INTO THE OCEAN...IT AMOUNTS TO THE SAME THING!

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

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Jean Farris

[Position]

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

First name: Johnathan

Last name: Farris

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Johnathan Farris

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

First name: Peter

Last name: Farris

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

First name: Debbie

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

First name: Kevin

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

First name: jeff

Last name: farvour

Organization:

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Comments:

Alaska Roadless Rule Comments

Dear Secretary Perdue and Chief Christensen,

My name is Jeff Farvour, I writing to request that you select Alternative 1, No Action, for the Alaska Specific Roadless Rule. Selecting Alternative 1 is consistent with responsible management of our natural resources that have long had broad support from Southeast Alaskans. Choosing any of the Alternatives 2-6 is not only contrary to the above but would be supporting some of the most wasteful, money losing government efforts documented.

I am a commercial fisherman residing year-round in Sitka, AK of which salmon trolling makes up a bulk of my income. Not only does trolling support my main income, its also very much a way of life that allows folks like my self to live here. Choosing any of the Alternatives 2-6 will have negative consequences on salmon, our fisheries, my livelihood and jeopardize Southeast Alaska's economy.

Of particular concern is the DEIS's grossly misstating and ignoring of the effects that Alternatives will have on commercial fishing. The DEIS has failed on several fronts of which these 3 stand out as particularly erroneous to me:

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* The ungrounded idea that the so called "Tongass 77" (T77) is suitable to protect our salmon fisheries and provide intact salmon forest ecosystems

* The failure to document current trends of southeast Alaska salmon

NEPA requires that an EIS explains to me how potential actions will affect me but the DEIS has failed on these points, making the DEIS not only inaccurate and misleading, but clearly out of step with real world, real life facts that have been substantiated over and over again. Road building for logging, clearcutting old growth and logging in areas that are recovering from previous logging efforts, will and do have negative consequences on our fisheries. That is simply not an argument that is debatable. Because there are salmon troll permits residing in every community in Southeast Alaska, those impacts not only affect me, my primary source of income and my ability to achieve a viable livelihood to support living here, but all of the fisherman, all their families, and all the communities in Southeast Alaska.

"T77" is inadequate

Amongst many things, the T77 is no way suited to protect Southeast's salmon fisheries. For example, the T77 includes only three Prince of Wales island (POW) watersheds whereas POW has 1/3 of the region's 234 most productive salmon streams. Additionally, significant number of the T77 watersheds (upwards of 40%) are not identified by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game as Primary Fish Producers, and vastly underrepresented in the T77 are POW watersheds - the POW-77 Primary Salmon Producers have historically been part of, not only the largest salmon producing island ecosystem in southeast Alaska, but the entire Pacific Coast.

Current Tongass salmon trends

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Our commercial fishing industry in Southeast is composed of a mostly rural workforce that is heavily dependent on the Tongass and commercial fishing is Alaska's largest private sector employer. With about 2,700 commercial fishing permit holders and 2,400 crew members living in Southeast, these residents represent over 80% of the active permit holders. This results in more than \$700 million yearly in earnings from commercial fishing and processing jobs.

My ask to you is simple- please choose Alternative 1-No Action, designate the Tongass as a salmon forest and manage it as such and permanently fix streams and culverts from past logging projects.

Sincerely, Jeff Farvour, Sitka AK, F/V Apollo

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

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Last name: Farwell

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

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Last name: Fasciano

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

First name: Arline

Last name: Fass

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

First name: Cary

Last name: Fassler

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Cary Fassler and I live in Williamstown, New York.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Cary Fassler

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

First name: Alice

Last name: Fast

Organization:

Title:

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Regards, Alice Fast

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

First name: Eric

Last name: Fast

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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

First name: Linda

Last name: Fast

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Linda Fast and I live in Cincinnati, Ohio.

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

First name: Meagan

Last name: Fastuca

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/27/2019 4:00:00 PM

First name: Sara

Last name: Fatimah

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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

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

First name: Stephanie

Last name: Faucette

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Stephanie Faucette

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

First name: Margaret

Last name: Faucher

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Regards, Margaret Faucher

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

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Last name: Faucher

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

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Last name: Fauchier

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Regards, Joanne Fauci

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

First name: Joanne

Last name: Fauci

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Joanne Fauci and I live in Lady Lake, Florida.

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

First name: Jean-Francois

Last name: Fauconnier

Organization:

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

First name: Linda

Last name: Faulhaber

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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

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Regards, Linda Faulhaber

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

First name: patrice

Last name: faulhammer

Organization:

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Regards, patrice faulhammer

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

First name: Don

Last name: Faulk

Organization:

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

First name: D

Last name: Faulkner

Organization:

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Last name: Faulkner

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

First name: James

Last name: Faulkner

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Dear Forest Service Officials,

The proposal to lift the Roadless Rule is a reckless and short-sighted effort designed to benefit very few people in the short term at the long-lasting expense of the vast majority in this country. This will result in a crime against humanity in the form of environmental destruction which cannot be reversed or undone once it has been realized. The enormous and long-lasting costs of these actions will far outweigh the short-term benefits gained by the few who actually benefit. How can a small handful of politicians and logging lobbyists have the power to destroy an ecosystem at the expense of the local people and the people of this nation?

The pristine forests of the Tongass are a source of clean water and contain excellent spawning habitat for salmon. The Tongass Forest is home to some of the few remaining places where salmon populations can thrive in the United States. Logging of old growth forest and mining will have long-term, possibly irreversible effects on the ecosystem. These actions will destroy the remaining spawning habitat for the salmon. The cutting of the trees will help accelerate climate change and will extirpate species obligate to the old growth forests. The resulting erosion will result in loss of clean water and will affect other fisheries. Who will be held accountable when the long-lasting effects of this destruction become evident? Have we not done enough destruction of our environment for the benefit of very few people at the expense of everyone else?

I urge you to do the right thing and keep the Roadless Rule intact. This is not about politics or political parties. Stop reacting to political whims and start thinking about the future of this nation and of this planet.

Concerned Scientist and U.S. Citizen

[Position]

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

First name: Phyllis

Last name: Faulkner

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Phyllis Faulkner and I live in Great Falls, Montana.

STOP THIS MADNESS NOW

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Phyllis Faulkner

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

First name: Susan

Last name: Faulkner

Organization:

Title:

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Regards, Susan Faulkner

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

First name: Sherrill

Last name: Faunce

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Sherrill Faunce and I live in Moorestown, New Jersey.

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Regards, Sherrill Faunce

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

First name: louis

Last name: faure

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, louis faure

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

First name: Gabriella

Last name: Fautot

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Dear U.S. Forest Service:

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

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

The tongass is a place that takes my breath away. The [illegible] ecosystems + wild life would suffer gently if roads were opened to commercial logging.

Sincerely,

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

Yes[Text circled] No

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

First name: Daryll

Last name: Faust

Organization:

Title:

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Regards, Daryll Faust

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

First name: David

Last name: Faust

Organization:

Title:

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So egregious defies comprehension. Is absolutely NOT something that should be done for many reasons..Please do all in your power to reconsider. It really is indefensible.

Regards, David Faust

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

First name: Jeanne

Last name: Faust

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Jeanne Faust and I live in Abingdon, Maryland.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Jeanne Faust

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

First name: Sandra

Last name: Faust

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Sandra Faust and I live in Tampa, Florida.

Don't let greed destroy this natural, needed forest.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Sandra Faust

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

First name: Susan

Last name: Faust

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Susan Faust and I live in [@advCity], Pennsylvania.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Susan Faust

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/18/2019 3:00:02 PM

First name: Charles

Last name: Favorite

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,
Charles Favorite
Isle, MN 56342

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

First name: Jon

Last name: Favre

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

As a supporter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers and our wild public lands, waters and wildlife, I am very concerned with the proposed rulemaking announced in Federal Register Document Number 2019-0023. I am writing these comments to strongly encourage you to maintain roadless area protections for the Tongass National Forest, including the wild fisheries habitat in the Tongass 77 and adopt the no action Alternative 1. These public lands and waters are prized by sportsmen and women and are a mainstay of Alaska's economy, helping drive an \$887 billion economic engine from outdoor recreation like hunting and fishing.

At nearly 17 million acres, the Tongass is the nation's largest national forest and the world's largest remaining intact coastal temperate rainforest; 9.3 million acres of that wild backcountry is inventoried roadless areas, providing high quality habitat for a unique diversity of sought-after game species, including mountain goats, black-tailed deer and both brown and black bears. The Tongass also encompasses thousands of miles of salmon-rich waterways, legendary among anglers and fundamental to the state's commercial salmon industry. The commercial fishing sector alone relies on the Tongass for more than 80 percent of its salmon and employs more than 4,300 people in the region, accounting for 9 percent of the area's entire employment. By contrast, timber production accounts for only 1 percent of the region's jobs.

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

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

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

First name: Linda

Last name: Favre

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Linda Favre and I live in Salina, Kansas.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Linda Favre

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

First name: Ann

Last name: Fawcett

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Ann Fawcett and I live in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Please STOP the roll back of the Roadless Rule in Alaska. We need to protect our natural forests to help combat climate change and air pollution!

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Ann Fawcett

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

First name: Ann

Last name: Fawcett

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Donna

Last name: Fawcett

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Tongass National Forest

Please reconsider and do not allow logging or any other thing that could be detrimental to this forest. We need this forest.

[Position]

[Position]

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

First name: John

Last name: Fawcett

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, John Fawcett

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

First name: Sarah

Last name: Fawcett

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Sarah Fawcett and I live in Boerne, Texas.

Stop the destruction of our public lands!

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Sarah Fawcett

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

First name: Temple

Last name: Fawcett

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Temple Fawcett and I live in Providence, Rhode Island.

PLEASE CHOOSE "NO ACTION" AND DO NOT ENDANGER ALASKANS.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Temple Fawcett

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

First name: Thomas

Last name: Fawell

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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

First name: Thomas

Last name: Fawell

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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First name: Maureen

Last name: Fawley

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First name: William

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

First name: Alexa

Last name: Fay

Organization:

Title:

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Organization:

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

First name: John

Last name: Fay

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is John Fay and I live in Silver Spring, Maryland.

The fact that our air is now fairly decent in most places is due to pollution controls. Your children breathe this air to. Why would you want to jeopardize their health?

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Regards, John Fay

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First name: John

Last name: Fay

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Project 54511

Keep the Tongass roadless. We need the forest to stay pristine

as much as we can.

John Fay

[Position]

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

First name: Laura

Last name: Fay

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Tongass National Forest

I recommend Option 1 for the proposed roadless rule. I strongly oppose the potential for cutting 165,000 acres of old growth forest.

Please update me on any continuing work on this assault on the environment.

Laura Fay

Friends of the Lower Olentangy Watershed.

[POSITION]

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

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Last name: Fay

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/11/2019 10:18:37 PM

First name: Wendy

Last name: Fazekas

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Wendy Fazekas and I live in Branford, CT. I visited Alaska many years ago and it is such a beautiful state. Tongass is America's largest National Forest and home to more than 500 living things per square acre, not to mention the last intact temperate rain-forest in the world. It must be protected. I am writing a comment on the Alaska Roadless Rule DEIS because I am concerned with how the Rule and the proposed full exemption will impact my fishing, hunting, subsistence harvesting, foraging for wild foods, the peace and solitude I find in nature, recreating, the status of the Tongass as a national and global treasure, the forest's ability to sequester carbon and mitigate climate change impacts, the conservation of resources for future generations.

Out of the alternatives described in the AKRR DEIS I support alternative 1: no action. The rule is working fine as it is by balancing the conservation of our fish and wildlife habitat with important development projects. I depend on roadless areas in the Tongass National Forest for healthy fish habitat, deer habitat and subsistence hunting, foraging and gathering wild foods, recreating and enjoying nature, carbon sequestration and local climate change mitigation, viewing wildlife, keeping public lands wild for future generations. A full exemption does not protect these values, nor does it effectively balance economic development and conservation of roadless area characteristics. A full exemption from the Roadless Rule and increased logging and roadbuilding will negatively impact the Tongass and what I and many others use and depend on the forest to provide for us.

The Roadless areas on the Tongass that are especially important to me are those on or around all of the inventoried roadless areas on the Tongass. I want the roadless areas in these locations to stay in roadless status in any alternative selected by the Forest Service, and be managed to provide for the uses and activities I listed above. It is important to me that the T77 and the TNC conservation priority areas retain their roadless protections.

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

It would further harm rural economic opportunities because pursuing the same outdated economic model of old growth clearcut harvesting for export stifles innovation and possibility in other sectors, such as mariculture, sustainable young growth harvest, and rural agriculture. If the Forest Service wants to support rural economic development, they should devote resources to support our fishing and visitor industries.

Please protect this beautiful forest.

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): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM

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Last name: Fazio

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

First name: Emily

Last name: Fchrenbacher

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC3031

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]

STOP !

Booooo!

Sincerely,

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

Yes No

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

First name: Norma

Last name: Feagin

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Norma Feagin

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

First name: MARGE

Last name: FEAR

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is MARGE FEAR and I live in Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

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

First name: Tina

Last name: Fearnow

Organization:

Title:

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

First name: wendy

Last name: fears

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Robert Feaser

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

First name: David

Last name: Featherman

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Maintain protections for Alaska Roadless Rule

Dear Secretary Secretary Perdue,

As an American who values wild places, intact ecosystems, healthy watersheds and sustainable industries that rely upon them, I am very concerned with the USDA Forest Service's plan to strip Roadless Rule protections f

Sincerely,

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Mr. David Featherman

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

First name: Josan

Last name: Feathers

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

First name: Denise

Last name: Featherstone

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Denise Featherstone and I live in Beaumont, California.

It's hard to believe that Trump and his buddies are willing to destroy our precious wild forests for any reason at all. Don't let them get away with this disastrous plan! Once our forests are gone, they can never be brought back. Our government leaders should be protecting these wild places for all the people.

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

First name: john

Last name: feckanin

Organization:

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First name: Albert

Last name: Fecko

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Organization:

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Last name: feder

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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

First name: Margaret

Last name: Fedoroff

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC587

Dear Secretary Perdue and Senator Murkowski,

I am currently on a boat cruise off the coast of the West Chichagof-Yakobi Wilderness. The West Chichagof-Yakobi Wilderness was the first citizen-initiated Wilderness area in Alaska; in 1967, Sitkans who recognized the value of this area came together to protect it. This Wilderness area is rich in biodiversity and supports an incredibly productive ecosystem. Salmon are sustained by the vast freshwater stream systems that empty into fjords and inlets. Brown bears feast upon these salmon as they swim upstream, distributing their carcasses throughout the forest. These carcasses fertilize the soil and feed the Sitka spruce, mountain hemlock, and yellow cedar trees that tower over the land. Underneath this old growth canopy, Sitka Black-tail deer browse on abundant berries and shrubs.

However, the West Chichagof-Yakobi Wilderness is not the only place in Southeast Alaska with such incredible beauty and biodiversity. The flora and fauna we find in this wilderness area also thrive in inventoried roadless areas throughout the Tongass. Intact roadless areas provide our communities with important hunting, fishing, foraging, and recreating opportunities. We depend on the entirety of the Tongass for our subsistence and our livelihoods including our commercial fishing and tourism industries. I am grateful for the Wilderness designation that the West Chichagof-Yacobi area received, and would like to see such protections extended to areas such as Ushk Bay and Poison Cove.

Outside of Wilderness areas like West Chichagof, the roadless areas we depend on are threatened by politicians and special interests pushing for short term profits that have long term ecological and economic consequences. Wilderness areas, roadless areas, and the intact habitat they support are an investment in the long term sustainability of our region. Please keep the National Roadless Rule in place on the Tongass. T77 areas are particularly important to me; these watersheds are critical to maintaining the salmon runs we depend on for jobs and food. Please do not remove protections for these areas, or anywhere else on the Tongass.

Personal Comments: I am interested in learning more!

This wilderness means a lot to me as a life-long Sitkan. I would hate to see this area developed and change from the way I have known it when exploring it with my mother and step-father, Jack and Margaret Calvin who fought to make this a wilderness area.

[Position]

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

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Last name: Fedorow

Organization:

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Last name: Fee

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First name: Gary

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HC5085

U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

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Sincerely,

Gary Fee

Alberton, MT 59820

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

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Last name: Feehan

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Last name: Feen

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First name: Leora

Last name: Feeney

Organization:

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Comments:

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First name: Gwen

Last name: Feher

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As someone who has traveled to Alaska as a tourist, I am writing to support the No-Action Alternative for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the proposed Alaska Roadless Rule, Alternative #1. Tourism is a big industry there and we tourists want to see the beautiful forests and waterways there. 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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First name: Daniel

Last name: Fehr

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

First name: Richard

Last name: Fehr

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My name is Richard Fehr and I live in Sharpsburg, Georgia.

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Regards, Richard Fehr

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

First name: Richard

Last name: Fehr

Organization:

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Comments:

Over the past five decades our family have traveled the back roads through all forty eight continental states and Alaska. And the one thing that was most disturbing was the very large amounts of clear cutting of trees in those states that had substantial forests eliminating important ecosystems and causing areas of visual desolation.

However in these times of climate chaos events increasing in frequency and intensity the need to keep all forest undisturbed to help minimize these future events.

In addition several years ago scientists reports that their studies had revealed our planet is experiencing its sixth Great Extinction and areas like Tongass National Forest being logged would reduce important numbers of species.

So I and my family request that logging in the Tongass National Forest not be approved now and anytime in the near futures.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/6/2019 3:02:55 PM

First name: Emily

Last name: Fehrenbacher

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Emily Fehrenbacher and I live in Anchorage, AK. I like the Tongass I am writing a comment on the Alaska Roadless Rule DEIS because I am concerned with how the Rule and the proposed full exemption will impact my 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 keeping public lands wild for future generations. A full exemption does not protect these values, nor does it effectively balance economic development and conservation of roadless area characteristics. A full exemption from the Roadless Rule and increased logging and roadbuilding will negatively impact the Tongass and what I and many others use and depend on the forest to provide for us.

The Roadless areas on the Tongass that are especially important to me are those on or around all of the inventoried roadless areas on the Tongass. I want the roadless areas in these locations to stay in roadless status in any alternative selected by the Forest Service, and be managed to provide for the uses and activities I listed above. It is important to me that the T77 and the TNC conservation priority areas retain their roadless protections.

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

It would further harm rural economic opportunities because pursuing the same outdated economic model of old growth clearcut harvesting for export stifles innovation and possibility in other sectors, such as mariculture, sustainable young growth harvest, and rural agriculture. If the Forest Service wants to support rural economic development, they should devote resources to support our fishing and visitor industries.

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

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Last name: Feicht

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

First name: Matthew

Last name: Feil

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Julia

Last name: Feiler

Organization:

Title:

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Regards, Julia Feiler

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

First name: Gary

Last name: Feimster

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC3780

U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule

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Sincerely,

Gary Feimster

Mount Ulla, NC 28125

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

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Last name: Feimster

Organization:

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First name: Avraham

Last name: Fein

Organization:

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Regards, Avraham Fein

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

First name: Ron

Last name: Fein

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Trumps National Forest Service is using a refuted scientific theory to justify building roads in our countrys largest national forest, what some call Americas Amazon.

The Forest Service says guidelines from the United Nations climate authority would be followed. Two scientists whose research was cited in the U.N. study says the Forest Service is espousing junk science.

Nothing in that report supports what theyre claiming, saysDominick DellaSala, a former president of the Society for Conservation Biology. Beverly Law, an Oregon State University professor, says the Trump administrations argument is misinformation.

Trumps plan, pushed by Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue, would slash protections for more than 9 million acres of the Tongass National Forest, an area larger than Yellowstone, Glacier and Grand Canyon national parks combined. Building roads in the Tongass is prohibited under a rule published in the last days of President Bill Clintons administration.

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

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

First name: benjaminf

Last name: Feinberg

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

I support keeping National Parks for recreational use only. I also support leaving this landscape untouched by commercial enterprises seeking to benefit only themselves.

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

First name: Tenley

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Last name: Feinblatt

Organization:

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Regards, P. Feinblatt

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

First name: P.

Last name: Feinblatt

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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

First name: Laurie

Last name: Feine-Dudley

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

I do not want any changes to the roadless rule. I strongly want alternative one. It is time to stop cutting down forests. With climate change becoming more of an emergency the preservation of forests should be a number one priority. If Alaska is concerned about making money then there is more financial benefit to preservation of the forest to protect tourism and fishing. Fishing and tourism, which depend on a healthy forest, bring in more than \$2 billion to Alaska annually. The Tongass alone supplies 25% of the West Coast's commercial salmon catch. The inhabitants here, especially those in rural communities, rely heavily on these fish.

Tourism accounts for roughly 72,000 jobs versus the oil, gas, mining, and logging industries which together support just 15,000 jobs.* Do not exempt Tongass from the roadless rule.

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

First name: David

Last name: Feingold

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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

First name: Susan

Last name: Feingold

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Susan Feingold and I live in Midland Park, New Jersey.

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Last name: Feinstein

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

First name: Veronica

Last name: Feinstein

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Leave the Tongass National Forest as is: Pristine.

[Position]

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

First name: John

Last name: Feissel

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is John Feissel and I live in Cotati, California.

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Regards, John Feissel

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

First name: Sharon

Last name: Feissel

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Sharon Feissel and I live in Santa Rosa, California.

I know I'm strange, but I do like to breathe clean air.

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Privatization of public resources is not the highest good. Don't do the roll back or allow logging, please.

Regards, Mary Feitler

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

First name: Stephen

Last name: Feitshans

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

As a supporter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers and our wild public lands, waters and wildlife, I am very concerned with the proposed rulemaking announced in Federal Register Document Number 2019-0023. I am writing these comments to strongly encourage you to maintain roadless area protections for the Tongass National Forest, including the wild fisheries habitat in the Tongass 77 and adopt the no action Alternative 1. These public lands and waters are prized by sportsmen and women and are a mainstay of Alaska's economy, helping drive an \$887 billion economic engine from outdoor recreation like hunting and fishing.

At nearly 17 million acres, the Tongass is the nation's largest national forest and the world's largest remaining intact coastal temperate rainforest; 9.3 million acres of that wild backcountry is inventoried roadless areas, providing high quality habitat for a unique diversity of sought-after game species, including mountain goats, black-tailed deer and both brown and black bears. The Tongass also encompasses thousands of miles of salmon-rich waterways, legendary among anglers and fundamental to the state's commercial salmon industry. The commercial fishing sector alone relies on the Tongass for more than 80 percent of its salmon and employs more than 4,300 people in the region, accounting for 9 percent of the area's entire employment. By contrast, timber production accounts for only 1 percent of the region's jobs.

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

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

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

First name: Lowell

Last name: Feld

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Lowell Feld

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

First name: Marla

Last name: Feldhacker

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Marla Feldhacker and I live in Des Moines, Iowa.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Marla Feldhacker

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/27/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Louis

Last name: Feldhaus

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Please please please do not allow this large, great, and historic land to become vulnerable to logging! No amount of money is worth destroying such a beautiful and majestic forest. Do what you know is right.

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

First name: Cliff

Last name: Feldheim

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Sincerely,

Cliff Feldheim

West Sacramento, CA 95691

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

First name: Cliff

Last name: Feldheim

Organization:

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West Sacramento, CA 95691

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

First name: Elissa

Last name: Feldman

Organization:

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Regards, Elissa Feldman

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

First name: Elissa

Last name: Feldman

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Regards, Elissa Feldman

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

First name: Irene

Last name: Feldman

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Irene Feldman and I live in Staten Island, New York.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Irene Feldman

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

First name: Laure

Last name: Feldman

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Regards, Laure Feldman

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/18/2019 5:26:24 PM

First name: Mark

Last name: Feldman

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.

WE ARE AWARE THAT THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE IS RUN BY CRONIES/SHILLS OF THE TIMBER INDUSTRY & OF WHOM THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE WORKS FOR=\$\$\$\$. PUSHING THROUGH THEIR AGENDAS WITHOUT ANY CONCERNS OR CARING ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENTAL DESTRUCTION CREATED BY YOUR DESPICABLE INSENSITIVE ACTIONS.

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

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

Sincerely,

Mark Feldman

Santa Rosa, CA 95401

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

First name: Mark

Last name: Feldman

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Mark Feldman and I live in Santa Rosa, California.

I am writing to express **STRONG OPPOSITION TO ALL 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 choice WOULD IGNORE OVERWHELMINGLY PUBLIC AND HARM ALASKANS, INCLUDING ALASKA NATIVES, TAXPAYERS ACROSS THE ENTIRE NATION.**

HOW DARE YOU TO EVEN THINK OF CONSIDERING TO IMPLEMENT THIS CORPORATE SPONSORED (BY YOUR CRONIES) SITUATION TO TAKE PLACE ON LAND OWNED BY THE TAXPAYERS & THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES.

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Regards, Mark Feldman

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/26/2019 3:21:03 PM

First name: Mark

Last name: Feldman

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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As I'm sure you know, the Roadless Rule helps protect old-growth habitat for birds like the Prince of Wales Spruce Grouse and Northern Goshawk as well as for mammals like wolves and deer. Opening roadless areas to more logging and roads will fragment the forest and eliminate more of the big old trees that these animals rely on. Furthermore, intact ancient forests are strongholds of climate resilience and the Tongass is one of world's largest.

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Sincerely,

Mark Feldman

Soquel, CA 95073

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

First name: Michael

Last name: Feldman

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Moses Feldman

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

First name: Tracy

Last name: Feldman

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Tracy Feldman

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

First name: Rich

Last name: Feldmann

Organization:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Rich Feldmann

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

First name: Paula

Last name: Feldmeier

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Paula Feldmeier and I live in Salem, Oregon.

I had the unique opportunity to see the Tongas in its natural wonder. I want my children and nephew to see it too. The USFS is the AK forests steward, not the timber industrys puppet. Hopefully Trump will be gone but the damage he - and you - can do is irreversible. Old growth trees cannot be regrown in short order. Stop the short-sightedness and do your damn job and protect OUR natural resources treasures - esp in the last American frontier, AK.

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Regards, Paula Feldmeier

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

First name: James

Last name: Feldmeyer

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule

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The Roadless Rule has been instrumental in conserving the 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,

James Feldmeyer

Terrell, NC 28682

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

First name: Dana

Last name: Feldpausch

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

I am opposed to any forest cutting in Alaska. Please protect our forests!!

[Position]

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

First name: Matthew

Last name: Feldpausch

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

As a supporter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers and our wild public lands, waters and wildlife, I am very concerned with the proposed rulemaking announced in Federal Register Document Number 2019-0023. I am writing these comments to strongly encourage you to maintain roadless area protections for the Tongass National Forest, including the wild fisheries habitat in the Tongass 77 and adopt the no action Alternative 1. These public lands and waters are prized by sportsmen and women and are a mainstay of Alaska's economy, helping drive an \$887 billion economic engine from outdoor recreation like hunting and fishing.

At nearly 17 million acres, the Tongass is the nation's largest national forest and the world's largest remaining intact coastal temperate rainforest; 9.3 million acres of that wild backcountry is inventoried roadless areas, providing high quality habitat for a unique diversity of sought-after game species, including mountain goats, black-tailed deer and both brown and black bears. The Tongass also encompasses thousands of miles of salmon-rich waterways, legendary among anglers and fundamental to the state's commercial salmon industry. The commercial fishing sector alone relies on the Tongass for more than 80 percent of its salmon and employs more than 4,300 people in the region, accounting for 9 percent of the area's entire employment. By contrast, timber production accounts for only 1 percent of the region's jobs.

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

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

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

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Last name: Feldsher

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Last name: feldstein

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

First name: R.

Last name: Felice

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Michael Felicio

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

First name: Cathy

Last name: Felix

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Cathy Felix

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

First name: Kristin

Last name: Felix

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Kristin Felix and I live in Olympia, Washington.

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Regards, Kristin Felix

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

First name: patrick

Last name: felix

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Regards, patrick felix

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

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Last name: Felix

Organization:

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Last name: Feliz

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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

First name: carolyn

Last name: fellman

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Comments:

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

First name: Ted

Last name: Felsberg

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

As a supporter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers and our wild public lands, waters and wildlife, I am very concerned with the proposed rulemaking announced in Federal Register Document Number 2019-0023. I am writing these comments to strongly encourage you to maintain roadless area protections for the Tongass National Forest, including the wild fisheries habitat in the Tongass 77 and adopt the no action Alternative 1. These public lands and waters are prized by sportsmen and women and are a mainstay of Alaska's economy, helping drive an \$887 billion economic engine from outdoor recreation like hunting and fishing.

At nearly 17 million acres, the Tongass is the nation's largest national forest and the world's largest remaining intact coastal temperate rainforest; 9.3 million acres of that wild backcountry is inventoried roadless areas, providing high quality habitat for a unique diversity of sought-after game species, including mountain goats, black-tailed deer and both brown and black bears. The Tongass also encompasses thousands of miles of salmon-rich waterways, legendary among anglers and fundamental to the state's commercial salmon industry. The commercial fishing sector alone relies on the Tongass for more than 80 percent of its salmon and employs more than 4,300 people in the region, accounting for 9 percent of the area's entire employment. By contrast, timber production accounts for only 1 percent of the region's jobs.

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

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

First name: Sandra

Last name: Felsman

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC4944

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CC: Alaska Congressional Delegation and Federal Administration

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Sincerely, [Signature]

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

First name: Haydee

Last name: Felsovanyi

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Haydee Felsovanyi

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

First name: Amanda

Last name: Felt

Organization:

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First name: Bob

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/18/2019 4:36:10 PM

First name: Wendy

Last name: Feltham

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,

Wendy Feltham

Port Townsend, WA 98368

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

First name: Alan

Last name: Feltman

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Tell the Forest Service to stop putting corporate profits above the public interest and to protect our national forests, our air, and our water for future generations!

Regards, Alan Feltman

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

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Last name: Feltner

Organization:

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

First name: George

Last name: Felton

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Last name: Felton

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Jake Felton

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

First name: L

Last name: Felton

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, L Felton

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

First name: Karen

Last name: Felts

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Karen Felts

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

First name: Alene

Last name: Feltus

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

forest clearing

So is the fool we have as president going to allowed to clear cut Alaska forests

Alene Feltus

Assistant Controller

Sunstream Boat Lifts

[Position]

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

First name: Jordan

Last name: Feltz

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): 10/30/2019 4:00:00 PM

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Organization:

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

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Last name: Femling

Organization:

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Last name: Fenda

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Paula Fenda

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

First name: Flo

Last name: Fender

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Flo Fender and I live in Pine Valley, New York.

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Regards, Louise Fender

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

First name: Janet

Last name: Fendrych

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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First name: Valerie

Last name: Fendt

Organization:

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

First name: Emily

Last name: Fendya

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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

I was lucky enough to live for a short time on the edge of the Tongass. I was a guest on that land, but in my short time there, the forest and its abundance of wildlife nourished me. I believe that the Roadless Rule should remain, protecting the Tongass from logging, extraction, development, and deforestation. We must take a generational view - this wilderness belongs to the generations to come, and they deserve to have it intact. There is nothing more beautiful or alive than this forest, and I hope it is allowed to remain that way.

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

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

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

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

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

First name: Jennifer

Last name: Fendya

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Jennifer Fendya and I live in Buffalo, New York.

We would do well as a society to learn from the "seven generations" principle that indigenous peoples understand as sanity, rather than continue down the path of self-annihilation, the effects of which are already upon us.

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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: Fenenbock

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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

First name: Sylvia

Last name: Fenich

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Take note: There are alternatives to cutting down our old growth forests. Replanting is just one. There are other sources. namely hemp, that can provide many of the same products plus others trees cannot.

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

First name: Lauren

Last name: Feniello

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Lauren Feniello and I live in Fort Myers, Florida.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Lauren Feniello

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

First name: John

Last name: Fenlon

Organization:

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Comments:

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

First name: William

Last name: Fennema

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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

First name: James

Last name: Fenner

Organization:

Title:

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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

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As an avid angler and recreational user of Alaska's wonderful forests and waters, I add my voice to the millions of other "recreational users" who support the 'no action' alternative to leave the Roadless Rule unchanged in Alaska.

As do millions of others, the proposed changes to the "Roadless Rule" worry me, as they most likely will lead to horrendous damage to Alaska's pristine outdoors! We foresee greatly expand clear-cut logging; costly, irreparable, and destructive road building in wild areas of both Tongass and Chugach Forests; and tremendously decreased revenue from tourism and recreational users. These unsustainable extractive activities increase sedimentation, irreversibly harm water quality, block salmon migration, and add to an already huge 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,

James Fenner

Lake Oswego, OR 97035

[Position]

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

First name: Mary Sue

Last name: Fenner

Organization:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/22/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Philip

Last name: Fenner

Organization: North Cascades Conservation Council

Title: President

Comments:

I am Philip Fenner, President of the North Cascades Conservation Council (NCCC). NCCC was founded in 1957 to protect and preserve the scenic, scientific, recreational, educational, and wilderness values of the North Cascades. We are strong supporters of the 2001 Roadless Rule and are concerned with maintaining its integrity nationwide. We view the Tongass Roadless DEIS as a threat to this integrity and thus a looming threat to our own extensive roadless areas in the North Cascades, which has the greatest extent of otherwise unprotected roadless areas in the contiguous 48 States.

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Removing 9.2 million acres of Tongass National Forest from the protection of the national Roadless Rule and depending upon the state of Alaska to safeguard the values inherent in untrammeled roadless forests is the equivalent of asking the fox to guard the chicken coop. You can only expect to have feathers, or in this case stumps, left.

NCCC strongly supports the No Action Alternative, thus maintaining the national Roadless Rule in the Tongass.

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

First name: Ann

Last name: Fennern

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, Ann Fennern

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/28/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Hillary

Last name: Fenrich

Organization:

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Comments:

I object entirely to USDA's proposal for the exemption of the Tongass National Forest from the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule. Expanding the area of tree harvest and road construction serves no purpose other than to line the pockets of those other than locals. From what I listened to, as well, during the Washington DC public discussion in mid-November, is that it does not make economic sense either for the Forest Service due to a lack of bids on the same forest in the previous year. Secondly, we are obviously in the midst of a climate crisis at this current moment and the Forest Service should be working to mitigate that (rather than adding to it).

Additionally, as I previously mentioned in the DC public discussion, I do not believe that this adds to the mission of the Forest Service: "to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the Nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations." Cutting additional trees - old-growth trees, in fact - will not sustain the health or diversity of the Tongass National Forest. And these actions do not fulfill a present or current need and certainly do not represent the needs of local populations. I can only hope, but do not believe - based on comments by Kake representatives - that by now, the secretary will have listened and personally visited a number of native villages in order to hear their stories and comments. As we well know, it is extraordinarily difficult to get around Southeastern Alaska and I believe it is rather likely that the elder Natives are unable to leave their home to make comments (much less do they have Wifi to send in comments or potentially even a post office). Is the Forest Service providing for their futures by cutting additional forest? Is the Forest Service providing for their children? Don't we think it's about time that we - colonists - stop taking advantage of Natives - whose land we took and continue to utilize for our own gain? Isn't this a story that has been repeated enough?

I would like to add two additional points: if the secretary knows anything about Alaska, it should be clear that Alaska runs on salmon. As a fisherwoman this summer season in Alaska, I can say that I have run the numbers myself: I saw that over just over a decade, the number of salmon returning is decreasing. However, unlike Natives, I have the luxury of not depending on this salmon for my survival. We know that cutting trees can increase erosion and debris - this debris chokes the rivers that give life to the salmon runs. Furthermore, cutting additional trees, particularly old-growth, will create forest gaps, increasing local temperatures (as trees keep the land cool). Increased water temperature is directly linked to a decreased amount of oxygen in the water for fish to breathe. Is the Forest Service thinking of the livelihood that is salmon?

This livelihood is not only for Natives: southeastern Alaska runs on tourism. Fishermen flock to Alaska but also, as we all know, the cruise lines go straight up from Washington to Juneau, right past the Tongass. I followed that same line but with a 32-foot boat a few years ago. I saw animals and landscapes in Alaska while working as a deckhand that inspired in me a love for nature and a fervent need to protect it. This was eco-tourism at its finest but I can't say it would be like that if instead of observing endless trees on the trip, I saw only forest gaps and unclear waters.

I believe that the decision of the secretary should be crystal clear. Secretary, do you respect Natives? Do you truly understand how Alaska - especially Southeastern Alaska - runs on salmon and eco-tourism? And finally, do you believe that the exemption of the Tongass would be promoting the mission of the Forest Service?

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

First name: Janis

Last name: Fensch

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Janis Fensch and I live in Bellingham, Washington.

[Your personal comment will be added here.]

At some point this current administration will be gone but the environmental damage caused by actions like those planned for the Tongass National Forest) will be permanent. Let it be your legacy that you helped prevent this.

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

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Last name: Fenske

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First name: Tammy

Last name: Fenske

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Comments:

My name is Tammy Fenske and I live in Plentywood, Montana.

Save the Forests!

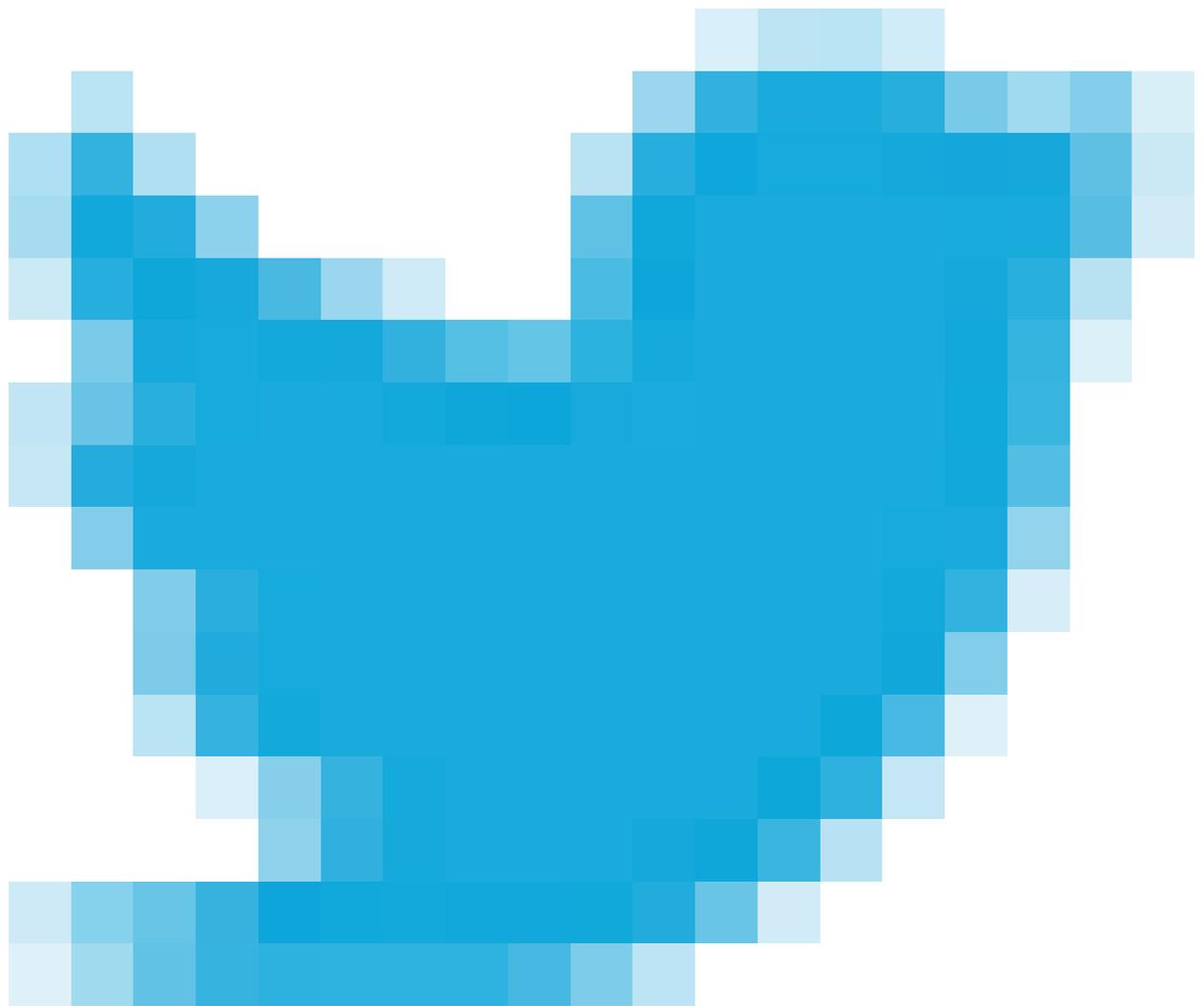
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First name: Steven

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First name: Evelyn

Last name: Fenter

Organization:

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My name is Evelyn Fenter and I live in Chesterfield, Missouri.

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Organization:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/13/2019 9:59:12 AM

First name: Caroline

Last name: Fenton

Organization:

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Comments:

My name is Caroline Fenton and I live in Sitka, Alaska. I've been living in Southeast Alaska for the past couple of months. I value the forest for the ways it transcends value- providing Alaskans with a source of life/(tools for survival) and meaning since time immemorial. I am writing a comment on the Alaska Roadless Rule DEIS because I am concerned with how the Rule and the proposed full exemption will impact my the peace and solitude I find in nature, recreating, the status of the Tongass as a national and global treasure, the forest's ability to sequester carbon and mitigate climate change impacts, the conservation of resources for future generations .

Out of the alternatives described in the AKRR DEIS I support alternative 1: no action. It shows the Forest Service is responding to the needs and voices of Southeast Alaskan communities. I depend on roadless areas in the Tongass National Forest for recreating and enjoying nature, carbon sequestration and local climate change mitigation, viewing wildlife, keeping public lands wild for future generations. A full exemption does not protect these values, nor does it effectively balance economic development and conservation of roadless area characteristics. A full exemption from the Roadless Rule and increased logging and roadbuilding will negatively impact the Tongass and what I and many others use and depend on the forest to provide for us.

The Roadless areas on the Tongass that are especially important to me are those on or around Baranof Island, all of the inventoried roadless areas on the Tongass. I want the roadless areas in these locations to stay in roadless status in any alternative selected by the Forest Service, and be managed to provide for the uses and activities I listed above. It is important to me that the T77 and the TNC conservation priority areas retain their roadless protections.

I do not support the Forest Services preferred alternative of a full exemption. A full exemption is not in the interests of Southeast Alaskans who live in and use the Tongass National Forest, because It destroys ways of life, connections to culture, discounts voices, and countless other negative impacts.. The State of Alaska says that a full exemption is needed for rural economic development opportunities. However, a full exemption would not help create more rural economic development opportunities, it would instead harm our existing rural economies that are based on the visitor industry and commercial fishing industry.

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

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

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

First name: Clivefield

Last name: Fenton

Organization:

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Regards, Clivefield Fenton

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

First name: Elaine

Last name: Fenton

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Elaine Fenton and I live in Sonoma, California.

Stop! Stop! Stop! Don't you care about the planet??? Don't you think about what you're dooming your grandchildren to?? Shame, shame, shame, you greedy bastards!!!

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Regards, Elaine Fenton

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First name: Zachary

Last name: Fenwick

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Alternative 1

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

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Last name: Feola

Organization:

Title:

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Regards, Sarah Feola

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

First name: Lisa

Last name: Fera

Organization:

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Regards, Lisa Fera

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Last name: Feray

Organization:

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

First name: Garth

Last name: Ferber

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Alaska Roadless Rule

USDA Forest Service

Attn: Alaska Roadless Rule

P.O. Box 21628

Juneau, Alaska

99802

14 December 2019

Dear Folks

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

Seven decades of high-grading has dramatically depleted the Tongass Forest's largest (4-10 feet in diameter) old-growth trees. And those rare, old-growth stands provide some of the most valuable fish and wildlife habitats on the Tongass. If the new Prince of Wales timber sale moves forward and the Roadless Rule protections are removed, most of the remaining large-tree forest stands will be clear-cut and their habitat values for wildlife and salmon will be permanently lost.

This would further jeopardize two of southeast Alaska's significant economic drivers: fisheries and tourism. For both ecological and economic reasons, this is why the Tongass should not be exempted from the Roadless Rule.

We cannot replace large old-growth trees and the habitat they create. The time has come to stop cutting them down.

Sincerely,

Garth Ferber

Seattle, WA 98125

[Position]

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

First name: Peggy

Last name: Ferber

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

I strongly urge you not to remove National Roadless Rule protection from the Tongass National Forest. It makes no sense to jeopardize extremely valuable long term resources of fisheries and tourism for small short term temporary benefits of logging.

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

First name: Jeri

Last name: Fergus

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Jeri Fergus

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

First name: John

Last name: Fergus

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

The Tongass is priceless, keep it roadless for wildlife

Please select the "No Action" alternative on the Alaska-specific Roadless Rule instead of the sweeping changes the administration is promoting. The changes allowed by those changes would completely remove the Tongass National Forest from roadless protections and result in irreparable damage there.

I'm sure you're well aware that the Tongass National Forest is one of the last intact temperate rainforests on Earth. There are old growth forests in its roadless lands and the forest is home to a stunningly diverse array of wildlife including salmon, wolves, bear, deer, and birds of prey such as the Northern Goshawk.

The Tongass is America's largest and wildest national forest and it absorbs and stores approximately 8 percent of the total carbon of all the national forests of the lower 48 states combined.

The proposed rule opens an additional 165,000 acres to logging and strips Roadless Rule protections from all 9.2 million acres of inventoried roadless areas in the Tongass. The rule will fragment the forest and harm wildlife that rely on old-growth habitat.

The proposed rule is opposed by an overwhelming majority of public. Their input favored maintaining roadless areas or making only small modifications.

The course chosen by the administration ignores the public, fails to find balance, and threatens the crown jewel of the National Forest System. Please select Alternative 1, the "no-action" alternative.

Thank you,

John Fergus

[Position]

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

First name: Peggy

Last name: Fergus

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Peggy Fergus

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

First name: Alex

Last name: Ferguson

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

As a supporter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers and our wild public lands, waters and wildlife, I am very concerned with the proposed rulemaking announced in Federal Register Document Number 2019-0023. I am writing these comments to strongly encourage you to maintain roadless area protections for the Tongass National Forest, including the wild fisheries habitat in the Tongass 77 and adopt the no action Alternative 1. These public lands and waters are prized by sportsmen and women and are a mainstay of Alaska's economy, helping drive an \$887 billion economic engine from outdoor recreation like hunting and fishing.

At nearly 17 million acres, the Tongass is the nation's largest national forest and the world's largest remaining intact coastal temperate rainforest; 9.3 million acres of that wild backcountry is inventoried roadless areas, providing high quality habitat for a unique diversity of sought-after game species, including mountain goats, black-tailed deer and both brown and black bears. The Tongass also encompasses thousands of miles of salmon-rich waterways, legendary among anglers and fundamental to the state's commercial salmon industry. The commercial fishing sector alone relies on the Tongass for more than 80 percent of its salmon and employs more than 4,300 people in the region, accounting for 9 percent of the area's entire employment. By contrast, timber production accounts for only 1 percent of the region's jobs.

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

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

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

First name: Blair

Last name: Ferguson

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Blair Ferguson

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

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Organization:

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Comments:

HC3177

U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule

Comment Period

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Sincerely,

Blair Ferguson

Wilmington, DE 19806

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

First name: Blair

Last name: Ferguson

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC3647

U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule

Comment Period:

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

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

Sincerely,

Blair Ferguson

Wilmington, DE 19806

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

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Regards, Brian Ferguson

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Regards, Brian Ferguson

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

First name: Charlene

Last name: Ferguson

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First name: Cynthia

Last name: Ferguson

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Regards, Cynthia Ferguson

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

First name: Diane

Last name: Ferguson

Organization:

Title:

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Regards, Diane Ferguson

[Position]

[Position]

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

First name: Elizabeth

Last name: Ferguson

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Elizabeth Ferguson and I live in Berkeley, California.

Please respect the will of the people and the wellbeing of human and wild life and choose the "No Action" alternative.

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, Elizabeth Ferguson

[Position]

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/19/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Elizabeth

Last name: Ferguson

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

We must protect our forests and wildlife if we are going to survive climate change. We must protect indigenous lands if we are going to heal ourselves and the land.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Ferguson

[Position]

[Position]

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

First name: Ellen

Last name: Ferguson

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC664

Dear Secretary Perdue,

middle of the Tongass National Forest. Do not exempt Alaska from the Roadless Rule because

I'm a visitor to Sitka and have had an extraordinary experience in the Tongass National Forest. It is vitally important to keep the Roadless Rule in effect on the Tongass National Forest!

Thank you Ellen Ferguson

[Position]

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

First name: Grant

Last name: Ferguson

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

As a supporter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers and our wild public lands, waters and wildlife, I am very concerned with the proposed rulemaking announced in Federal Register Document Number 2019-0023. I am writing these comments to strongly encourage you to maintain roadless area protections for the Tongass National Forest, including the wild fisheries habitat in the Tongass 77 and adopt the no action Alternative 1. These public lands and waters are prized by sportsmen and women and are a mainstay of Alaska's economy, helping drive an \$887 billion economic engine from outdoor recreation like hunting and fishing.

At nearly 17 million acres, the Tongass is the nation's largest national forest and the world's largest remaining intact coastal temperate rainforest; 9.3 million acres of that wild backcountry is inventoried roadless areas, providing high quality habitat for a unique diversity of sought-after game species, including mountain goats, black-tailed deer and both brown and black bears. The Tongass also encompasses thousands of miles of salmon-rich waterways, legendary among anglers and fundamental to the state's commercial salmon industry. The commercial fishing sector alone relies on the Tongass for more than 80 percent of its salmon and employs more than 4,300 people in the region, accounting for 9 percent of the area's entire employment. By contrast, timber production accounts for only 1 percent of the region's jobs.

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

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

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

First name: Jennifer

Last name: Ferguson

Organization:

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Regards, Judith Ferguson

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

First name: Julia

Last name: Ferguson

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC514

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

I am currently on a boat cruise off the coast of South Baranof Wilderness, hosted by the Sitka Conservation Society (SCS). SCS hosts boat cruises in the summer to introduce people to the marvelous wonders of the Tongass with the help of experienced boat captains and knowledgeable naturalists. On this cruise into the South Baranof Wilderness, I have seen:

Grey whales and breathtaking roadless landscapes

The Wilderness area is rich in biodiversity and supports an incredibly productive ecosystem. Salmon, steelhead trout, dolly varden 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 and Mountain Hemlock trees that tower over the land. Underneath this old growth canopy, Sitka Black-tail deer browse on abundant berries and shrubs.

The South Baranof Wilderness is not the only place in Southeast Alaska with such incredible biodiversity. It is just one example of what the Tongass National Forest can produce when it is protected and left to its own natural processes. The flora and fauna that we find in the South Baranof Wilderness area also thrive in inventoried roadless areas throughout the Tongass. These roadless areas are numerous around Sitka and provide our community with important hunting, fishing, foraging, and recreating opportunities. We depend on these roadless areas for our sustenance and our livelihoods including our commercial fishing and tourism industries.

Outside of Wilderness areas like South Baranof, our way of life and the roadless areas we depend on are being threatened by politicians and special interests pushing for short term profits that have long term ecological and economic consequences. Wilderness areas, roadless area, and the intact habitat they support are an investment in the long term sustainability of our region. ***Please keep the national Roadless Rule on the Tongass!*** [text double underlined for emphasis]

Sincerely,

Julia Ferguson

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

First name: Kyle

Last name: Ferguson

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC298

Dear Alaska Roadless Rule Planning Committee,

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

The Tongass contains some of the largest intact old-growth temperate rainforest in the world, and its value in providing clean water for fish and wildlife habitat is essential to the economic and ecological health of Southeast Alaska. I strongly oppose any efforts to weaken protections for Roadless areas in the Tongass National Forest and the Chugach National Forest.

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

I'm for 2nd Growth logging on existing roads. No New roads!

Old growth logging makes no sense, given the realities of our times. Log only on existing roads.

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

First name: Linda

Last name: Ferguson

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Linda Ferguson

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

First name: Lisa

Last name: Ferguson

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Lisa Ferguson and I live in [@advCity], California.

Please, don't kill the beautiful forests, we need them to breathe.

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 Ferguson

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

First name: Madelyn

Last name: Ferguson

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Madelyn Ferguson and I live in Coral Gables, Florida.

Please STOP poisoning Americans with PFAS chemicals. Ban them!!!!

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Madelyn Ferguson

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

First name: Martha

Last name: Ferguson

Organization:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Martha Ferguson

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

First name: Mike

Last name: Ferguson

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Mike Ferguson and I live in Mankato, Minnesota.

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First name: Nancy

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Regards, Nancy Ferguson

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

First name: Princess

Last name: Ferguson

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Princess Ferguson and I live in Fletcher, North Carolina.

Alaska has been Home for me and its uniqueness needs to be preserved. Treasure old growth trees. When they are gone they are gone. Respect the planet. Its the only home we have.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Princess Ferguson

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

First name: Richard

Last name: Ferguson

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): 1/1/0001 12:00:00 AM

First name: Roy

Last name: Ferguson

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC5241

U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

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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,

Roy Ferguson

Aurora, CO 80014

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

First name: Roy

Last name: Ferguson

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Roy Ferguson and I live in Aurora, Colorado.

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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule

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

First name: Virginia

Last name: Ferguson

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Virginia Ferguson and I live in San Diego, California.

I would like my grandchildren to live in a "livable" world--not a post climate crisis apocalypse! Stop the clear cutting especially in wilderness areas!!!

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Regards, Virginia Ferguson

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

First name: Don

Last name: Ferkingstad

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Don Ferkingstad

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

First name: Linda

Last name: Ferland

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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

First name: Douglas

Last name: Ferley

Organization:

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Comments:

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

First name: Michael

Last name: Ferlisi

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Regards, Michael Ferlisi

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

First name: Mary

Last name: Ferm

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Mary Ferm and I live in Bainbridge Island, Washington.

Temperate rainforests are rare and slow to re-grow. The Tongass belongs to all Americans, not to the lumber industry.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Mary Ferm

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

First name: Pam

Last name: Ferman

Organization:

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Comments:

My name is Pam Ferman and I live in Ouray, Colorado.

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Regards, Pam Ferman

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

First name: John

Last name: Fermoil

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Regards, John Fermoil

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

First name: Kirk

Last name: Fernald

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Last name: Fernald

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Regards, M. Fernald

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

First name: Lisa

Last name: Fernandes

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Lisa Fernandes and I live in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

I know most of you are old so you will never live to see the repercussion of you horrid decisions. I bet most of you have children grandchildren, think of the world youre leaving them.

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Regards, Lisa Fernandes

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

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Last name: Fernandes

Organization:

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

First name: Carol

Last name: Fernandez

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Carol Fernandez

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

First name: Jeffrey

Last name: Fernandez

Organization:

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Comments:

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First name: kathleen

Last name: fernandez

Organization:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, kathleen fernandez

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

First name: Kathy

Last name: Fernandez

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

I object to the proposed Tongass National Forest exemption from the Roadless Rule. The rich biodiversity of this forest supports untold varieties of plants and animals not to mention the integrated relationships which directly impact man. To open this area to logging and other possible future destructive development would be a mistake. Like throwing the baby out with the bath water, someone would profit in the short term but history would reflect on this action a step down the slippery slope to mans self destruction.

I have also written to Senator Sherrod Brown on this issue.

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

First name: Miguel

Last name: Fernandez

Organization:

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Comments:

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

First name: Pablo

Last name: Fernandez

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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

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Organization:

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Regards, Rose Fernandez

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

First name: Sam

Last name: Fernandez

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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

First name: yvette

Last name: fernandez

Organization:

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Regards, yvette fernandez

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

First name: Jacqueline

Last name: Fernandez-Homberg

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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First name: Bill

Last name: Fernhill

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Bill Fernhill and I live in Albion, Indiana.

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

First name: Anne

Last name: Fernweh

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

It is massively irresponsible to consider changing the access conditions in the Tongass wilderness area. Logging the Tongass would jeopardize a massive carbon sink, only furthering our already dire climate emergency. The construction of roads would jeopardize wildlife habitats and potentially reduce the biodiversity of its old-growth forest. It would pollute water sources, and put local populations at risk. It opens up the area's ecosystem to extreme shifts which could have ripple effects we desperately need to avoid right now. Please work to protect wild spaces like these-they're our last hope.

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

First name: Anne

Last name: Fernweh

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Anne Fernweh and I live in Berlin, Vermont.

At this critical moment we cannot afford to endanger the few life-giving resources we have on this planet. It's absurd to think about threatening the Tongass National Forest as we stare down a mass extinction. For the future of humanity and the planet, please protect this land.

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

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Last name: Ferrante

Organization:

Title:

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

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Last name: Ferranti

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/15/2019 3:00:00 PM

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Thank you for considering my comments.

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

First name: Libby

Last name: Ferrara

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Roadless Rule public comment

Dear Forest Service,

I believe the only alternative is Alternative 1 on this issue. Please continue to protect all of Alaska under the 2001 Roadless Rule, including the Tongass National Forest. There is way too much to loose and not enough to gain from harvesting timber. We desperately need to stop making short sighted decisions about resource management in this state! Alaska is precious as a wilderness to so many species including humans. Let the trees stand!

Thank you,

Libby

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/18/2019 5:20:46 PM

First name: Robert

Last name: Ferrara

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,

Robert Ferrara

Cheyenne, WY 82009

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

First name: Robert

Last name: Ferrara

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Robert Ferrara

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

First name: Pierluigi

Last name: Ferrari

Organization:

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Comments:

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Last name: Ferraris

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Regards, Marissa Ferraro

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Regards, Mary Ferraro

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First name: Nadine

Last name: Ferraro

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/4/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Shaun

Last name: Ferree

Organization:

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Comments:

As a supporter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers and our wild public lands, waters and wildlife, I am very concerned with the proposed rulemaking announced in Federal Register Document Number 2019-0023. I am writing these comments to strongly encourage you to maintain roadless area protections for the Tongass National Forest, including the wild fisheries habitat in the Tongass 77 and adopt the no action Alternative 1. These public lands and waters are prized by sportsmen and women and are a mainstay of Alaska's economy, helping drive an \$887 billion economic engine from outdoor recreation like hunting and fishing.

At nearly 17 million acres, the Tongass is the nation's largest national forest and the world's largest remaining intact coastal temperate rainforest; 9.3 million acres of that wild backcountry is inventoried roadless areas, providing high quality habitat for a unique diversity of sought-after game species, including mountain goats, black-tailed deer and both brown and black bears. The Tongass also encompasses thousands of miles of salmon-rich waterways, legendary among anglers and fundamental to the state's commercial salmon industry. The commercial fishing sector alone relies on the Tongass for more than 80 percent of its salmon and employs more than 4,300 people in the region, accounting for 9 percent of the area's entire employment. By contrast, timber production accounts for only 1 percent of the region's jobs.

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

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

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

First name: Giselle

Last name: Ferreguetti

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Giselle Ferreguetti

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

First name: Arleen

Last name: Ferrell

Organization:

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Comments:

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

First name: Judith

Last name: Ferrell

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

First name: Kate

Last name: Ferrell

Organization:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Kate Ferrell

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/11/2019 7:37:39 PM

First name: Matthew

Last name: Ferrer

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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

I care deeply about preventing wildlife habitats from being harmed and exploited for profit. I strongly feel that preserving healthy Eco-systems is essential to the survival and quality of life for future generations of humans and non-humans alike.

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, 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. I value the Tongass National Forest and the Chugach National Forest and the lifestyles of the indigenous communities that the forest supports. A full exemption does not protect these priorities, nor does it effectively balance economic development with the countless other benefits provided by roadless areas. I would like the Forest Service to manage roadless areas for passive/active watershed restoration (stream and habitat) to improve/maintain roadless characteristics (culvert removal/replacement, improve fish passage, wildlife thinning, etc), low-impact recreation (camping, hiking, hunting, foraging, etc). It is important to me that high-value intact habitat including the T77 watersheds and the TNC conservation priority areas retain their roadless protections in any alternative selected.

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

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

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

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

First name: Ruth

Last name: Ferrer

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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

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Regards, Bonnie Ferrero

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

First name: Jessie

Last name: Ferri

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Jessie Ferri

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

First name: Dwight

Last name: Ferrick

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

The old growth forests support great wildlife and fisheries and each supports the others. We need to keep mining out and maintain overall forests management practices that will protect this awesome resource and allow the salmon and steelhead to continue to prosper.

Leave the Roadless Rule as is.

Thank you[hellip] Avid Flyfisher

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,

Dwight Ferrick

Tucson, AZ 85704

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

First name: Mary

Last name: Ferrigno

Organization:

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

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Regards, Chris Ferrio

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

First name: Christopher

Last name: Ferrio

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Christopher Ferrio

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

First name: Heather

Last name: Ferris

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Heather Ferris and I live in East Hampton, Connecticut.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Heather Ferris

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/18/2019 2:41:39 PM

First name: Pauline

Last name: Ferrito

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,

Pauline Ferrito

Los Gatos, CA 95030

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

First name: Thomas

Last name: Ferrito

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Thomas Ferrito

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/14/2019 11:34:15 AM

First name: Martin

Last name: Ferrone

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Martin Ferrone and I live in Grand Rapids, MI. I am a global resident, not resident of Alaska. I am writing a comment on the Alaska Roadless Rule DEIS because I am concerned with how the Rule and the proposed full exemption will impact my the conservation of resources for future generations the forest's ability to sequester carbon and mitigate climate change impacts, the status of the Tongass as a national and global treasure, fishing, hunting, subsistence harvesting, foraging for wild foods, the peace and solitude I find in nature, practicing my culture.

Out of the alternatives described in the AKRR DEIS I support alternative 1: no action. It protects important fish and wildlife habitat from clearcutting and roadbuilding. I depend on roadless areas in the Tongass National Forest for carbon sequestration and local climate change mitigation, viewing wildlife, keeping public lands wild for future generations, practicing my culture, foraging and gathering wild foods, deer habitat and subsistence hunting, healthy fish habitat, economic livelihood, 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 all of the inventoried roadless areas on the Tongass Chichagof Island, Admiralty Island, the northern mainland above Port Snettisham (around Juneau), the central mainland from Hobart Bay to Stikine River, the southern mainland from Bradfield Canal to Dixon Entrance Kupreanof Island, Kuiu Island, Wrangell and Etolin Islands, Prince of Wales Island, Revillagigedo Island (near Ketchikan), Yakutat forelands. I want the roadless areas in these locations to stay in roadless status in any alternative selected by the Forest Service, and be managed to provide for the uses and activities I listed above. It is important to me that the T77 and the TNC conservation priority areas retain their roadless protections.

I do not support the Forest Services preferred alternative of a full exemption. A full exemption is not in the interests of Southeast Alaskans who live in and use the Tongass National Forest, because It will cause a disturbance in the Bio diversity of the entire area and its surroundings.. The State of Alaska says that a full exemption is needed for rural economic development opportunities. However, a full exemption would not help create more rural economic development opportunities, it would instead harm our existing rural economies that are based on the visitor industry and commercial fishing industry.

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

I am a woodworker who is fascinated by all growth and use it with great care.

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

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

First name: Al

Last name: Ferrucci

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Al Ferrucci

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

First name: Correne

Last name: Ferry

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Correne Ferry and I live in Concord, North Carolina.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Correne Ferry

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

First name: Emily

Last name: Ferry

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC63

Dear Senator Murkowski,

I spent the weekend camping with my kids in the Tongass- I'd like it to be here in tact- so I can camp with my gran kids too.

Emily Ferry

Juneau AK

[Position]

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/18/2019 3:40:10 PM

First name: Stephen

Last name: Ferry

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,
Stephen Ferry
Santa Barbara, CA 93111

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

First name: Asano

Last name: Fertig

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Asano Fertig

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

First name: Jim

Last name: Fertig

Organization:

Title:

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First name: Ann

Last name: Festa

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Regards, Ann Festa

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

First name: Mari

Last name: Fester

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC6230

Dear U.S. Forest Service:

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

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

I believe maintaining natural and healthy ecosystems is vital for the future success of Southeast AK. Protecting fisheries and preventing any external stress is crucial

Sincerely,

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

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

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

First name: Sharon

Last name: Fetter

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Sharon Fetter

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

First name: F

Last name: Fetterer

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

I oppose any change to the 2001 Roadless Rule that now protects the Tongass National Forest. Alternative 1 should be adopted. That the Forest Service would promote Alternative 6, which open up the entire national forest area to development, as its "preferred alternative" is incomprehensible, because any reduction in the level of protection for this area will harm the forest ecosystem and the watershed, and tourism and fisheries. The Tongass, with vast tracts of old-growth forest, is one of the last of its kind in the world. The forest sequesters carbon. If logging increases, carbon dioxide in the atmosphere will increase as well, further accelerating the loss of Alaska's iconic glaciers.

When natural areas are carved up with roads, they no longer function well as ecosystems. The short-term economic benefit to some in the logging industry should not outweigh the long-term harm to all that would come from exempting the Tongass from the Roadless Area Conservation Rule.

I'll note, too, that Alaska wild-caught salmon is becoming more and more rare at the grocery store. Now, my friends and I order direct from Alaska seafood companies. Please protect fisheries by retaining the Roadless Rule as it stands.

Thank you for considering this comment.

[Position]

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

First name: Eve

Last name: Fetzek

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Eve Fetzek and I live in Bradenton, Florida.
34209.

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Regards, Eve Fetzek

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First name: Alan

Last name: Fetzer

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Regards, Alan Fetzer

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

First name: Robert

Last name: Feuchter

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Robert Feuchter

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

First name: Henry

Last name: Feuerzeig

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Regards, Henry Feuerzeig

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

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Last name: Fexis

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Deborah Fexis

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/6/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Craig

Last name: Feyk

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

I support keeping the roadless rule intact and protecting all of the Tongass National Forest from logging since it has *never* been profitable to log. It's ridiculous to cut down old growth forest - and then ask the American taxpayer to pay for it! This must be stopped. The Tongass belongs to all Americans and not be given away for the profit of corporations.

[Position]

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

First name: Nathaniel

Last name: Feyma

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Nathaniel Feyma

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

First name: Doris

Last name: Feys

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Doris Feys and I live in [@advCity], Michigan.

We need to protect this habitat for our children and future generations.

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

First name: Anastasia

Last name: Fiandaca

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Regards, Anastasia Fiandaca

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

First name: Tyson

Last name: Fick

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Maintain protections for Alaska Roadless Rule

Dear Secretary Secretary Perdue,

I live and work in Juneau, Alaska and thought we had a pretty good deal going forward to log second growth timber while also protecting some of the last great salmon fresh water habitat in the world. and then we were met with what seems to be the most corrupt and backwards thinking state and federal administrations of my lifetime. Building roads to the last remaining old growth timber in the Tongass threatens fisheries, subsistence users way of life, and tourism to Alaska which are all vital to the survival of our communities.

I ask you be conservative in action, support responsible government spending, and chose alternative 1 making no changes in the current roadless policy.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Tyson Fick

Juneau, AK 99801-7621

[Position]

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

First name: Jim

Last name: Fiddler

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Jim Fiddler

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

First name: Peter

Last name: Fiddler

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Dear Sir or Madam,

Please keep the roadless rule.

We need to keep as much forest as we can in order to preserve water quality and prevent climate change.

Thank you for your consideration.

[Position]

[Position]

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

First name: Karen

Last name: Fidei

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Karen Fidei and I live in Orlando, Florida.

the current administration seems determined to destroy the rest of the planet as quickly as possible. Once these horrible mistakes are made, they can never be undone. STOP. THE PLANET MUST SURVIVE

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Karen Fidei

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

First name: Bela

Last name: Fidel

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Bela Fidel and I live in Scottsdale, Arizona.

I have just visited the Tongass National Forest and it was the highlight of my trip. To know that that resource and beauty will be defiled by greed is unthinkable. I am recording here my strong opposition to roll back the Roadless Area Conservation Rule. consequences to the environment (and tourism) will be dire. Thank you.

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Regards, Bela Fidel

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

First name: denise

Last name: fidel

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, denise fidel

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First name: Gabriel

Last name: Fidler

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Gabriel Fidler

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

First name: Sam

Last name: Fidler

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Alternative one

Please choose alternative one.

Thank you

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

[Position]

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

First name: Stephen

Last name: Fiduk

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC5399

U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

I am at loss as to why the U.S. Forest Service would risk endangering the Tongass and Chugach Forests by changing the Roadless Rule. I have been a lifelong trout fisherman who believes that our fish and wildlife resources need to be protected for the present and also for the future. These areas are precious to not only native Alaskans but also to those of us who live in the other 49 United States. I want to be sure that my children and grandchildren have the ability to fish and hunt in some of the last old growth forests in the country.

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,

Stephen Fiduk

Fountain Valley, CA 92708

[Position]

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

First name: Anya

Last name: Fiechtl

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

I am very concerned with the proposed rulemaking announced in Federal Register Document Number 2019-0023. It is imperative that we 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: Brette

Last name: Fiedelman

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

No roads please

[Position]

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

First name: Dan

Last name: Fiedler

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Dan Fiedler 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.

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, Dan Fiedler

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

First name: Dan

Last name: Fiedler

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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The Tongass contains some of the largest intact old-growth temperate rainforest in the world, and its value in providing clean water for fish and wildlife habitat is essential to the economic and ecological health of Southeast Alaska. I urge you to keep the federal Roadless Rule intact and current protections in place for national forests in Alaska.

In addition, I strongly object to your plans to reduce and remove protections from our national forests roadless areas. The Roadless Rule is one of the smartest and most popular land management policies the Federal Government has ever adopted. Not only does it preserve some of Americas best fish and wildlife habitat, but it also saves untold millions of taxpayer dollars that might otherwise be spent to subsidize money-losing timber sales. The value of the Roadless Rule in preventing environmentally damaging and economically wasteful road-building and logging is particularly relevant in the Tongass, where logging costs vastly exceed timber revenues and require unconscionable taxpayer subsidies.

Regards, Dan Fiedler

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

First name: David

Last name: Fiedler

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is David Fiedler and I live in Bensalem, Pennsylvania.

Corporate irresponsibility is running rampant under a clueless scorched earth president to literally loot our wild lands for their own profits while they think nobody is watching. Its unconscionable and the public is taking notice.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, David Fiedler

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

First name: Ed

Last name: Fiedler

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Ed Fiedler and I live in Austin, Texas.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Ed Fiedler

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

First name: Ed

Last name: Fiedler

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC3315

U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule

Comment Period

Comment Period Alaska Roadless Rule:

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Sincerely,

Ed Fiedler

Austin, TX 78758

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

First name: Ed

Last name: Fiedler

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC3793

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,

Ed Fiedler

Austin, TX 78758

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

First name: Ed

Last name: Fiedler

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

As a supporter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers and our wild public lands, waters and wildlife, I am very concerned with the proposed rulemaking announced in Federal Register Document Number 2019-0023. I am writing these comments to strongly encourage you to maintain roadless area protections for the Tongass National Forest, including the wild fisheries habitat in the Tongass 77 and adopt the no action Alternative 1. These public lands and waters are prized by sportsmen and women and are a mainstay of Alaska's economy, helping drive an \$887 billion economic engine from outdoor recreation like hunting and fishing.

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

First name: Ed

Last name: Fiedler

Organization:

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Sincerely,

Ed Fiedler

Austin, TX 78758

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

First name: Susan

Last name: Fiedler

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Susan Fiedler and I live in Shingle Springs, California.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Susan Fiedler

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

First name: Byron

Last name: Fiegel

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Byron Fiegel and I live in Oley, Pennsylvania.

Please stop this administrations' focus on corporate profits for extractive industries above the protection of vital natural resources.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Byron Fiegel

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

First name: Paulette

Last name: Fiehrer

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Paulette Fiehrer and I live in Covington, Kentucky.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Paulette Fiehrer

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

First name: Brian

Last name: Field

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Brian Field and I live in Thornton, Colorado.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Brian Field

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/15/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Carmen

Last name: Field

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

I'm a lifelong Alaskan and I'm concerned about the proposed action in this DEIS.

The preferred action in the DEIS for Alaska Rulemaking for Alaska Roadless Rules is concerning to me because the preferred action is that which would fully exempt the Tongass Forest from the roadless rule. This full exemption would open 9.2 million acres of designated roadless areas and open and additional 165,000 of old growth forest to logging. I'm interested in further explanation as to why a full exemption to the Roadless Rule is considered preferable when the purpose of this project states "A long-term, durable approach to roadless area management is desired that accommodates the unique biological, social, and economic situation found in and around the Tongass." It seems like roadless areas would be difficult to manage if they're not designated as roadless areas anymore.

I urge you to consider Alternative 3 more strongly than the current preferred alternative, Alternative 6. This plan provides a structure which would encourage logging endeavors in areas considered substantially-altered roadless areas under the 2001 Roadless Rule. If the opportunity for logging is going to be opened up I think it's essential to restrict development to areas which already have infrastructure of some sort, rather than developing in wholly untouched forest.

This alternative also designates Community Priority areas, which ensures that local communities have access to the benefits which would come from opening up the possibility of logging projects. This being said, I think it's important to include the communities of Hydaburg and Kake in the Community Priority areas.

Overall, since from my understanding, any proposed projects within the Tongass will still be subject to NEPA and the Tongass Land Management Plan, I support allowing for a state specific Roadless Rule which will make the use of the Tongass more flexible. Please provide further information if I'm mistaken in this assumption. With this being said, the preferred action within the DEIS is not the action which is in the best interest of any stakeholders and it doesn't even align with the stated purpose of this project.

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

First name: Cindi

Last name: Field

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Cindi Field

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

First name: Eileen

Last name: Field

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Eileen Field and I live in Belmont, North Carolina.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Eileen Field

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

First name: Fran

Last name: Field

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Fran Field and I live in Sparta, Wisconsin.

The Tongass National Forest in Alaska is a rare temperate rainforest. Its often referred to as Americas Climate Forest because, much like the Amazon, it plays a critical role in fighting climate change by retaining vast stores of carbon in its old-growth trees.

At the request of corporate interests, the Trump administration is seeking to remove protections for Alaskas Tongass National Forest and open it up to clearcutting of countless century-old trees. We need the USFS to do the right thing for the American people by stopping this from happening!

Half of the Tongass National Forest has been protected by the Roadless Rule, which was implemented in 2001, and is one of the most popular conservation measures of the last century. It prevents clearcutting in about 56 million acres of national forestland across the country. But now, this administration has directed the Forest Service to roll back the Roadless Rule in Alaska, opening new areas to clearcutting to put money in the pockets of timber corporations. That is completely unacceptable and not what informed citizens want. It will exacerbate the climate change crisis that is an existential threat to the entire planet (despite this irresponsible Administration's denial and refusal to accept scientific fact.).

The Tongass provides vital habitat for eagles, bears, wolves, salmon, and countless other species. Alaska Natives such as the Tlingit rely upon its lands and waters for their livelihood and culture. And visitors from around the world travel to the Tongass for world-class recreation, hunting, sport, and fishing.

The rich wildlife, these vital sustainable industries, and the rights of indigenous peoples in Southeast Alaska should take precedence over the demands of a few corporations and their lobbyists, who want to open some of the last remaining old-growth temperate rainforests to clear-cut logging.

Forest Service, stop putting corporate profits above the public interest and to protect our national forests, our air, and our water for future generations!

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Fran Field

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

First name: Kathleen

Last name: Field

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Kathleen Field and I live in Elk Rapids, Michigan.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Kathleen Field

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

First name: Kellen

Last name: Field

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Given the low economic benefit to opening the region for logging, compared to the high value of our few remaining old growth forests. It is abundantly clear that the entirety of the Tongass should remain under the 2001 Roadless Rule. The logging industry has access to millions of acres of young growth forest that is already logged and developed to support it in the Pacific Northwest, opening further old growth forests merely damages ecosystems and the tourism economy with little apparent benefit.

Please do not open the Tongass to further logging and mining interests.

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

First name: Liz

Last name: Field

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Liz Field and I live in Acton, Massachusetts.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Liz Field

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

First name: Mitchell

Last name: Field

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC3939

U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule

Comment Period

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Sincerely,

Mitchell Field

Del Mar, CA 92014

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

First name: Mitchell

Last name: Field

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

3939

U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule

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Sincerely,
Mitchell Field
Del Mar, CA 92014

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

First name: Tanya

Last name: Field

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Tanya Field and I live in Denver, Colorado.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Tanya Field

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

First name: AIXA

Last name: FIELDER

Organization:

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Regards, AIXA FIELDER

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

First name: AIXA

Last name: FIELDER

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is AIXA FIELDER and I live in Los Angeles, California.

Please protect wildlife, forests, climate change. Please pay attention to our Planet, CEO's are abusing learn about conserving & new science to protect instead of destroying. Exchange for progressive methods.

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

First name: Dr.

Last name: Fielder

Organization:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Dr. Fielder

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

First name: Keith

Last name: Fieldhammer

Organization:

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First name: Fred

Last name: Fielding

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Regards, Fred Fielding

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

First name: Allison

Last name: Fields

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

I am opposed to allowing pristine old growth Forrest disturbed. Alaska is one of the last wild places and it's abhorrent to think of destroying it.

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

First name: Becky

Last name: Fields

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Becky Fields and I live in Cape Carteret, North Carolina.

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

First name: Carol

Last name: Fields

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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

First name: Debbie

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Organization:

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

First name: Marjorie

Last name: Fields

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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

First name: Mark

Last name: Fields

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Mark Fields and I live in Delray Beach, Florida.

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Regards, Meredith Fields

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

First name: Todd

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Organization:

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Comments:

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

First name: Annie

Last name: Fierman

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Keep the Roadless Rule intact on the Tongass

Dear Interdisciplinary Team Leader Ken Tu,

Climate change doesn't affect me. Not right now. I'm not sure that the tunnels we built in the snow when we were kids were possible because there was so much snow, or because we were so small. In the last 30 years, living on the east coast, we rarely built those tunnels with our kids.

I am a skier, but don't feel I can speak for the world because I'm a skier. I'm writing because I know that climate change affects people around the world, whose lives have been changed because their environment has. I know that these changes are coming my way and I'm a fool if i pretend that because the changes don't affect me now, I can ignore the changes to others.

We need to protect the Tongass if not because it's beautiful, but because we are selfish and need to protect ourselves.

Sincerely,

Annie Fierman

Frisco, CO 80443-2752

[Position]

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

First name: Luis

Last name: Fierro

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: Alexander

Last name: Fierro-Clarke

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Alexander Fierro-Clarke and I live in Los Angeles, California.

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

First name: Benjamin

Last name: Fife

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Maintain protections for Alaska Roadless Rule

Dear Secretary Secretary Perdue,

Dear Mr. Perdue,

I will not preach my two cents at you in regard to the importance of the countless issues at hand, for I believe the amount of voices constantly chirping in your ear, trying to sway you this way or that, are countless and deafening. Instead, I will ask you to look within yourself, believing that one does not become the Secretary of the Forest Service without having a heart to Serve the Forest, which in so doing of course means we are preserving ourselves in turn. This is a truth that exists beneath, above, and beyond all the voices of the people, and when one steps into any forest or landscape of the world, with eyes and heart open and unclouded, is undeniable and overwhelming.

I thank you for your time, and your service, for your decisions ultimately affect our future generations, of which is the most recent born child of my wife and I...a baby boy, that we have by chance, named Sonny.

Be well,

Ben Fife

Sincerely,

Mr Benjamin Fife

Spokane, WA 99224-8353

[Position]

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

First name: Dolores

Last name: Fifer

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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First name: Joseph

Last name: Fifer

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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

First name: Terence

Last name: Fifield

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

I am a retired Forest Service resource manager, an archaeologist and tribal relations specialist. I spent about 15 years (1994-2009) as part of various planning teams for the Prince of Wales Island Zone of the Tongass NF. I don't want to take up everyone's time with a long-winded analysis of the situation. I believe that the criteria for adopting the Roadless Rule in 2001 and the rationale for determining roadless area boundaries are still valid. I think the current attempt to adopt an exemption to the roadless rule is simply an attempt to take advantage of what appears to be a favorable political climate to overturn the earlier decisions. In my view the Tongass is historically approaching a time when old-growth harvest is going to be a thing of the past. The situation, as it is now, is an attempt to preserve a small sample of SE Alaska's rainforest in something resembling an old growth condition. At the same time it was recognized in the late 90s that the timber industry would need to adapt to the inevitability of the move to a second growth economy. That transition is in the best long-term interest of the industry itself and of the regional economy in general. Of course there has been resistance to that transition. It requires new equipment. It is expensive. The roadless rule is a tool that nudges the industry to make that inevitable transition. Adopting an exemption may "add some flexibility" to the industry's planning; it may put a few more trees on the market for a few years. But, in the end it would just delay the transition that must come in the near future. I would urge you NOT to adopt the exemption and to stay on the course that has been moving the region towards a second-growth timber industry for the past 18 years. Thanks for the opportunity to comment.

[Position]

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

First name: Daniel

Last name: Figard

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

THIS COULD BE DISGUSTING! THE ONLY WAY THIS IS GOOD IS IF YOU HAVE A LOCAL BIOLOGIST PICK OUT AND OR DO SELECT CUTTING OR BURNING THAT WILL MAKE THE HABITAT BETTER. IF YOU GO OUT AND LOG IT BALD YOU'RE SICK! ISN'T IT! DEPENDING ON HOW THIS PLAYS OUT THIS COULD BE ONE OF THE THINGS THAT MAKES ME ASHAMED OF THE WAY CERTAIN THINGS GO IN AMERICA!

[Position]

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

First name: Linda

Last name: Fighera

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Linda Fighera and I live in New Rochelle, New York.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Linda Fighera

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

First name: Linda

Last name: Fighera

Organization:

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Regards, Linda Fighera

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

First name: Mike

Last name: Figley

Organization:

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Regards, Mike Figley

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

First name: craig

Last name: figtree

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, craig figtree

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

First name: Carlos

Last name: Figueroa

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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

First name: Chance

Last name: Figueroa

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Well, you may read this, you may not, but that will not change the fact that people would prefer a no-action alternative to using up the last of a finite resource. There is not much future in mining. You are selling my future for profit. Please just stop.

[Position]

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

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Last name: Figueroa

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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First name: Bj

Last name: Fike

Organization:

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Last name: Filak

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Regards, Elizabeth Filak

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

First name: Jessica

Last name: File

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Jessica File

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

First name: Shelly

Last name: Filgo

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/4/2019 3:00:00 PM

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Organization:

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

First name: Barbara

Last name: Filigenzi

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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

First name: Thomas

Last name: Filip

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Regards, Thomas Filip

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

First name: Jaime

Last name: Filipek

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Jaime Filipek

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

First name: John

Last name: Filipiak

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is John Filipiak and I live in Mosinee, Wisconsin.

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Regards, John Filipiak

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

First name: RANDY

Last name: FILIPIC

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, RANDY FILIPIC

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

First name: Randy

Last name: Filipic

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

The Tongass, America's largest and wildest national forest, draws outdoor adventurers, boaters, birders, hunters, and anglers. An intact Tongass supports a robust Southeast Alaskan economy through tourism, commercial and sport fishing, and small businesses. Its old-growth trees provide irreplaceable wildlife habitat for myriad species including wild Pacific salmon, Alexander Archipelago wolves, and Sitka black-tailed deer.

The Trump administration wants to do the opposite and lay waste to some of our country's most unspoiled wildlands that absorb massive amounts of carbon. The Tongass National Forest stores more carbon removed from the atmosphere than any other national forest in the country. Alaska's elected officials are selling out their constituents and robbing future generations by trying to strip protections from one of the most pristine old-growth forests in the world. It's wrong to put private profits ahead of the health and future of Alaskans.

I ask that you do not repeal the Roadless Rule protections across more than nine million acres of the Tongass, dangerously weakening this national standard by enabling logging interests to bulldoze roads and clear-cut trees in areas of the Tongass that have been off-limits for decades. The rule continues to receive overwhelming support in Alaska and across the nation. Recent polling shows that 61 percent of voters nationwide oppose exempting large parts of the Tongass from the protections of the Roadless Rule. In Southeast Alaska, 60 percent support keeping the Roadless Rule in place, more than twice as many as those who support a Tongass exemption.

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

First name: Nancy

Last name: Filipone

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Nancy Filipone and I live in Pequannock Township, New Jersey.

Money should not be the only motivator for action. Look to the bigger picture and do what's good for all concerned.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Nancy Filipone

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

First name: Christina

Last name: Filipowich

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Hello Forest Service,

I would like to comment on the Alaska Roadless Rulemaking #54511.

Please DO NOT allow this terrible thing to happen! The roadless rule was made for a reason and if this is overturned would cause irreparable damage to Alaska and our planet!

My comment is to do as follows:

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

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Warmly,

Christina

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

First name: Adam

Last name: Filipp

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Adam Filipp and I live in San Jose, CA. I am writing a comment on the Alaska Roadless Rule DEIS because I am concerned with how the Rule and the proposed full exemption will affect the Tongass National Forest and the Chugach National Forest.

I have worked in the forestry field for over 3 years and I understand that the health of our old growth forests is vital for the stabilization of our climate. Furthermore, Logging as a commercial practice destroys soil and disturbs fungal networks that are important to the health of our forest ecosystems.

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

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

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

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

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

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

First name: Alexander

Last name: Filippini

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Alexander Filippini

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

First name: Bridger

Last name: Fillin

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

As a supporter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers and our wild public lands, waters and wildlife, I am very concerned with the proposed rulemaking announced in Federal Register Document Number 2019-0023. I am writing these comments to strongly encourage you to maintain roadless area protections for the Tongass National Forest, including the wild fisheries habitat in the Tongass 77 and adopt the no action Alternative 1. These public lands and waters are prized by sportsmen and women and are a mainstay of Alaska's economy, helping drive an \$887 billion economic engine from outdoor recreation like hunting and fishing.

At nearly 17 million acres, the Tongass is the nation's largest national forest and the world's largest remaining intact coastal temperate rainforest; 9.3 million acres of that wild backcountry is inventoried roadless areas, providing high quality habitat for a unique diversity of sought-after game species, including mountain goats, black-tailed deer and both brown and black bears. The Tongass also encompasses thousands of miles of salmon-rich waterways, legendary among anglers and fundamental to the state's commercial salmon industry. The commercial fishing sector alone relies on the Tongass for more than 80 percent of its salmon and employs more than 4,300 people in the region, accounting for 9 percent of the area's entire employment. By contrast, timber production accounts for only 1 percent of the region's jobs.

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

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

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

First name: Cynthia

Last name: Fillmore

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Cynthia Fillmore

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First name: Frederick

Last name: Fillmore

Organization:

Title:

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Regards, Frederick Fillmore

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

First name: Frederick

Last name: Fillmore

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

Adding roads to the Tongass N.F. will only hasten the destruction of this pristine forest with the introduction of invasive plants and species, etc.

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 Fillmore

Tucson, AZ 85718

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

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Last name: Fillmore

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Jamie Fillmore

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

First name: Larry

Last name: Filosi

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Larry Filosi and I live in Roseburg, Oregon.

I believe we have already logged and put roads in way too many old growth forests. Please keep the Roadless Rule as is.

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Last name: Fils-Aime

Organization:

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Regards, Nicholas Fils-Aime

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First name: Nicholas

Last name: Fils-Aime

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Nicholas Fils-Aime and I live in Islip Terrace, New York.

There is no planet B. This is our home. We must take action in order to protect the Earth for future generations to come.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Nicholas Fils-Aime

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

First name: Stephan

Last name: Filsinger

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Stephan Filsinger and I live in Lakeland, Florida.

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

First name: scott

Last name: Finamore

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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

First name: Ellen

Last name: Finazzi

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Ellen Finazzi and I live in Gilchrist, Oregon.

We have heard for over 70 years that we got lots of time to better manage the way we are using the Creator's gifts. Greed however seems to be more important than taking care of our water, forests animals and human life. Well the time has come that there are no more tomorrows. We must put back to nature what we use and in a form so it can be used over and over again!

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Regards, Ellen Finazzi

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

First name: Gerry

Last name: Finazzo

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Gerry Finazzo and I live in Rockville Centre, New York.

Please protect our parks for our children and their children!!!!

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Regards, Gerry Finazzo

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

First name: Laura

Last name: Finazzo

Organization:

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Regards, Laura Finazzo

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

First name: Christine

Last name: Finch

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Christine Finch and I live in Richmond, California.

We need the forests of the world to make and replenish oxygen. We will need this even more in the future. I strongly oppose your plans for the forests of Alaska.

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Regards, Christine Finch

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

First name: David

Last name: Finch

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, David Finch

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

First name: Kathleen

Last name: Findlay

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Kathleen Findlay and I live in Albany, Oregon.

As one of the millions currently suffering from asthma, let me assure you that air quality standards are already too low. We need to strengthen current standards not weaken them.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Kathleen Findlay

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

First name: Gail

Last name: Findley

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Gail Findley

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

First name: Gail

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Organization:

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Comments:

HC5704

Dear U.S. Forest Service,

CC: Alaska Congressional Delegation and Federal Administration

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

Sincerely,

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

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

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

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

First name: Helen

Last name: Findley

Organization:

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Regards, Helen Findley

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

First name: Helen

Last name: Findley

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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

First name: Julie

Last name: Findley

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Julie Findley and I live in Port Aransas, Texas.

It is time to make stewardship of the Earth as important as people's pocketbooks. Primary forests are as critical as they are rare, for wildlife habitat, for oxygen and climate control. Please act ethically.

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

First name: David

Last name: Fine

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Maintain protections for Alaska Roadless Rule

Dear Secretary Secretary Perdue,

I am an American who has cruised Alaskan waters twice, so far.

I urge you in the strongest terms possible to select Alternative 1, or "No Action," for USFS Docket ID: FS-2019-0023 Alaska Roadless Rule #54511. Keep the roadless areas of the Tongass National Forest protected and open to millions of visitors in the years to come.

Sincerely,

David Fine

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Mr David Fine

Madison, WI 53705-4225

[Position]

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

First name: Donna

Last name: Fine

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Donna Fine and I live in Tucson, Arizona.

It is unacceptable to pass on costs to Americans by allowing that which can cause such health problems. This is effectively a HUGE tax on Americans when they have medical expenses or lose loved ones due to the fact that our government officials refuse to do their jobs and protect us.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Donna Fine

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

First name: Jennifer

Last name: Fine

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Jennifer Fine

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

First name: Jovita

Last name: Fine

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Jovita Fine and I live in Prescott, Arizona.

Save Bears Ear from destruction! No drilling, mining or roads! Thank you.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Jovita Fine

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

First name: Maureen

Last name: Fine

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Comments to oppose modification to the Roadless Rule

Dear U.S. Forest Service,

Please keep the Roadless Rule intact. Besides providing necessary habitat for birds and other declining species, this priceless gem of a place will also help to keep us all alive by helping humans lessen our looming Climate Crises. For the sake of my granddaughters and children everywhere, please keep road-building, logging, and extraction industries out of the Tongass.

Sincerely,

Maureen Fine

Bowie, MD 20715

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

First name: Steven

Last name: Fine

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC3612

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,

Steven Fine

LITTLEFIELD, AZ 86432

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

First name: Sylvia

Last name: Fine

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Sylvia Fine

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

First name: Mary

Last name: Finelli

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Mary Finelli

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

First name: Alec

Last name: Finewood

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

"The U.S. Forest Service must respect Southeast Alaska's communities, but it also owes a responsibility to our nation. We should never forget that the Tongass is a national forest, and right now our nation faces an unprecedented threat from global climate change. We have a responsibility to protect ancient forests as natural buffers against climate change, and the Tongass is the largest carbon sink in our national forest system. For the U.S. Forest Service to ignore and exacerbate our climate emergency, while wasting taxpayer dollars on resurrecting a timber industry whose time has long since passed, is beyond irresponsible - it's foolhardy."

Respect our national forests, put climate over profit, do the right thing for the future of public lands and for our planet.

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

First name: Chris

Last name: Finfrock

Organization:

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Regards, Chris Finfrock

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/21/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Rich

Last name: Finger

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

As a supporter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers and our wild public lands, waters and wildlife, I am very concerned with the proposed rulemaking announced in Federal Register Document Number 2019-0023. I am writing these comments to strongly encourage you to maintain roadless area protections for the Tongass National Forest, including the wild fisheries habitat in the Tongass 77 and adopt the no action Alternative 1. These public lands and waters are prized by sportsmen and women and are a mainstay of Alaska's economy, helping drive an \$887 billion economic engine from outdoor recreation like hunting and fishing.

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

First name: Robert

Last name: Fingerman

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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

First name: Laretta

Last name: Finiguerra

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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

First name: Brenda

Last name: Fink

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Last name: Fink

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/15/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Henry

Last name: Fink

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Henry Fink and I live in Saint Paul, Minnesota.

for the health of the planet we need to protect our dwindling natural resources for future generations. we can't criticize Brazil for cutting down Amazon forests while we do the same here.

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Regards, Henry Fink

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

First name: Linda

Last name: Fink

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Linda Fink and I live in Ft. lauderdale,Go and I know very well how development and clearing land changes both environs and climate!].Profits never repay the loss ofthese things! Please do Not have in to pressures of corporate America! There's nothing American about destroying our heritage!I have Hillsborough part of this area. I know how important the trees are !With the salmon under threat, black bears needing habitat and all the wetland wildlife as well! Please do not put politics in front of decisions made for our future environment!

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Regards, Linda Fink

[Position]

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

First name: Patti

Last name: Fink

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Patti Fink and I live in Petaluma, California.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Patti Fink

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

First name: Robert

Last name: Fink

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC94

As someone that has worked in the timber industry for 25 years, I want to beg you to keep the Tongas Roadless rule as Long as possible. I would support a limited amount of selective logging in a scientifically ran sustainable way, but the old massive cuts of the past are unacceptable.

-Robert Fink

[Position]

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

First name: Robert

Last name: Fink

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC421

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?

Robert Fink, Skagway, AK, long time alaskan, former commercial fisherman, 25 years in timber industry, I work in the forest on the chillkoot [illegible] not actually the tongass, it's still part of this whole grand forest system that I love and need for my psychological, and emotional peace of mind.

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've seen how devastating clearcut logging can be, I worked 25 seasons as a treeplanter in the Pacific N.W. I'm old enough to remember the vast clearcuts that we used to have in S.E. AK. I also greatly fear what opening vast areas would do to our fisheries, and wildlife. The added effect of carbon sequestering as opposed to clear cutting is on my mind as well

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.

Any salmon spawning water sheads, especially those having, kings, or sockeye. All wildlife winter range, all bird breeding grounds i.e. wet lands and old growth impart for marbled markets and all cavity nesting species, and our rare flying squirrels.

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

Tourism - it's a big important part of what lovings my clients here. - subsistence - I eat the salmon and berries.

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.

I would support a limited, science driven, selective harvest of existing second growth, using existing roads or Helicopters + Balloons at a sustainable rate that emphasizes watershed and wildlife habitats that would promote long term Healthy economies for

Additional comments for the Forest Service:

our communities where tourism, Logging, commercial fishing could all thrive and make more diversified economies. I've worked in all 3 of these fields and know it can be done!

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Robert D. Fink

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

[Position]

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

First name: Theresa

Last name: Finkbeiner

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Theresa Finkbeiner

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

First name: Wesley

Last name: Finkbeiner

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC3586

U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule

Comment Period:

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

Sincerely,

Wesley Finkbeiner

Womelsdorf, PA 19567

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

First name: Wesley

Last name: Finkbeiner

Organization:

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

First name: Allyson

Last name: Finkel

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Allyson Finkel and I live in Rancho Santa Margarita, California.

Our citizens, who pay your wages, deserve better than being put below the chemical companies who operate for their own benefit only, for their own bottom line. The people to whom you are allowing these companies to endanger are the future of our country. Do Better.

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Regards, Allyson Finkel

[Position]

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

First name: Martin

Last name: Finkelstein

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC3871

U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule

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Martin Finkelstein

Glenwood Springs, Co 81601

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

First name: Mindy

Last name: Finklea

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Mindy Finklea and I live in Kilgore, Texas.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Mindy Finklea

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

First name: JEANNIE

Last name: FINLAY-KOCHANKOWSKI

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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First name: Beverly

Last name: Finlayson

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Beverly Finlayson

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

First name: Alicia

Last name: Finley

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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

First name: Ande

Last name: Finley

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Tongass National Forest

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

I oppose the over-turning of The Roadless Rule because our commonly held National Forests should no longer be open to industry but should be held in public trust and protected. The Tongass National forests is unique in its biodiversity, its size and its role in the Salmon ecosystems of Southeast Alaska. The Southeast Alaska Native people who's land these forests are on are also asking for their protection and as a public entity the Forest Service needs to listen to both them and the public.

Thank you for your consideration of this critical decision.

Andrea Finley

Lopez Island, WA

[Position]

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

First name: John

Last name: Finley

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

It would be tragic to continue to destroy first growth forest in order to make a short term profit and short term jobs for a few. The proposal to build these roads is extremely unfortunate for the future of Alaska and indeed for the earth.

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

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Last name: Finley

Organization:

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

First name: Susan

Last name: Finley

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Susan Finley and I live in Cedar Park, Texas.

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

First name: Maureen

Last name: Finlon

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Maureen Finlon and I live in Willis TX

We need our national forests Now And in the Future!! We will always need clean air and water if we are to survive here on our planet Earth. Remember survival over profit!!

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Thank you for considering my comments.

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

First name: Gilda

Last name: Finman

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

I am writing to support the No-Action Alternative for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the proposed Alaska Roadless Rule, Alternative #1. I support keeping the current Roadless Rule protections in place and intact for the Tongass National Forest. Trumps plan is yet another attack from the Trump administration on Indigenous rights. Alaskan Native communities -- including the Tlingit, Haida, and Tsimshian peoples -- have depended on the Tongass Rainforest for millennia. It is the backbone to their culture, traditions, and communities -- we simply cannot let it disappear.

The Tongass contains some of the largest intact old-growth temperate rainforest in the world, and its value in providing clean water for fish and wildlife habitat is essential to the economic and ecological health of Southeast Alaska. I urge you to keep the federal Roadless Rule intact and current protections in place for national forests in Alaska.

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

First name: Carol

Last name: Finn

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

When our environment is under attack in so many ways, to now open up road building in the Tongass National Forest is a horribly wrong decision to make. This is only proposed because big timber companies with lots of money want this to happen. Listen to the regular folks of this country not the monied interest groups. We need every acre of forest that is available to help combat climate change!

[Position]

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

First name: Deborah

Last name: Finn

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Deborah Finn and I live in Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

This important habitat needs to be protected and preserved. Corporate profits should NOT be a consideration!

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Regards, Deborah Finn

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

First name: Gary

Last name: Finn

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC3316

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,

Gary Finn

Albany, OR 97322

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

First name: Julie

Last name: Finn

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Julie Finn and I live in Moyock, North Carolina.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Julie Finn

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

First name: Kevin

Last name: Finn

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Kevin Finn and I live in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

The importance of the security of natural habitat is undeniable. The earth is at a critical tipping point, and we, as stewards of the planet, need to take responsibility for the continuance of the life of all species. Please make a responsible choice, and do not deny the health of our planet for us, and for future generations of all living beings.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Kevin Finn

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

First name: Maria

Last name: Finn

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Why is this even being considered right now? We are in a time of reckoning with climate change and the US is proposing to log one of our biggest carbon captures? For the short term profit of a few? Logging the Tongass National forest would be stupidly short sided and totally immoral. Please do not do this. The short term jobs you create in logging will destroy the commercial fishing industry and youll lose many more jobs when the salmon are gone.

[Position]

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

First name: Rosalind

Last name: Finn

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Rosalind Finn

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

First name: Victoria

Last name: Finn

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

I strongly object to the proposal to add roads and increase logging in Tongass National Forest in Alaska. This area is protected for very good reasons that are more important than ever. 40% of salmon in the west coast spawn in the Tongass, destroying the precious habitat that supports salmon and the rest of the ecosystem that it relies on is perilous.

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

First name: Pamela

Last name: Finnegan

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Pamela Finnegan and I live in Lakewood, Colorado.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Pamela Finnegan

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

First name: Dean

Last name: Finnerty

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC5327

U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

Every year, as a graduation gift to each of my son's I would take them on a fishing trip to the Copper River. We would stay at a friends home in Cordova and then each day travel up the Copper (early September each year) to fly fish for Coho. Some of my very best "father and son" memories are from these trips. Grizzly tracks, moose and black bears, native coho in side channels, sloughs and beaver ponds, hiking and wading "unknown" little streams and exploring the area on our own, on foot. Is some of the best parts of these annual trips. Now my sons are old enough to have children of their own and we look forward to sharing this amazing place with my grand children.

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,

Dean Finnerty

Cottage Grove, OR 97424

[Position]

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

First name: Bruce

Last name: Finney

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC5199

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Sincerely,

Bruce Finney

Pocatello, ID 83201

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

First name: Fran

Last name: Finney

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Fran Finney and I live in Odell, Oregon.

If you appreciate vast stands of temperate rainforest and its function in our world, this area must not be logged. It would be a crime for our grandchildren to lose this precious national resource.

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Regards, Fran Finney

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

First name: James

Last name: Finnigan

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is James Finnigan and I live in Wappingers FI, New York.

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

First name: Ryan

Last name: Finnigan

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Ryan Finnigan and I live in Auburn, New York.

Save the old growth forests for all of humanity. The commercial loggers need to learn that it's not too late to put the chainsaws down and become part of the solution, as opposed to the problem.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Ryan Finnigan

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

First name: John

Last name: Finocchiaro

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is John Finocchiaro and I live in Melbourne Beach, Florida.

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Regards, John Finocchiaro

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

First name: Joseph

Last name: Finocchiaro

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Joseph Finocchiaro and I live in Punta Gorda, Florida.

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

First name: Bruce

Last name: Finocchio

Organization:

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First name: Susan

Last name: Finsterer

Organization:

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Regards, Susan Finsterer

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

First name: Chris

Last name: Finzer

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Chris Finzer

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

First name: Janet

Last name: Fiore

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Comments to oppose modification to the Roadless Rule

Dear U.S. Forest Service,

We do NOT have to destroy our entire country in greed! Surely, the American people are smarter than this. I did NOT serve my country for 20+ years to have it destroyed by greedy, unethical, careless, mindless corporations. Neither did my husband who served his country 4 years in time of war.

The Roadless Rule helps protect old-growth ecosystems and habitat for birds like the Prince of Wales Spruce Grouse and Northern Goshawk, as well as for mammals like wolves and deer. We don't even yet understand much of the operations/functioning of the ecosystems the greedy corporofascists are eyeing for rape and pillage. Did we learn nothing over the past 200 years?

Opening roadless areas to more logging and roads will fragment and destroy forever the forest ecosystems. As noted earlier, we are so ignorant of ecosystem functioning that we can NEVER restore any ecosystem once we have let the ignorant and greedy destroy them. Intact, ancient forests are strongholds of climate resilience, and the Tongass is one of world's largest.

Yet, all of the action alternatives in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement allow more roadbuilding, more logging, more nasty destruction across OUR Tongass National Forest. Logging roads and timber operations cost tens of MILLIONS OF TAXPAYER DOLLARS EVERY YEAR WITH ZERO RETURN ON OUR INVESTMENT. These highly destructive activities degrade OUR sustainable wealth of salmon, education, research, wildlife watching, and tourism opportunities.

It is way past time to stop opening more and more of OUR lands and ecosystems to the greedy, careless, immoral timber corporations and, instead, bolster protections to OUR old-growth forests and wild areas on the Tongass.

We expect a selection of the "No Action" Alternative (Alternative 1) and allow the vital Roadless Rule to remain intact on OUR Tongass National Forest.

Sincerely,

Janet Fiore

San Francisco, CA 94122

[Position]

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

First name: Mark

Last name: Fiore

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Mark Fiore and I live in San Francisco, California.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Mark Fiore

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

First name: melody

Last name: fiore

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is melody fiore and I live in Orangeburg, New York.

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Regards, melody fiore

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

First name: Vincenzo

Last name: Firely

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Vincenzo Firely and I live in Sarasota, Florida.

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Regards, Vincenzo Firely

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

First name: Anne

Last name: Firestone

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Anne Firestone and I live in White Heath, Illinois.

Please stop putting corporate profits above the public interest. Your agency has become a joke. You don't protect the forests; you destroy them.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Anne Firestone

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

First name: Linda

Last name: Firestone

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Lynne Firestone

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

First name: Aristana

Last name: Firethorne

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Aristana Firethorne

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

First name: Richard

Last name: Firmin

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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First name: Andrea

Last name: Firpo

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Andrea Firpo and I live in Portland, Oregon.

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Regards, Andrea Firpo

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

First name: Lara

Last name: Furrone

Organization:

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Last name: Firth

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

First name: Sara

Last name: Fisch

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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

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Last name: Fischella

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

First name: Alex

Last name: Fischer

Organization:

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Comments:

As a supporter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers and our wild public lands, waters and wildlife, I am very concerned with the proposed rulemaking announced in Federal Register Document Number 2019-0023. I am writing these comments to strongly encourage you to maintain roadless area protections for the Tongass National Forest, including the wild fisheries habitat in the Tongass 77 and adopt the no action Alternative 1. These public lands and waters are prized by sportsmen and women and are a mainstay of Alaska's economy, helping drive an \$887 billion economic engine from outdoor recreation like hunting and fishing.

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

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Last name: Fischer

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Regards, Candy Fischer

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

First name: claudia

Last name: fischer

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Regards, claudia fischer

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

First name: david

Last name: fischer

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is david fischer and I live in Denver, Colorado.

Clearcutting is exactly the opposite of what we need to be doing to fight climate change. Once again, under the leadership of our current president, it's the exact wrong decision, as it is with nearly every decision he makes.

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Regards, david fischer

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Last name: Fischer

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

First name: Fred

Last name: Fischer

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Comments to oppose modification to the Roadless Rule

Dear U.S. Forest Service,

Regarding: Public Comment - Alaska Roadless DEIS

I write this letter as a retired, career US Forest Service employee of 36 years, with significant experience in PNW Timber Contracts and NEPA. I am writing to register support for Alternative #1, the No-Action Alternative for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the proposed Alaska Roadless Rule. I support keeping the current Roadless Rule protections in place and intact for the Tongass National Forest. I am well aware of the history of the Tongass and the Roadless Rule and of the exploitation of the vast forests of the Tongass over decades driven by industry lobbying, rather than careful sustained use planning. My considered reasons for this decision of support are the following:

-The Tongass provides immeasurable value in providing clean water for fish and wildlife habitat that is essential to the economic and ecological health of Southeast Alaska.

-From the decades of logging on the Tongass, over half of the large, old-growth trees have already been harvested from the Tongass; Only about half of what remains is protected by the Roadless Rule.

-The over 9 million acres of undeveloped roadless land in the Tongass protects the Queen Charlotte Goshawk, a subspecies of Northern Goshawk found in southeast Alaska, the Prince of Wales Spruce Grouse, endangered Marbled Murrelets, the largest population of Bald Eagles in the world, numerous other migratory bird species seeing their southern habitats in decline, as well as salmon, moose, and bear all of whom deserve reasonable protection and also play dramatic roles also essential to the economic and ecological health of Southeast Alaska.

-As identified in the analysis, opening roadless areas to more logging and roads are destructive activities that will further fragment the Tongas and eliminate more of the large and more mature trees that these species rely upon, as well as degrade the naturally sustainable wealth of salmon by elimination or degradation of streams and inlets.

-The Tongass is a recognized carbon sink, containing some of the largest areas of intact old-growth temperate rainforest in the world; It is one of the few intact, ancient forests that has been a stronghold of climate resilience.

-Timber sales in the Tongass have historically been deficit operations for the Forest Service and the American Taxpayer, promoted for the sole reason of buoying the Alaskan Timber Industry, providing for clear-cut operations over vast acreages at significant loss to Taxpayers while allowing Federal timber to be exported to Asian markets. This has always amounted to nothing more than using unsustainably harvested resources to bankroll an industry welfare program.

-The No Action Alternative #1 results in saving millions of Federal Tax dollars that would be spent to subsidize deficit timber sales that make absolutely no Economic or Environmental sense.

-Finally, this proposal provides an excellent example of the value and foresight of the Roadless Rule for preventing environmentally damaging and economically wasteful road-building and logging where the access and logging costs vastly exceed the costs for timber sale planning and preparation and any resulting timber revenues, thus requiring unconscionable taxpayer subsidies. Not really a good example of fair-market capitalism at work!

As land and resource managers, we should be looking wisely to the future as well as the present. Harvesting and removing an obviously finite resource in a very unsustainable manner purely for short sighted gain, and at

the cost of numerous species and untold possible further damage to the climate, and to the detriment of water resources that sustain all of us, is extremely UNwise. Please let us be considered, wise and professional in our decision.

In addition, I strongly object to your plans to reduce and remove protections from our national forest's roadless areas. The Roadless Rule, developed with consideration of the future and great foresight, is one of the wisest 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 stands to hold decision makers and managers accountable to take the necessary time to consider well the rationale and need to access lands protected under the Roadless Rule. It was intended to make access difficult so that swift and politically motivated decisions could not skip over proper NEPA analysis.

I urge you to select the "No Action Alternative (Alt # 1) and to keep the Roadless Rule intact, maintaining the current protections for all national forests in Alaska.

Sincerely,

Fred Fischer

Hayden, ID 83835

[POSITION]

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

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Last name: fischer

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, gloria fischer

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/21/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: John

Last name: Fischer

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is John Fischer and I live in Efland, North Carolina.

Do not roll back the Roadless Rule in Alaska, or anywhere else. This is our national forest; it is not for clearcutting. Do something for the people of America this time instead of business. You are supposed to protect wildlife, not allow it to be raped. Make the right choice, please.

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

First name: Lise

Last name: Fischer

Organization:

Title:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Lise Fischer

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

First name: Michelle

Last name: Fischer

Organization:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/18/2019 8:53:43 PM

First name: Quentin

Last name: Fischer

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,

Quentin Fischer

Roanoke, VA 24018

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

First name: Quentin

Last name: Fischer

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Quentin Fischer and I live in Cave Spring, Virginia.

We all need clean air to breathe!

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Regards, Robert Fischer

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

First name: Teresa

Last name: Fischer

Organization:

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Comments:

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

First name: Segue

Last name: Fischlin

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In regards to the Tongass National Forest and the consideration to exploit the resources of this forest by first building roadways in a roadless area, please strongly consider choosing Alternative 1 at this time, in order to leave something for our children and grandchildren.

As a former employee of the U.S. Forest Service, I am vividly aware of just how poorly managed are the National Forests. Those which have been opened up to private logging interests are over-catracked, badly eroded, and riddled with diseases. At this current stage in our evolution, I don't believe that government agencies nor private logging interests are able to manage the Tongass National Forest in a way that is truly sustainable and maintains the quality of the forests and and trees for future generations.

I hope that our grandchildren will develop new technologies and new wisdom to better guide them in how to work with these Earth resources in the future.

Additionally, many private logging interests now use defoliant to kill indigenous species of plants which compete with monoculture replants for light and soil resources. Scientific studies are still showing very mixed results in terms of the ability of these toxic herbicides to break down quickly, especially in colder climates. The damage to the biodiversity of the Tongass National Forest would be longterm and irreversible and water quality is likely to be impacted.

Thanks for your consideration,

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

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Last name: Fischhoff

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First name: Jason

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First name: Jessica

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Regards, Jessica Fish

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

First name: Jon

Last name: Fish

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC724

Dear Alaska Roadless Rule Planning Committee,

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

The Tongass contains some of the largest intact old-growth temperate rainforest in the world, and its value in providing clean water for fish and wildlife habitat is essential to the economic and ecological health of Southeast Alaska. I strongly oppose any efforts to weaken protections for Roadless areas in the Tongass National Forest and the Chugach National Forest.

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

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

First name: Larry

Last name: Fish

Organization:

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Regards, Larry Fish

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

First name: Steve

Last name: Fish

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Steve Fish and I live in Sitka, Alaska. I've lived in southeast Alaska for 45 years

I depend on the forest to protect the streams which protect and produce the salmon which are relied on by our whole southeast economy. I rely on old growth habitat to keep our deer populations healthy for subsistence, tourism, cultural and ecosystem needs. I value the forest for many things. Its capacity to absorb carbon, a product of man's waste. I value the forest for the presence of wilderness which gives mankind hope and the appreciation of natural beauty and the miracle of creation and regeneration. I am writing a comment on the Alaska Roadless Rule DEIS because I am concerned with how the Rule and the proposed full exemption will impact my fishing, hunting, subsistence harvesting, foraging for wild foods, the peace and solitude I find in nature, recreating, the forest's ability to sequester carbon and mitigate climate change impacts, practicing my culture, the status of the Tongass as a national and global treasure, the conservation of resources for future generations .

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

The Roadless areas on the Tongass that are especially important to me are those on or around Baranof Island, Chichagof Island, Yakutat forelands, Kupreanof Island, Kuiu Island. I want the roadless areas in these locations to stay in roadless status in any alternative selected by the Forest Service, and be managed to provide for 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 People who live and work here have spoken out overwhelmingly in favor of maintaining the roadless rule for Southeast Alaska.. 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 transition to second growth logging invest in creating and maintaining recreation infrastructure improve and streamline existing permitting processes for important community projects rather than rehashing old conflicts devote resources to support our fishing and visitor industries.

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

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

First name: Steve

Last name: Fish

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC1477

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.

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

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Last name: Fish

Organization:

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HC405

Dear Roadless Rule Planning Team,

I live in Southeast Alaska, where my lifestyle, the ecology of the forest, and the economy of our communities are all intricately intertwined. I live in this region for the bountiful salmon runs, the beautiful scenery, the clean air and water, and the endless opportunities to recreate in our expansive outdoors. I am one of the 94% of Southeast Alaskans that eats salmon every year. The freshwater streams where salmon and old growth forest of the Tongass provide spawning habitat for these fish, which in turn feed a matrix of bears, birds, insects, and other wildlife that Alaska is so famous for. The health of our economy, which is heavily dependent on the fishing and tourism industries, also depends on the salmon, wildlife and presence of old growth forests. A sustainable future for Southeast Alaska requires protecting expansive areas of intact habitat - in short, it requires keeping our Roadless areas roadless! I urge the Forest Service and the Secretary to protect important salmon spawning habitat, maintain old growth forests for winter deer habitat, and keep the places I like to recreate free of clearcuts and roadbuilding.

WHO I AM: [text bolded for emphasis]

45 year resident of SE Alaska. 27 years in Sitka. 45 years commercial fisherman, hunter, sport fisher, motorized recreation enthusiast & lived 12 years Petersburg & 16 years Fort Alexander

ALTERNATIVE: [text bolded for emphasis] The alternative I support is: no change; keep roadless protection

Because: many uses already allowed; not all of Tongass is currently protected; we do not need to subsidize logging industry to destroy our Tongass

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

T77 and all salmon habitat. Protect intact old growth from industrialized logging - allow small scale logging as it is currently allowed

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

Sport fishing, sport & subsistence fishing & hunting; commercial salmon fishing, motorized & non-motorized use of existing logging roads; eco & independent tourism

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

Small scale, local logging & milling; hunting & fishing; forest & foraging; use of existing f.s. roads for recreation & access to variety of areas

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

All streams, all old growth forest areas. Baranof Island; Chichagof Island

Additional comments for the Forest Service:

Do not subsidize the corporate logging industry so that they can destroy our old growth which belongs to us all.
Jobs come and go the money goes with the corporate heads...

Sincerely,

Steve Fish

I want to receive a copy of the Draft Environmental Statement

[Position]

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

First name: Steve

Last name: Fish

Organization: Kariel Inc.

Title:

Comments:

Alaska Roadless Rule

USDA Forest Service, Alaska Region

P.O. Box 21628

Juneau, Alaska 99802-1628

Attn: Roadless Area Conservation; National Forest System Lands in Alaska

Dear Alaska Roadless Rulemaking Team:

My wife, Kari Johnson and I own Kariel Inc.; a small fishing company owning the commercial fishing vessel Kariel, and have fished the waters surrounding the Tongass National Forest, including Yakutat and out to the Bering sea. Kariel Inc has been in business since 1995 but Kari and/or myself have fished various boats in the waters of Southeast Alaska since 1974. We have lived in Petersburg, Port Alexander, and Sitka and have raised 3 children here in Southeast. Two of our children have returned to Sitka to raise their own families; committed to commercial fishing, and consequently, to the productivity of the Tongass Forest.

We are adamantly opposed to an "Alaska-specific roadless rule" which would exempt the Tongass from the protection from most new roadbuilding that all other National Forests depend on. The Tongass does not need more new industrial scale logging, subsidized by the federal government, in order to access the few remaining areas of valuable old-growth forest which also provide habitat for hundreds of salmon streams which thousands of current fishing industry jobs have depended on all along. And the streams, of course, dump into estuarine areas which are home to juvenile black cod, providing the main source of our family's income.

The money wasted by the forest service in new roadbuilding and effectively subsidizing the logging industry would be much better used in restoration work to repair the damage done in the past to salmon streams by logging and roadbuilding practices. Then recommissioning those roads necessary to access second growth areas identified by the Forest Service as the key to their previous priority of a new model of transition to second growth logging. Then the local people and those traveling from down south for the logging jobs would have the number of jobs supportable by a sustainable model of forestry.

Old Growth timber is not renewable, and harvest is not sustainable It takes too long to re create the habitat trashed by old growth logging. Prime habitat is ruined and overall productivity of the forest is degraded by logging. The forest service has already figured out how to transition to a model of second growth logging, and very small scale older tree logging. This would allow the forest to support and cultivate the much more valuable forest resource of salmon, supporting thousands of current jobs, and to support other valuable industries like the variety of tourism businesses providing thousands of current jobs.

Leave the Roadless Rule in place. No exemption from the roadless rule for the Tongass.

Thank You for this opportunity to comment.

Steve Fish and Kari Johnson

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

First name: Teresa

Last name: Fish

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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

First name: Barbara

Last name: Fishback

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Barbara Fishback and I live in Grandville, Michigan.

We need to protect our environment! Please choose no action to help protect our childrens and grandchildrens futures.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Barbara Fishback

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

First name: MATTHEW

Last name: FISHBACK

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule

Comment Period:

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

Sincerely,

MATTHEW FISHBACK

Parker, CO 80134

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

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Last name: FISHBACK

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Last name: Fishburn

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

First name: Michael

Last name: Fishel

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Michael Fishel and I live in Boulder, Colorado.

If you never seen what logging does to the environment of an area then you have no business voting to approve this removal of protections against clearcutting. Get out there and stop destroying our environment.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Michael Fishel

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

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Last name: Fisher

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Regards, Amanda Fisher

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

First name: ANDREA

Last name: FISHER

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is ANDREA FISHER and I live in Everett, Washington.

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Regards, ANDREA FISHER

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

First name: Arlene

Last name: Fisher

Organization:

Title:

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Regards, Arlene Fisher

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

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Regards, Barbara Fisher

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/23/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Barbara

Last name: Fisher

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Barbara Fisher and I live in West Bloomfield Township, Michigan.

People and Environment vs \$ Future vs A World of Desolation I Choose a Vibrant World of Clean Air and Water and Animals.

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

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Organization:

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Regards, Brian Fisher

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/25/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Charles

Last name: Fisher

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Comments to oppose modification to the Roadless Rule

Dear U.S. Forest Service,

The Tongass feeds the nature of our house up north. Leave it alone. Have you no shame. Charlie

Sincerely,

Charles Fisher

Woodacre, CA 94973

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

First name: Danny

Last name: Fisher

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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

First name: Darrell

Last name: Fisher

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Darrell Fisher and I live in Cumberland, Maine.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Darrell Fisher

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

First name: Denise

Last name: Fisher

Organization:

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Regards, Denise Fisher

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

First name: Don

Last name: Fisher

Organization:

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Regards, Don Fisher

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

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Last name: Fisher

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Regards, Elaine Fisher

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

First name: Elaine

Last name: Fisher

Organization:

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Regards, Elaine Fisher

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

First name: Erik

Last name: Fisher

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Erik Fisher and I live in Eugene, Oregon.

Moreover, most of the "easy" areas to log have already been logged: what remains is harder to access, with greater road construction costs and more environmental detrimental impact. The Tongass was notorious for its below cost logging before the Roadless Rule was implemented. To resume logging now is only to heavily subsidize a handful of jobs while making a few powerful entities profits and wrecking a unique, ecologically functioning area just as we head into dire decades of global warming stresses.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Erik Fisher

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

First name: Fred

Last name: Fisher

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

I am a long time resident of southeast Alaska and I support continuation of the existing roadless rule prohibitions on the Tongass National Forest. The resource values of the remaining intact portions of the Tongass are irreplaceable and should be preserved. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this issue.

[Position]

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

First name: Frederick

Last name: Fisher

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Regards, Gail Fisher

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

First name: Gayle

Last name: Fisher

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Gayle Fisher and I live in Orange, California.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Gayle Fisher

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

First name: Georgia

Last name: Fisher

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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No Action!

Dear forest Service,

The Tongass Is the largest forest an carbon sink in N. America. It is essential for the very air we breath and our health as humans. Doing anything to threat the Tongass National Forest, like building roads to logging, threatens all of us.

Sincerely,

Georgia Fisher

[Position]

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

First name: james

Last name: fisher

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is james fisher and I live in Starkville, Colorado.

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Regards, John Fisher

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/16/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: John

Last name: Fisher

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Sonny Perdue has no qualifications to make this decision. How are Trump and Alaskan representatives going to profit from this? Stop cutting old growth please.

[Position]

[Position]

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

First name: Judith

Last name: Fisher

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Judith Fisher and I live in Halfway, Oregon.

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Regards, Judith Fisher

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

First name: Judson

Last name: Fisher

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

As a supporter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers and our wild public lands, waters and wildlife, I am very concerned with the proposed rulemaking announced in Federal Register Document Number 2019-0023. I am writing these comments to strongly encourage you to maintain roadless area protections for the Tongass National Forest, including the wild fisheries habitat in the Tongass 77 and adopt the no action Alternative 1. These public lands and waters are prized by sportsmen and women and are a mainstay of Alaska's economy, helping drive an \$887 billion economic engine from outdoor recreation like hunting and fishing.

At nearly 17 million acres, the Tongass is the nation's largest national forest and the world's largest remaining intact coastal temperate rainforest; 9.3 million acres of that wild backcountry is inventoried roadless areas, providing high quality habitat for a unique diversity of sought-after game species, including mountain goats, black-tailed deer and both brown and black bears. The Tongass also encompasses thousands of miles of salmon-rich waterways, legendary among anglers and fundamental to the state's commercial salmon industry. The commercial fishing sector alone relies on the Tongass for more than 80 percent of its salmon and employs more than 4,300 people in the region, accounting for 9 percent of the area's entire employment. By contrast, timber production accounts for only 1 percent of the region's jobs.

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

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

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

First name: Julie

Last name: Fisher

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

PLEASE DO NOT LOG NATIONAL FOREST IN ALASKA! AMERICAN CITIZENS NEED PRISTINE FOREST.
WE ALL DO.

[Position]

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

First name: Karen

Last name: Fisher

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Karen Fisher and I live in Ferndale, Washington.

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Regards, Karen Fisher

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Regards, Keith Fisher

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

First name: Kenneth

Last name: Fisher

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Kenneth Fisher

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

First name: Kim

Last name: fisher

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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First name: Laurie

Last name: Fisher

Organization:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Laurie Fisher

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

First name: Leslie

Last name: Fisher

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Maintain protections for Alaska Roadless Rule

Dear Secretary Secretary Perdue,

As someone who has visited Alaska and who treasures its wild places and wishes to preserve the flora and fauna that depend upon wilderness, I am very concerned with the USDA Forest Service's plan to strip Roadless Rule protections from more than 9 million acres of the Tongass National Forest in Southeast Alaska.

I urge you to select Alternative 1, or "No Action," for USFS Docket ID: FS-2019-0023 Alaska Roadless Rule #54511. To do otherwise is reckless and shortsighted.

Sincerely,

Leslie Fisher

[Position]

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

First name: MERRICK

Last name: FISHER

Organization: Ms.

Title:

Comments:

There are only so many beautiful places left on Earth that have been untarnished by man. Alaska holds a number of them, and this forest is beautiful. How disgustingly irresponsible it would be of us to not only damage one of the most magical places in our country, but to ruin one thing that is helping keep our carbon footprint lower. Logging will soon be replaced by hemp, due to its less than sustainable practices. Are we to be a country that runs constantly behind the curve, or one that designs it. I think it's disgusting that the country of Teddy Roosevelt who so ardently fought for the creation of national parks, so that generations to come could enjoy the beauty of this vast and great country, is trying to become the country that ruins and destroys this beauty for their own pocketbook. It's high time business get out of politics, and as a government you do your job, which is to protect citizens and the land that gives us life.

[Position]

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

First name: MF

Last name: Fisher

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Please leave our national forrest road free!

[Position]

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

First name: Mike

Last name: Fisher

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Mike Fisher and I live in Houston, Texas.

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Regards, Mike Fisher

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

First name: Myrna

Last name: Fisher

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Myrna Fisher and I live in Salt Lake City, Utah.

I wonder what quality of life "The Donald" thinks his grandchildren are going to suffer because of his abysmal stupidity regarding the planet they will also live on.

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Organization:

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Regards, Nathaniel Fisher

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

First name: Rebecca

Last name: Fisher

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Please leave the land alone. We are causing so much destruction to our planet. Cant we just let this are be?

[Position]

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

First name: Shanlee

Last name: Fisher

Organization:

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Regards, Shanlee Fisher

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First name: Shanlee

Last name: Fisher

Organization:

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Regards, Shanlee Fisher

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

First name: Sharon

Last name: Fisher

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

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

First name: Toni

Last name: Fisher

Organization:

Title:

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

First name: Will

Last name: Fisher

Organization:

Title:

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

First name: Yvonne

Last name: Fisher

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Yvonne Fisher and I live in Los Angeles, California.

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

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Last name: Fishkin

Organization:

Title:

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

First name: Sam

Last name: Fishman

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Tongass National Forest

I choose Alternative One, I do not want renewed road building or logging in the Tongass National Forest. Our forests are important to take care of and preserve for future generations.

[Position]

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

First name: Susan

Last name: Fishman

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Susan Fishman and I live in Edwards, Colorado.

I live in Colorado for the clean air and healthy lifestyle, but that is being destroyed by the methane pollution from the oil and gas industry. Im counting on our government to act to prioritize our health and environment.

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Regards, Susan Fishman

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

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Last name: Fishman

Organization:

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First name: Ted

Last name: Fishman

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First name: Zelma

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

First name: Johnny

Last name: Fishmonger

Organization: Wild Salmon Nation

Title:

Comments:

Alaska Roadless Rulemaking #54511

Good morning,

The below comment was recorded on November 23, 2019 at the REI Flagship Store in Seattle, WA as part of a community meeting regarding the Alaska Roadless Rule. Washington Wild was given permission by the individual to submit this comment to the United States Forest Service on their behalf. Please add their comment into the record.

Thank you.

Johnny Fishmonger Executive Director, Wild Salmon Nation

Okay. I'm not going to beat around the clear-cut. Just going to come out first to say, the no action is the way to go here. My name is Johnny Fishmonger. I'm the Executive Director of Wild Salmon Nation and most of our work is protecting wild salmonids up and down the West coast from the steel head runs that still run up little cricks in Ensenada, Mexico to our wild salmon that are strained up and around the corner into the Arctic and populating all the way to the McKenzie river in Northern Canada. When I was 18, I graduated high school in Ballard and the day I got out of high school, I got on a Norwegian crab boat and headed north up to Bristol Bay on the Bering sea to go tender salmon. Our first stop was Ketchikan, our second stop was Sitka. We toiled around Craig and around Prince of Wales and for a kid that grew up in Northwest and had seen all the clear cuts up and down East Lewis County everywhere, I was flabbergasted. I was like "oh my God, they're cutting the hell out of this. This is unbelievable." And you know, here I was in the land of dinosaurs: dinosaur trees, dinosaur cars formations, this ancient geology, and ancient forests. Frank Murkowski and Viking Lumber have never had to retool their plan because Frank Murkowski is not dead. Viking lumber exists because Frank is not dead because Frank Murkowski has a Senator in his pocket. Her name is Lisa. So besides Frank and Lisa and all that, we ran up against was the Southeast conference, which is the chamber of commerce for all of Southeast Alaska and supposed to represent all business in Southeast Alaska and small business and tourists and lumber and fishing and guides. But what do they spend all their time doing? Promoting cutting and mining. We need to replace the Southeast conference with the new progressive chamber of commerce in Southeast Alaska, that represents all of us that are looking forward and thinking progressively about Southeast Alaska. So if any of you are small business owners in Southeast, let's talk. There's a whole bunch of us thinking, we need to replace the Southeast chamber and then we will lead the re we need to replace a Lisa. So no action. That's the alternative.

Hillary Sanders, Member and Engagement Manager

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[Position]

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

First name: Melanie

Last name: Fisk

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Melanie Fisk

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

First name: Kelly

Last name: Fiske

Organization:

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Comments:

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First name: R

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Organization:

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Comments:

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

First name: Camille

Last name: Fisler

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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11/4/2019

Dear whom it may Concern,

The planet is in [illegible] need of as many forests and places who worked by man as possible. The Tongass National Forest included. Drilling, destroying, and logging [illegible] forest would be a mistake, for it serves countless needs and ecological lifestyles of entire ecosystems. Please, consider the [illegible].

Thanks,

Camille Fisler

Oakhurst, CA 93644

[Position]

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

First name: Julie

Last name: Fissinger

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Last name: Fistanic

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First name: Kaitlin

Last name: Fitch

Organization:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Kaitlin Fitch

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

First name: Margaret

Last name: Fitch

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Margaret Fitch and I live in San Jose, California.

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Regards, Margaret Fitch

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

First name: Robin

Last name: Fitch

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Robin Fitch

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/6/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Hannah

Last name: Fitchett

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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

I am a student in college, and I care about the future of our biosphere and our place in it. The world needs wild places, untouched by people.

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

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

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

I urge the Forest Service to listen to the voices of the American people and prioritize them over corporate interests. The Forest Service should strengthen public involvement in developing land management policy and focus on broadly supported work rather than allowing special corporate interests to guide policy changes. Attempting to exempt inventoried roadless areas on the Chugach National Forest from the Alaska Roadless

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

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

First name: Austin

Last name: Fite

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Austin Fite

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

First name: Austin

Last name: Fite

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First name: Emily

Last name: Fite

Organization:

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First name: Joel

Last name: Fithian

Organization:

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Last name: Fithian-Barrett

Organization:

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First name: Glenn

Last name: Fithian-Barrett

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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First name: Kay

Last name: Fitting

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First name: Silvio

Last name: Fittipaldi

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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

First name: Emily

Last name: Fitton

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Emily Fitton

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

First name: Eric

Last name: Fitts

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

I prefer that no changes be made to the roadless rule and that no further acreage is opened in the Tongass for logging, especially old growth forest.

1) It is becoming clear that we need forests such as the Tongass to sequester as much carbon as they can, as we seek to mitigate the worst effects of global climate disruption.

2) When we look at the economic consequences globally, nationally, and locally in Alaska, of climate disruption, the few jobs gained by opening up the Tongass to logging are not worth the catastrophic damages as seas rise, storms grow stronger, and droughts get longer.

3) As a Catholic, I agree with the teaching of Pope Francis in "Laudato Si': On the Care of our Common Home" that each creature is a unique revelation of God. As we destroy some of the last untouched corners of our planet, we deprive future generations of the ability to know that aspect of God's self that is revealed only in virgin forest.

4) Roadless areas are especially important, since the services performed by deep forest are reversed as the forest is cut into smaller and smaller chunks by roads, pipelines, and other clearcuts.

5) The voice of the indigenous people whose traditional lands include the Tongass is important and should matter more than what the Senator or industry groups want.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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

First name: Susan

Last name: Fitts

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Susan Fitts

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

First name: f

Last name: Fitz

Organization:

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Comments:

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Regards, f Fitz

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

First name: linda

Last name: fitz

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, linda fitz

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

First name: Pat

Last name: Fitz

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Regards, Pat Fitz

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

First name: Sally

Last name: Fitz

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Sally Fitz

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

First name: Charles

Last name: Fitze

Organization:

Title:

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Regards, Charles Fitze

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

First name: Barb

Last name: Fitzgerald

Organization:

Title:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Barb Fitzgerald

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

First name: Bob

Last name: FitzGerald

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Please do NOT open Tsongass Wilderness for commercial exploitation. We need to protect the little untrammeled land we have left!!

Bob ZfitzGerald

Sent from my iPhone

[position]

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

First name: Cathy

Last name: Fitzgerald

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Cathy Fitzgerald and I live in Newtown, Connecticut.

The EPA is supposed to PROTECT the environment, not raise profits for polluters.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Cathy Fitzgerald

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

First name: Gerry

Last name: Fitzgerald

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Gerry Fitzgerald and I live in Sanibel, Florida.

The Trump administration is attacking our health and environment by going after protections that reduce methane pollution from the oil and gas industry.

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Regards, Gerry Fitzgerald

[Position]

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

First name: Janie

Last name: Fitzgerald

Organization: Citizen!

Title:

Comments:

This is horrifying that our critically important and valuable forest and woodlands is being considered for destruction. Our children and grandchildren and the future generations beyond will all have their lives affected negatively by the choices our generation is choosing, and choosing purely out of greed. Think about it.

[Position]

[Position]

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

First name: Jerry

Last name: Fitzgerald

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC3155

U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule

Comment Period

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Sincerely,

Jerry Fitzgerald

Hackensack, MN 56452

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

First name: Jerry

Last name: Fitzgerald

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC3220

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Jerry Fitzgerald

Hackensack, MN 56452

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

First name: John

Last name: Fitzgerald

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is John Fitzgerald and I live in Kilkenny, Minnesota.

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Regards, John Fitzgerald

[Position]

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Regards, John Fitzgerald

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

First name: John

Last name: Fitzgerald

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC5023

I, John Fitzgerald am strongly in favor of alternative one's plan relating to the tongass national forest.

[Position]

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

First name: Kat

Last name: Fitzgerald

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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

I am a trained archaeologist and cultural resource management specialist, but I also recognize the immense need to protect natural resources. We can't keep living like humans who don't know any better. We know better now. We have all the information at our fingertips and we're ignoring it for profit, greed, gluttony, glamour. Human egos over endangered species and pristine landscapes, of which we cannot survive without. Shame on whomever supports them being up for sale, for rent, for grabs, for irreparable destruction.

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

The Forest Service is wasting taxpayers' valuable time and money by trying to prop up a failing timber industry in Southeast Alaska. The nonpartisan, independent taxpayer watchdog Taxpayers for Common Sense reported that the Tongass timber program has losses of over \$600 million of taxpayers money in the past 20 years. I would rather see my taxpayer dollars used to support small-scale, sustainable logging, 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.

[Position]

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

First name: Nancy

Last name: Fitzgerald

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Nancy Fitzgerald

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/18/2019 7:56:22 PM

First name: Ruth

Last name: Fitzgerald

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,

Ruth Fitzgerald

Syracuse, NY 13203

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

First name: Shane

Last name: FitzGerald

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

We have one planet. We cannot reverse the evil actions proposed here. Opening up this Prestons forest to logging will have dire consequences on our ecosystem. Please, Im begging you as a caring American Citizen. Do not permanently destroy our planet for temporary profit. This is absolutely insane.

[Position]

[Position]

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

First name: Steven

Last name: Fitzgerald

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

I don't know much about this situation, but for those who do, I want to ask if ruining this natural resource is worth it when there are so few of them left in the world?

[Position]

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

First name: Thelma

Last name: Fitzgerald

Organization:

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Regards, Thelma Fitzgerald

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

First name: Thomas

Last name: Fitzgerald

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Tongass Rule Change

To whom it may concern -

Do not destroy this incredibly valuable ecosystem by allowing roads. This is the rough equivalent of hocking a wedding band for a bump of coke.

We need to be intelligent about what lumber we harvest and why. There are better places than pristine coastal woodlands.

God gave us the Earth to protect, not destroy.

Thanks!

[Position]

Tom Fitzgerald

Sent from my iPhone

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

First name: Cathy

Last name: Fitzgibbon

Organization:

Title:

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Last name: Fitzgibbon

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

First name: Lorraine

Last name: Fitzhugh

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Regards, Lorraine Fitzhugh

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

First name: Zach

Last name: Fitzner

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Zach Fitzner and I live in Tucson, Arizona.

I know from personal experience that Alaska contains some of the greatest beauty in the US. The type of wildness, biodiversity and beauty in Tongass once destroyed is gone forever.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Zach Fitzner

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

First name: Alison

Last name: FitzPatrick

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Alison FitzPatrick and I live in South Burlington, Vermont.

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Regards, Alison FitzPatrick

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

First name: Colleen

Last name: Fitzpatrick

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Colleen Fitzpatrick and I live in St. Louis, Missouri.

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Regards, Colleen Fitzpatrick

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

First name: Daniel

Last name: Fitzpatrick

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

As a supporter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers and our wild public lands, waters and wildlife, I am very concerned with the proposed rulemaking announced in Federal Register Document Number 2019-0023. I am writing these comments to strongly encourage you to maintain roadless area protections for the Tongass National Forest, including the wild fisheries habitat in the Tongass 77 and adopt the no action Alternative 1. These public lands and waters are prized by sportsmen and women and are a mainstay of Alaska's economy, helping drive an \$887 billion economic engine from outdoor recreation like hunting and fishing.

At nearly 17 million acres, the Tongass is the nation's largest national forest and the world's largest remaining intact coastal temperate rainforest; 9.3 million acres of that wild backcountry is inventoried roadless areas, providing high quality habitat for a unique diversity of sought-after game species, including mountain goats, black-tailed deer and both brown and black bears. The Tongass also encompasses thousands of miles of salmon-rich waterways, legendary among anglers and fundamental to the state's commercial salmon industry. The commercial fishing sector alone relies on the Tongass for more than 80 percent of its salmon and employs more than 4,300 people in the region, accounting for 9 percent of the area's entire employment. By contrast, timber production accounts for only 1 percent of the region's jobs.

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

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

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

First name: David

Last name: Fitzpatrick

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is David Fitzpatrick and I live in Anaheim, California.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, David Fitzpatrick

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

First name: Elaine

Last name: Fitzpatrick

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Elaine Fitzpatrick and I live in Sparta Township, New Jersey.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Elaine Fitzpatrick

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

First name: Elizabeth

Last name: Fitzpatrick

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

The current Roadless Rule should remain and protect all inventoried roadless areas on the Tongass currently protected under the 2001 Roadless Rule, including roaded roadless area. If a new Alaska Roadless Rule is passed, it should protect all inventoried roadless areas on the Tongass currently protected under the 2001 Roadless Rule, including roaded roadless areas.

These lands support healthy salmon populations and are essential for the fishing and tourism economies in Southeast Alaska. As such, they should not be logged or developed. I value the wild public lands in this area. The Tongass is a national and cultural treasure for all Americans. It is one of the last temperate coastal rainforests in the world. These are unique places that should remain pristine and protected.

The Forest Service should focus their resources on active watershed restoration activities rather than further old growth timber harvest. If the Forest Service wants to move ahead with a new Roadless Rule, first it should conduct a comparative analysis of regional revenue and employment from commercial fishing and visitor industries versus timber industry. It should also or alternatively conduct an analysis of the value of old growth forest stands left living vs when they are cut down (for example, carbon sequestration vs timber product).

[Position]

[Position]

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

First name: John

Last name: Fitzpatrick

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is John Fitzpatrick and I live in West Springfield, Virginia.

Please, your job is to protect us from harm.

I am in strong opposition to the efforts to roll back the Road-less Area Conservation Rule (Road-less Rule) in Alaska or elsewhere. The Road-less 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 most strongly 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 your attention and considering my comments. We look forward to keeping the Roadless Rule in Alaska in place.

Regards, John Fitzpatrick

[Position]

[Position]

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

First name: Joy

Last name: Fitzpatrick

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, Joy Fitzpatrick

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

First name: Mary

Last name: Fitzpatrick

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Preserve the Tongass, preserve OUR national forest!

Regards, Mary Fitzpatrick

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/13/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Ryan
Last name: Fitzpatrick
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC422

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?

Ryan Fitzpatrick. I live and work in the Tongass National Forest. I guide visitors through the Tongass to share our wonderful backyard with people looking to enjoy the wilderness of Alaska

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?

The Last Frontier should remain as wild and untouched as it has in the past to preserve it for future generations

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.

All 17 million acres should be preserved

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

I live + work in the Tongass. We enjoy hiking, kayaking, recreation, business and tourism.

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.

More primitive recreation as well at watershed restoration and protection.

Additional comments for the Forest Service:

Sincerely,

Ryan Fitzpatrick

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

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

First name: Ryan

Last name: Fitzpatrick

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: Ryan

Last name: Fitzpatrick

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC1092

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

First name: Stephanie

Last name: Fitzpatrick

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Stephanie Fitzpatrick

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

First name: Stephanie

Last name: Fitzpatrick

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Stephanie Fitzpatrick and I live in Monroe, North Carolina.

Stop selling our heritage and our future!

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, Stephanie Fitzpatrick

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

First name: Tom

Last name: Fitzpatrick

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

I am writing to oppose the proposed relaxation of protection for the Tongass National Forest and other federally protected lands, and SUPPORT the NO-ACTION ALTERNATIVE for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the proposed Alaska Roadless Rule, Alternative #1. I support keeping the current Roadless Rule protections in place and intact for the Tongass National Forest. The proposed relaxation plan is yet another attack from the current 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, Tom Fitzpatrick

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

First name: Kelly

Last name: Fitzrandolph

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Kelly Fitzrandolph

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

First name: Sara

Last name: Fitzsimmons

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Sara F. and I live in Port St lucie, FLI 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, Sara Fitzsimmons

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

First name: BrandonLee

Last name: Fitzwater

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is BrandonLee Fitzwater and I live in Como, North Carolina.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, BrandonLee Fitzwater

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Last name: Fitzwater

Organization:

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Regards, BrandonLee Fitzwater

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/23/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Sandy

Last name: Fitzwater

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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

I want to protect these National Forests so that life will continue on Earth. All life(animal, plant, bacteria) is in existence because the web of life was developed so that all life relates to the life of all on this planet. What happens to one piece definitely affects all the other pieces.

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

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

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

I urge the Forest Service to listen to the voices of the American people and prioritize them over corporate interests. The Forest Service should strengthen public involvement in developing land management policy and focus on broadly supported work rather than allowing special corporate interests to guide policy changes. Attempting to exempt inventoried roadless areas on the Chugach National Forest from the Alaska Roadless

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

[Position]

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

First name: Julie

Last name: Fix

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Please leave the Roadless rule for the Tongass National Forest in place, as is. It has worked for years for Alaska.

Julie FixJuneau, Alaska

[Position]

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

First name: Marianne

Last name: Fix

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Marianne Fix and I live in Trenton, Michigan.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Marianne Fix

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

First name: Dr.

Last name: Fixler

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Dr. Fixler

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

First name: Georgia

Last name: Fizdale

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Georgia Fizdale and I live in Thousand Oaks, California.

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Regards, Georgia Fizdale

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

First name: Robert

Last name: Fizek

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

NO Roads in OUR FOREST

On behalf of myself and my children and my children's children...

I must express our rejection of any exceptions to the No Roads policy.

NO MEANS NO.

R. Fizek

US Citizen

-born and raised!

Sent from my iPhone

[Position]

[Position]

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

First name: Eric

Last name: Fjelstad

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

I strongly support the action to exempt Alaska from the Roadless Rule. I lived in Ketchikan for nearly 6 years in the late 1990s and was a heavy user of the Tongass. I have been all over the Tongass: by small boat, by float plane, by ferry, and by vehicle on many trips on POW Island.

Roads are a good thing. They provide access and are the great equalizer in making public lands available to the masses. Alaska - and the Tongass in particular - has many places that are protected in conservation system units, prohibiting roads, such as wilderness areas and national parks. I'm good with that. We should have some places that remain intact. But for other places, roads absolutely should be considered as a ways to provide better access for both recreational and economic development.

Roads are particularly critical in the Tongass. For timber, energy development and recreation it is imperative that we have reasonable access. POW is a sportsmen's mecca because it has roads. Roads are good. Roads can be constructed and maintained in a way that is environmentally sound.

In closing, I applaud the Forest Service for implementing an exemption to the roadless rule in Alaska. It's a "good start" and I'd to see the rollback in other places.

[Position]

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

First name: colleen

Last name: fjeseth

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is colleen fjeseth and I live in Loveland, Colorado.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, colleen fjeseth

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

First name: Anon

Last name: fjkpottery@gmail.com

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Urgent: Protect the Tongass and Chugach National Forests

Secretary Perdue,

My family and I strongly support the No-Action Alternative for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the proposed Alaska Roadless Rule, Alternative #1.

We vigorously support keeping the current Roadless Rule protections in place and intact for the Tongass National Forest. 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. My family and I urge you to keep the federal Roadless Rule intact and current protections in place for national forests in Alaska.

In addition, we very strongly object to your plans to reduce and remove protections from our national forest's roadless areas. The Roadless Rule is one of the smartest and most popular land management policies the Federal Government has ever adopted. 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.

You are aware that 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.

Yours truly,

Signed,

Florence

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

First name: Doug

Last name: Flack

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Doug Flack and I live in New York, New York.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Doug Flack

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/15/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Martha

Last name: Flack

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Martha Flack and I live in Louisville, Kentucky.

It is imperative that we protect the Tongass National Forest. We need these natural areas to combat the effects of climate change. Do not make a bad situation worse by allowing greedy corporations to clear cut these precious trees. Protect our environment, I the natural habitat of many species, and our planet for the many generations to come. Do not rollback the Roadless Rule in Alaska.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Martha Flack

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

First name: Ruthann

Last name: Flad

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

I am writing to support the No-Action Alternative for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the proposed Alaska Roadless Rule, Alternative #1. I support keeping the current Roadless Rule protections in place and intact for the Tongass National Forest. Trumps plan is yet another attack from the Trump administration on Indigenous rights. Alaskan Native communities -- including the Tlingit, Haida, and Tsimshian peoples -- have depended on the Tongass Rainforest for millennia. It is the backbone to their culture, traditions, and communities -- we simply cannot let it disappear.

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Regards, Ruthann Flad

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

First name: Robert

Last name: Fladger

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Robert Fladger

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

First name: Beverly

Last name: Flagg

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

As a supporter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers and our wild public lands, waters and wildlife, I am very concerned with the proposed rulemaking announced in Federal Register Document Number 2019-0023. I am writing these comments to strongly encourage you to maintain roadless area protections for the Tongass National Forest, including the wild fisheries habitat in the Tongass 77 and adopt the no action Alternative 1. These public lands and waters are prized by sportsmen and women and are a mainstay of Alaska's economy, helping drive an \$887 billion economic engine from outdoor recreation like hunting and fishing.

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

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

First name: bob

Last name: flagg

Organization:

Title:

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Regards, bob flagg

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First name: bob

Last name: flagg

Organization:

Title:

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Regards, bob flagg

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

First name: Yvonne

Last name: Flagg

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Yvonne Flagg and I live in Riverside, California.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Yvonne Flagg

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

First name: A

Last name: Flagle

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, A Flagle

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

First name: Barry

Last name: Flaherty

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Barry Flaherty and I live in Steuben, Maine.

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

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Barry Flaherty

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

First name: Cheryl

Last name: Flaherty

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Cheryl Flaherty and I live in San Antonio, Florida.

It is important to preserve the beauty and the carbon holding trees for the safety and aesthetic value of our country's posterity.

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, Cheryl Flaherty

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

First name: John

Last name: Flaherty

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Dear Secretary 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.

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

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

First name: Judy

Last name: Flaherty

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Keep our forests free from building new roads. Keep all our federal parks free from loggers,oil & fracking .

[Position]

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

First name: Ned

Last name: Flaherty

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Ned Flaherty and I live in Boston, Massachusetts.

Once destroyed, cultural sites and critical habitats can never be recovered.

I totally OPPOSE rolling back the Roadless Area Conservation Rule (Roadless Rule) in Alaska or elsewhere.

It was implemented with unprecedented public support to protect some of our nations most pristine public lands, including large parts of the Tongass National Forest, so No Action is the only responsible alternative; anything else would ignore overwhelming public opinion, harm Alaskans, and harm taxpayers nationwide.

In Southeast Alaska, tourism accounts for 28% of employment and generates an annual \$1 billion in economic benefit, so it is 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, even as the state already faces threats from rising temperatures.

Keep Alaska's Roadless Rule, and honor public interest over private profiteering.

Regards, Ned Flaherty

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

First name: Ned

Last name: Flaherty

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

No logging in the Tongass National Forest

U.S. Forest Service

RE: No logging in the Tongass National Forest

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Docket Number: FS-2019-0023

The Tongass is just one of many vanishing wilderness resources.

Its thousand-year-old trees are a refuge for animals needing safe homes. The rare Alexander Archipelago wolf roams there, as well as the nation's largest concentration of coastal brown bears. Bald eagles nest near its waters, and mountain goats climb the crags overhead.

Logging, mining, and development inside the Tongass will destroy a precious wilderness forever.

I urge you to keep 100% of the Tongass subject to the Roadless Rule, and keep this irreplaceable forest pristine.

Sincerely,

Ned Flaherty

Boston, MA 02131

[Position]

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

First name: Colette

Last name: Flake-Bunz

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Colette Flake-Bunz and I live in Queens, New York.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Colette Flake-Bunz

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

First name: Sara

Last name: Flamm

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Sara Flamm and I live in Los Angeles, California.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Sara Flamm

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

First name: christopher

Last name: Flanagan

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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

First name: Marianne

Last name: flanagan

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Marianne flanagan and I live in Des Plaines, Illinois.

Once again the administration is trampling over Native American heritage and rights. it has to end. Once this is destroyed it is lost forever.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Marianne flanagan

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

First name: Michael

Last name: Flanagan

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Tongass Forest comment

Please choose Alternative #1. I feel that protecting such a large and undeveloped area to remain a wilderness for the good of the earth and the flora and fauna that currently live in this space.

Thank you,

Michael Flanagan

Missoula, Mt 59804

[Position]

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

First name: Janice

Last name: Flandreau

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Janice Flandreau and I live in Freeburg, Illinois.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Janice Flandreau

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

First name: Shawn

Last name: Flanery

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Shawn Flanery

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

First name: Tim

Last name: Flanery

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC5465

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,

Tim Flanery

Ketchikan, AK 99901

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

Anything we can do to preserve and protect our wildlife. Alaska wildlife fuels the alaskan work force thru tourism which is now our #1 resource.

Also we love to conservatively eat wild foods.

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]

[Position]

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

First name: Elizabeth

Last name: Flanigan

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Monica Flank

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

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Last name: Flannery

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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First name: Marcia

Last name: Flannery

Organization:

Title:

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Last name: Flanz

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Anne Flanz

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

First name: Irwin

Last name: Flashman

Organization:

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Comments:

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Regards, Irwin Flashman

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

First name: Caren

Last name: Flashner

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Caren Flashner and I live in Washingtonville, New York.

I have COPD. Breathing is hard enough without this inhumane rollback.

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

First name: John

Last name: Flater

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Title:

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First name: John

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Regards, Sharon Flatley

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

First name: Mr

Last name: Flax

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Mr Flax and I live in Boulder, Colorado.

No more roads!Please!

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Mr Flax

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

First name: Katharine

Last name: Flebotte

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Katharine Flebotte

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

First name: Elaine

Last name: Fleck

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Tongass National Forest

Hello,

I just want to say from the start that we are TOTALLY OPPOSED to Trump's plan #6 for the Tongass. The very idea of cutting roads upon roads through the pristine old growth forests of Alaska make us sick. We in South Western Virginia cherish our forests and the Appalachian Trail that runs through it. We stand in support of the native people of the Tongass and their culture and traditions and know that they would be threatened by the logging that #6 would bring to the region.

Thank you,

Elaine Fleck

Richard Normand

[Position]

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

First name: Erin

Last name: Fleck

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

I am writing to submit my support for Alternative 1 for the Roadless Rule - no change to the current plan, keeping all of AK under the 2001 Roadless Rule. At a time when we are charged as a nation with protecting our air, water, forests and landscapes for future generations, nothing is more critical than keeping our oldest forests intact. I urge Secretary Purdue and the USFS to leave the Roadless Rule in place, and ensure that the Forest service is doing all in their power to preserve one of the most critical forest landscapes in our country.

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

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Last name: Fleck

Organization:

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Comments:

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Regards, Richard Fleck

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

First name: robert

Last name: fleck

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Regards, robert fleck

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First name: Mike

Last name: Fleetwood

Organization:

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Regards, Mike Fleetwood

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

First name: Patricia

Last name: Fleetwood

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Patricia Fleetwood and I live in Nashville, Indiana.

Stop the destruction of our public lands now, before its too late.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Patricia Fleetwood

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/28/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Ryan

Last name: Fleetwood

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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

The Tongass National Forest is a unique piece of public and protected land. If we open the National Forest to industry and development then we will destroy the ecosystem. America is a country built on the untamed wilderness and that wilderness is shrinking. We need to keep public lands in public hands for the future generations to experience.

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

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

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

I urge the Forest Service to listen to the voices of the American people and prioritize them over corporate interests. The Forest Service should strengthen public involvement in developing land management policy and

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

[Position]

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

First name: Lois

Last name: Fleiner

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Last name: Fleischaker

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Regards, Gail Fleischaker

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

First name: Gail

Last name: Fleischaker

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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protect our nations air

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Gail Fleischaker

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

First name: Guy

Last name: Fleischer

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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I stand firm 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): 11/14/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Guy

Last name: Fleischer

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Comments to oppose modification to the Roadless Rule

Dear U.S. Forest Service,

The Roadless Rule was designed specifically to protect remaining old-growth habitat for birds like the Prince of Wales Spruce Grouse and Northern Goshawk, as well as for mammals like wolves and deer. Reversing this rule and to open roadless areas to more logging is very short sighted: roads will fragment the forest and eliminate more of the big old trees that these animals rely on. Furthermore, intact, ancient forests are strongholds of climate resilience, and the Tongass is one of world's largest.

It is time to stop opening more and more acres to the timber industry and instead bolster protections to the old-growth forests and wild areas on the Tongass. I fully support the [ldquo]No Action[rdquo] Alternative (Alternative 1) and allow the Roadless Rule to remain intact on the Tongass National Forest.

Sincerely,

Guy Fleischer

[Position]

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

First name: Timothy

Last name: Fleischer

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Timothy Fleischer and I live in Louisville, Kentucky.

It took a long time to clean up air pollution and now you want to bring it back.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Timothy Fleischer

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

First name: Jeanne

Last name: Fleischhacker

Organization:

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Regards, Jeanne Fleischhacker

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

First name: Pete

Last name: Fleischman

Organization:

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

First name: Jordan

Last name: Fleischman

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

First name: Rebecca

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Regards, Rebecca Fleischmann

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

First name: Marc

Last name: Fleisher

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Marc Fleisher and I live in Moscow, Idaho.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Marc Fleisher

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

First name: Ellen

Last name: Fleishman

Organization:

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

First name: Andy

Last name: Fleming

Organization:

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Comments:

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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule

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Sincerely,

Andy Fleming

Marietta, GA 30064

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 1/1/0001 12:00:00 AM

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

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Last name: Fleming

Organization:

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Comments:

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Regards, Ashley Fleming

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Charles

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: David

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Regards, David Fleming

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Denille

Last name: Fleming

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Denille Fleming and I live in Mobile, Alabama.

We don't need to send any more lumber to Japan!

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Denille Fleming

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/18/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Douglas

Last name: Fleming

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

To: Earl Stewart, USDA Forest Service, Alaska Region, Ecosystem Planning & Budget Staff & TNF Supervisor,
PO Box 21628, Juneau, AK 99802-1628

From: Douglas Fleming, Winter: 78 Sunny Meadow In, Philipsburg, MT 59858

Spring/Summer: FV Fearless, PO Box 1267, Petersburg, Ak 99833 tebayl@gci.net

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Douglas Fleming

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December 16, 2019

To: Earl Stewart, USDA Forest Service, Alaska Region, Ecosystem Planning & Budget Staff & TNF Supervisor,
PO Box 21628, Juneau, AK 99802-1628

From: Douglas Fleming, *Winter:* 78 Sunny Meadow Ln, Philipsburg, MT 59858

Spring/Summer: FV Fearless, PO Box 1267, Petersburg, Ak 99833 tebay1@gci.net

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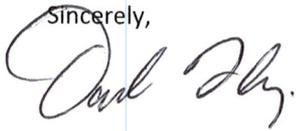
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Douglas Fleming

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/8/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Elizabeth

Last name: Fleming

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Elizabeth Fleming and I live in Altadena, California.

Preserving our wild and natural places and spaces is the duty of every American and every human being on this planet. Preserving the environment that protects wild places including no roads is essential. Future generations of humans and wildlife are dependent upon our responsible actions now. Thank you.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Elizabeth Fleming

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: George

Last name: Fleming

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, George Fleming

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Jennifer

Last name: Fleming

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Jennifer Fleming

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Jim

Last name: Fleming

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Jim Fleming and I live in Simi Valley, California.

Don't roll back the Roadless Area Conservation Rule! We need to protect the valuable wilderness areas!
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Regards, Jim Fleming

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: John

Last name: Fleming

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.Regards,John AND Jean Fleming

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Karen

Last name: Fleming

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

I've never seen Tongass NF. I would love to. If I never make it, I'd like my grandchildren and theirs to have that chance.

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Regards, Karen Fleming

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/18/2019 7:03:44 PM

First name: Laura

Last name: Fleming

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Comments to oppose modification to the Roadless Rule

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Sincerely,

Laura Fleming

Eagle Point, OR 97524

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Laura

Last name: Fleming

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Laura Fleming and I live in Eagle Point, Oregon.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Laura

Last name: Fleming

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposal to exempt the Tongass from the roadless rule. I support Alternative 1, to take no action and leave the Tongass under the 2001 Roadless Rule. The Tongass has been my home for more than forty years. During that time, in addition to our family engaging in sport fishing and sport hunting, we have spent thousands of hours in happy forest exploration near our home in Juneau and ranging further afield.

For 13 years I served as a staffperson in the Alaska State Legislature, 2 of those years for a representative from Ketchikan, and 8 of them for a senator whose district ranged from Metlakatla to Yakutat, including Tongass communities large and small. Subsequently, I worked for 12 years doing communications and public relations for the State of Alaska's international seafood marketing arm, supported by the Alaska seafood industry, the State of Alaska, and the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture. I believe I have a passing understanding of the issues, and the forces that come into play in this ongoing debate.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Mary

Last name: Fleming

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Mary Fleming and I live in Manhattan, Kansas.

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Regards, Mary Fleming

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/11/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Michael

Last name: Fleming

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Michael Fleming and I live in Greenville, North Carolina.

Once again timber companies are at the trough and dishonestly claim that cutting forests help workers. This is only about profits and the destruction of the Tongass. It must be stopped.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/18/2019 9:42:14 PM

First name: Nancy

Last name: Fleming

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Sincerely,

Nancy Fleming

Lake Oswego, OR 97034

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/13/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Nancy

Last name: Fleming

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Nancy Fleming and I live in Lake Oswego, Oregon.

Protections for the Tongass must be strengthened.

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, Nancy Fleming

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Nathan

Last name: Fleming

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Dear Secretary Perdue and Chief Christensen,

Please select the "no-action" alternative on the Alaska-specific Roadless Rule and protect all inventoried roadless areas on the Tongass National Forest under the 2001 National Roadless Rule.

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 Roadless Rule is among the smartest and most popular land management policies the Federal Government has ever adopted. Not only does it preserve that pristine habitat, but it also saves untold millions of taxpayer dollars that might otherwise be spent to subsidize money-losing timber sales. The value of the Roadless Rule in preventing environmentally damaging and economically wasteful road-building and logging is particularly relevant in the Tongass, where logging costs vastly exceed timber revenues and require unsustainable taxpayer subsidies.

Lastly, the 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 USFS has also taken steps to expedite this approval process, now taking only 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

Nathan Fleming

nathanpfleming@gmail.com

[Position]

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Rachel

Last name: Fleming

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Please keep the Tongass roadless. It is terrible for wildlife and climate change to allow roads as this will lead to resource development and destruction. Do not allow roads, for the sake of our children.

[Position]

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/20/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Stephen

Last name: Fleming

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

I ma against opening 9.2 million acres of the Tongass National Forest to logging.

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/12/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Tami

Last name: Fleming

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Tami Fleming and I live in Omaha, Nebraska.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Tami Fleming

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Ken

Last name: Flessas

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Ken Flessas and I live in Oxford, Georgia.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Ken

Last name: Flessas

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Ken Flessas

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Blake

Last name: Fletcher

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

I don't support the changes

I believe that we should protect the local salmon, trees that are sequestering carbon, and keep the Tongass beautiful and natural. I support the no action alternative to the tongass roadless rule.

Sincerely,

Blake Fletcher

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/11/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Bonnie

Last name: Fletcher

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Bonnie Fletcher and I live in St. Petersburg, Florida.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Bonnie Fletcher

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Carol

Last name: Fletcher

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Carol Fletcher and I live in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Our forests need protection, not exploitation for corporate profits.

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Regards, Carol Fletcher

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Charles

Last name: Fletcher

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Charles Fletcher and I live in Burton, Ohio.

It took years of negotiation and compromise by diverse groups to arrive at a management plan for Bears Ears. Destroying it to benefit a few influential land grabbers seems ill-considered. It will be remembered on election day.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Charles Fletcher

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/5/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Gloria

Last name: Fletcher

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

roadless rule

Please do not open Tongass N.F.or Chugach N.F. to new roads, logging and development. Please keep the Tongass and Chugach wild and roadless.

Keep both forests healthy for the sake of salmon, people and all life living in this beautiful, bountiful and unspoiled forest.

Thank you,

Gloria Fletcher

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Jeanne

Last name: Fletcher

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Jeanne Fletcher and I live in Palm Harbor, Florida.

If our youth of today can see what is in store for them in the future, we should be working hard at combating climate change and plastics.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Jeanne Fletcher

[Position]

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/12/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Jeremy

Last name: Fletcher

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Kathryn

Last name: Fletcher

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

I oppose removing protections for the Tongass National forest. It is only for the greed of the rich that Trump is wanting to do this. We must protect the earth. This move is totally short-sighted and dangerous for the human species along with many others. So no, I object.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/12/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Kendall

Last name: Fletcher

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/16/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Pam

Last name: Fletcher

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Pam Fletcher and I live in Eugene, Oregon.

I spent 2 summers working in SE Alaska, and have spent time in "America's Climate Forest. Protect the climate! Save the Tongass!

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Pam Fletcher

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Pamela

Last name: Fletcher

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Pamela Fletcher

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Richard

Last name: Fletcher

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Richard Fletcher

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Rick

Last name: Fletcher

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Rick Fletcher and I live in Fresno, California.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Rick Fletcher

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Russell

Last name: Fletcher

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Russell Fletcher and I live in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Thank you for carefully considering my request, and for your work toward a healthy and peaceful planet, because the earth is the only planet for all of us.

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Regards, Russell Fletcher

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Todd

Last name: Fletcher

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Todd Fletcher

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Krystal

Last name: Fletcher-Burroughs

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Krystal Fletcher-Burroughs and I live in Palm Harbor, Florida.

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Regards, Krystal Fletcher-Burroughs

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/11/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Sonia

Last name: Fletcher-Dinger

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Sonia Fletcher-Dinger and I live in Mount Shasta, California.

Save our trees!

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Sonia Fletcher-Dinger

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Jon

Last name: Fleuchaus

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Please maintain protections for the Tongass and Chugach National Forests

Dear Secretary Sonny Perdue,

Please do not reverse the 2001 National Roadless Rule as it affects the Tongass National Forest. We should be taking steps to expand our national forests, not cut them down.

Sincerely,

Jon Fleuchaus

Alexandria, VA 22302

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Wesley

Last name: Fleuchaus

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Claire

Last name: Flewitt

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Claire Flewitt

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Catherine

Last name: Flick

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Comments to oppose modification to the Roadless Rule

Dear U.S. Forest Service,

Sirs: I worked as a timber sale preparation forestry technician and forester on the Ketchikan Area (Revilla and Prince of Wales islands), Tongass National Forest.

The Roadless Rule helps protect old-growth habitat and ecosystems for wildlife species like the Prince of Wales Spruce Grouse, Marbled Murrelet and Northern Goshawk, Gray Wolf, and Sitka black-tailed deer.

Opening roadless areas to more logging and roads will continue to fragment the forested landscape and eliminate more of the mature and older growth forests that these animals rely on. Furthermore, intact, old-growth forests are strongholds of climate resilience, and the Tongass is one of world's largest areas left on our planet.

Yet, all of the action alternatives in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement allow more roadbuilding and logging across the Tongass National Forest. Logging roads and timber operations cost tens of millions of taxpayer dollars every year, with zero or even LESS return on investments and may allow timber below base-rates to be sold. This actually happened in the 1980s.

Meanwhile, these destructive activities degrade the naturally sustainable wealth of salmon, wildlife watching, tourism opportunities, and ecosystem services within this period of unstable climatic conditions year-to-year.

Stop opening additional acres to a timber-only focus and instead bolster protections to older growth forests and to remote roadless areas on the Tongass. I urge you to select the "No Action" Alternative (Alternative 1) and allow the Roadless Rule to remain intact on the Tongass National Forest.

Instead, focus commercial thinning opportunities within existing second-growth forests, which were originally cut under the 50-year long-term timber sale contract: these specific timber age-classes and their acreages need serious tending.

Catherine J. Flick

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Charles

Last name: Fligel

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Charles Fligel and I live in Butte, Montana.

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Regards, Charles Fligel

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Charles

Last name: Fligel

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC3310

U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule

Comment Period

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Sincerely,

Charles Fligel

Butte, MT 59701

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Betty

Last name: Flinchbaugh

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Betty Flinchbaugh

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/11/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Janet

Last name: Flinkstrom

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Janet Flinkstrom

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: JANET

Last name: FLINKSTROM

Organization:

Title:

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Regards, JANET FLINKSTROM

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Jamie

Last name: Flinn

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Jamie Flinn

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/7/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Jon

Last name: Flinn

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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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: David

Last name: Flint

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, David Flint

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/26/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Sapphira

Last name: Flint

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC47

My name is Sapphira Flint- A life long Alaskan. I fish, hike and Harvest in the Tongass!

New to Juneau but not new to Alaska, I use lots of roadless areas! I demand *NO ACTION* [Text underlined for emphasis]

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/14/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Anna

Last name: Flinton

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Anna Flinton and I live in Laguna Hills, California.

I want to live!!! I want my grandchildren and my great grand children and my great-great grandchildren to live!

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Anna Flinton

[Position]

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: John

Last name: Flipse

Organization: self

Title:

Comments:

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First name: Robert

Last name: Flipse

Organization:

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Regards, Robert Flipse

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Steve

Last name: Flitcroft

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: James

Last name: Flocchini

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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[Your personal comment will be added here.]

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Kathy

Last name: Flocco-McMaster

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Kathy Flocco-McMaster and I live in Clearwater, Florida.

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First name: Deborah

Last name: Flock

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Regards, Deborah Flock

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Adam

Last name: Fogel

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Adam Fogel

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Adam

Last name: Flogel

Organization:

Title:

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First name: Kyle

Last name: Flohrs

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Regards, Kyle Flohrs

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/11/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Kyle

Last name: Flohrs

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Kyle Flohrs and I live in Fairmont, Minnesota.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Kyle Flohrs

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Rachel

Last name: Flonagen

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC6006

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): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Greg

Last name: Flood

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Greg Flood and I live in Glenshaw, Pennsylvania.

We need more strict policies, not rolling back existing ones.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Greg Flood

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Jeanette

Last name: Flood

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Tongass National Forest

To all who should be concerned,

Please leave Tongass National Forest as it is! No roads or construction projects should ever be allowed here, we need this beautiful and important rainforest now more than ever in our battle with climate change! In addition, forest recreation, indigenous peoples, and animal habits will suffer greatly with the destruction of the forest.

Signed by a very concerned citizen,

Sent from my iPhone

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Kathryn

Last name: Flood

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Kathryn Flood and I live in Stuart, Florida.

You must leave the Tongass alone!

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Kathryn Flood

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Patricia

Last name: Flood

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Patricia Flood and I live in Poughquag, New York.

Trump and his administration are a bunch of lemmings racing towards the first Climate Cliff. The United States uses 17% of the all of the energy on the planet. He has a moral responsibility to not only protect Americans, but the rest of the world. Our energy consumption compared to the rest of the Earth as well. Our actions hurt everyone.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Patricia Flood

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Brad

Last name: Flook

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

As a supporter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers and our wild public lands, waters and wildlife, I am very concerned with the proposed rulemaking announced in Federal Register Document Number 2019-0023. I am writing these comments to strongly encourage you to maintain roadless area protections for the Tongass National Forest, including the wild fisheries habitat in the Tongass 77 and adopt the no action Alternative 1. These public lands and waters are prized by sportsmen and women and are a mainstay of Alaska's economy, helping drive an \$887 billion economic engine from outdoor recreation like hunting and fishing.

At nearly 17 million acres, the Tongass is the nation's largest national forest and the world's largest remaining intact coastal temperate rainforest; 9.3 million acres of that wild backcountry is inventoried roadless areas, providing high quality habitat for a unique diversity of sought-after game species, including mountain goats, black-tailed deer and both brown and black bears. The Tongass also encompasses thousands of miles of salmon-rich waterways, legendary among anglers and fundamental to the state's commercial salmon industry. The commercial fishing sector alone relies on the Tongass for more than 80 percent of its salmon and employs more than 4,300 people in the region, accounting for 9 percent of the area's entire employment. By contrast, timber production accounts for only 1 percent of the region's jobs.

Further, this proposal and the preferred alternative set a slippery precedent that threatens to unravel roadless rule protections for fish and wildlife across all of our nation's wild roadless forest lands. None of the identified alternatives take into consideration BHA's scoping comments to include balanced management policies for the Tongass, utilizing the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule as a foundational benchmark for improvements so that any roadless policies only enhance the most important fish and wildlife habitats. Logging and timber harvest already co-exist with roadless areas in the Tongass after years of prior compromise and consensus-building.

I implore you to maintain the integrity of Alaska's roadless areas and the Tongass 77, critical watersheds for trout and salmon. The Roadless Area Conservation Rule is a collaborative management approach adopted following one of the most extensive public engagement campaigns in the history of federal rulemaking. It may be America's best and most popular land management rule ever. The costs to American taxpayers for road building and unconscionably subsidized resource extraction are too high - not to mention the irreparable impact to wildlife, water, subsistence practices and traditions like hunting and fishing.

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/9/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Louie

Last name: Flora

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Louie Flora and I live in Homer, AK. However, I have lived and recreated in the northern Tongass region on and off since 2004. I value the Tongass for what it has given to its people - sustenance, shelter, recreation, culture and more. I value the carbon storage capacity of this forest ecosystem as we embark on a new human voyage into a world where our activities are rapidly changing the planet's viability. I am writing a comment on the Alaska Roadless Rule DEIS because I am concerned with how the Rule and the proposed full exemption will impact my fishing, hunting, subsistence harvesting, foraging for wild foods, the peace and solitude I find in nature, recreating, the forest's ability to sequester carbon and mitigate climate change impacts, the conservation of resources for future generations .

Out of the alternatives described in the AKRR DEIS I support alternative 1: no action. It shows the Forest Service is responding to the needs and voices of Southeast Alaskan communities. I depend on roadless areas in the Tongass National Forest for deer habitat and subsistence hunting, healthy fish habitat, recreating and enjoying nature, carbon sequestration and local climate change mitigation, viewing wildlife, fiscal responsibility and saving taxpayer dollars keeping public lands wild for future generations. A full exemption does not protect these values, nor does it effectively balance economic development and conservation of roadless area characteristics. A full exemption from the Roadless Rule and increased logging and roadbuilding will negatively impact the Tongass and what I and many others use and depend on the forest to provide for us.

The Roadless areas on the Tongass that are especially important to me are those on or around Baranof Island, Admiralty Island, the northern mainland above Port Snettisham (around Juneau), the southern mainland from Bradfield Canal to Dixon Entrance Kupreanof Island, Prince of Wales Island, Yakutat forelands, all of the inventoried roadless areas on the Tongass. I want the roadless areas in these locations to stay in roadless status in any alternative selected by the Forest Service, and be managed to provide for the uses and activities I listed above. It is important to me that the T77 and the TNC conservation priority areas retain their roadless protections.

I do not support the Forest Services preferred alternative of a full exemption. A full exemption is not in the interests of Southeast Alaskans who live in and use the Tongass National Forest. A full exemption is not in the interests of energy generation projects, mine projects, energy transmission projects as most of these can and have been actively accommodated with the roadless rule in place. The economic drivers of Southeast Alaska - tourism, and fishing will be negatively impacted by widespread road building and old growth logging.. 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 transition to second growth logging devote resources to support our fishing and visitor industries invest in creating and maintaining recreation infrastructure improve and streamline existing permitting processes for important community projects rather than rehashing old conflicts.

This rule change would run counter to the opinion of the majority of citizens in the region, and without doubt will be revisited by a future congress and/or federal administration.

I urge the Forest Service to prioritize the voices of Southeast Alaskans over those of our political representation and corporate interests. Choosing a full exemption will not create a long lasting, durable solution for roadless areas on the Tongass. It will only increase the legal challenges, uncertainty for businesses, and conflict on the Tongass going forward.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 1/1/0001 12:00:00 AM

First name: Joan

Last name: Florence

Organization:

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Comments:

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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,

Joan Marie Florence

Kailua, HI 96734

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Joan

Last name: Florence

Organization:

Title:

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First name: Joan

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Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Joan Florence and I live in Kailua, Hawaii.

I have enjoyed the wild beauty of the Tongass National forest. There is so little wilderness left in America that it is extremely important to preserve this area as it is today. With the drastic climate change, this stunning forest of ancient trees is needed to create clean air && cool down our planet. I strongly urge you to PROTECT TONGASS FOREST fro all roads, mining, drilling && clear cutting. As an American you must preserve my forest!!

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Joan Florence

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Renee

Last name: Florence

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Comments to oppose modification to the Roadless Rule

Dear U.S. Forest Service,

I visited the Tongass this year. It is a treasure and should not be developed; there is not enough to be gained by opening it to the timber industry. Please instead bolster protections to the old-growth forests and wild areas on the Tongass. 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,

Renee Florence

Burnsville, MN 55337

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: amy

Last name: flores

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Brock Flores

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: chris

Last name: flores

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, chris flores

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM

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Regards, Elizabeth Flores

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Everardo

Last name: Flores

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Everardo Flores and I live in San Diego, California.

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Regards, Everardo Flores

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First name: Gilbert

Last name: Flores

Organization:

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Regards, Gilbert Flores

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/11/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Karen

Last name: Flores

Organization:

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Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Karen Flores

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Nancy

Last name: Flores

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Nancy Flores and I live in Santa Clarita, California.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Nancy Flores

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Patricia

Last name: Flores

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Patricia Flores

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Sister

Last name: Flores

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Sister Flores and I live in Fox Point, Wisconsin.

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Regards, Sister Flores

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Tiffany

Last name: Flores

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Alejandro

Last name: Florez

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Alejandro Florez

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Natalie

Last name: Florez

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Alternative one

I am writing to say that I choose the alternative one. Please do not start logging in Tongass National forest to build new roads. The short term growth that this plans to produce is not worth the long term effect of releasing sequestered carbon into the atmosphere. Please do some research on externalities and stop pushing the cost of your riches on the people. Your job is to serve us, not to harm us.

-Natalie Florez

Sent from my iPhone

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Brian

Last name: Florian

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Brian Florian and I live in Beverly Hills, California.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Brian Florian

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Andy

Last name: Florio

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Andy Florio and I live in Pembroke Pines, Florida.

show a little respect for the forests that were created long ago by force far greater than you or I.

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Regards, Andy Florio

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Dawn

Last name: Florio

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Dawn Florio

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

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Last name: Florio

Organization:

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Regards, Frank Florio

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/5/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: joseph

Last name: florko

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

As a supporter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers and our wild public lands, waters and wildlife, I am very concerned with the proposed rulemaking announced in Federal Register Document Number 2019-0023. I am writing these comments to strongly encourage you to maintain roadless area protections for the Tongass National Forest, including the wild fisheries habitat in the Tongass 77 and adopt the no action Alternative 1. These public lands and waters are prized by sportsmen and women and are a mainstay of Alaska's economy, helping drive an \$887 billion economic engine from outdoor recreation like hunting and fishing.

At nearly 17 million acres, the Tongass is the nation's largest national forest and the world's largest remaining intact coastal temperate rainforest; 9.3 million acres of that wild backcountry is inventoried roadless areas, providing high quality habitat for a unique diversity of sought-after game species, including mountain goats, black-tailed deer and both brown and black bears. The Tongass also encompasses thousands of miles of salmon-rich waterways, legendary among anglers and fundamental to the state's commercial salmon industry. The commercial fishing sector alone relies on the Tongass for more than 80 percent of its salmon and employs more than 4,300 people in the region, accounting for 9 percent of the area's entire employment. By contrast, timber production accounts for only 1 percent of the region's jobs.

Further, this proposal and the preferred alternative set a slippery precedent that threatens to unravel roadless rule protections for fish and wildlife across all of our nation's wild roadless forest lands. None of the identified alternatives take into consideration BHA's scoping comments to include balanced management policies for the Tongass, utilizing the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule as a foundational benchmark for improvements so that any roadless policies only enhance the most important fish and wildlife habitats. Logging and timber harvest already co-exist with roadless areas in the Tongass after years of prior compromise and consensus-building.

I implore you to maintain the integrity of Alaska's roadless areas and the Tongass 77, critical watersheds for trout and salmon. The Roadless Area Conservation Rule is a collaborative management approach adopted following one of the most extensive public engagement campaigns in the history of federal rulemaking. It may be America's best and most popular land management rule ever. The costs to American taxpayers for road building and unconscionably subsidized resource extraction are too high - not to mention the irreparable impact to wildlife, water, subsistence practices and traditions like hunting and fishing.

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Coleen

Last name: Flory

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Coleen Flory and I live in Wichita, Kansas.

This forest belongs to the world and the future - it is not yours to destroy for short-term profits for the 1%!

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Coleen Flory

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Elizabeth

Last name: Flory

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

I am writing in favor of keeping the roadless rule for the Tongass. Wilderness lands with large areas of intact old-growth forest are irreplaceable once lost to development. The Tongass supports a remarkable ecosystem of salmon and bears, which in turn support the economy of Southeast Alaska. Around \$2 billion a year comes into the region from fishing and tourism, both of which would be harmed by cutting trees. It makes no sense to jeopardize the economy generated by the intact forest by cutting it down. The timber industry must be heavily subsidized to create a few short-term jobs that would destroy salmon streams and the scenic beauty that attracts visitors. Tourists do not come to see clearcut areas of forest stumps and trees are necessary around salmon streams to keep water temperatures cool in summer, prevent exposed soil polluting streams and keep a continuous supply of dead wood in the streams to create sheltering pools for young salmon. The forest is the place we go to hunt deer, but logged forests grow back too dense and dark to allow understory plants to live and without those the deer have no food. The forest is a huge carbon sink soaking up carbon dioxide and helping stave off the warming of our climate at a time when so many forests around the world are being destroyed by fire. For our local economy, for our dinner table, for the future of the planet we cannot afford to develop the Tongass so I urge you to keep it roadless.

[POSITION]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/20/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Hanna

Last name: Floss

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

I strongly oppose your proposed rollback of the important Roadless Rule to allow companies to carve roads into pristine roadless areas of the Tongass National Forest.

It is senseless to cut down ancient, 800-year-old trees and destroy healthy forest ecosystems. This forest provides benefits of far higher value than the "profit" from selling the timber. Destroying parts of the Tongass would also hurt the local economy. The forests support important tourism, commercial fishing, and outdoor recreation, providing many more jobs than logging can provide.

The Tongass is crucial for protecting our climate. It is America's most important national forest for carbon sequestration. This is a time when parts of Alaska are warming at about twice the rate of the average speed around the planet. Protecting this forest advances climate change solutions for our country and strengthens international climate-protection efforts.

These wildlands absorb massive amounts of carbon, and nothing else can match or replace this carbon sequestration capacity. Protecting the Tongass is necessary for protecting the future of our children.

I urge you to reverse the proposed rollback and protect the Tongass National Forest from destructive roadbuilding and logging.

Thank you.

[Position]

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Gregory

Last name: Flower

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Gregory Flower

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/21/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: KayLee

Last name: Flower

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Do not open forest to logging. We cannot get out forests back once their gone.

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Arija

Last name: Flowers

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Arija Flowers

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Bobbie

Last name: Flowers

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Bobbie Flowers

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/14/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Bobbie

Last name: Flowers

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Please maintain protections for the Tongass and Chugach National Forests

Dear Secretary Sonny Perdue,

The Roadless Area Conservation Rule (Roadless Rule) safeguards roughly 15 million acres of roadless forest lands across both the Tongass and Chugach National Forests of Alaska. These publicly owned and managed areas in our national forests have been protected to conserve watersheds, wildlife habitat and recreational values for the last twenty years. Now, because of the petition submitted by the state of Alaska, the U.S. Department of Agriculture is considering removing these protections.

Changing the Roadless Rule for Alaska could irreversibly threaten national forest lands across the state, from ancient forests including thousand-year-old Sitka spruce, western hemlock, and western red cedar. The Tongass is also home to endemic species including brown bear, wolf, eagles, black-tailed deer, and world-class salmon habitat that support commercial and recreational fisheries. Once our roadless areas are gone, they're gone forever.

Please stop the rollback of the important 2001 National Roadless Rule in Alaska and protect our national forests!

Sincerely,

Bobbie Flowers

New York, NY 10011

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Cathy

Last name: Flowers

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Cathy Flowers and I live in Carmichael, California.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Cathy Flowers

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Herschel

Last name: Flowers

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Herschel Flowers

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Jeanette

Last name: Flowers

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Jeanette Flowers

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Nina

Last name: Flowers

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Regards, Nina Flowers

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Terry

Last name: Flowers

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Terry Flowers

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Debra

Last name: Floyd

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Debra Floyd

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: J

Last name: Floyd

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Allowing roadways, and subsequent logging, in the Tongass would be dreadful. Don't do it.

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Joyce

Last name: Floyd

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Joyce Floyd

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Roxann

Last name: Floyd

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Roxann Floyd and I live in Payson, Arizona.

This is our land, we the people of the United States of America, not the federal government. The forest service acts as a steward for their actual employers, we the people of the United States of America, therefore has no right to this action.

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Regards, Roxann Floyd

[Position]

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Christine

Last name: Fluet

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Christine Fluet and I live in Columbia, Connecticut.

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Regards, Christine Fluet

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: George

Last name: Flug

Organization:

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Regards, George Flug

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/23/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Dean

Last name: Flugstad

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Tonga's roadless designations

I am strongly opposed to the loss of the Tongass Forest roadless designations Must we destroy all the ancient forest that can never be recreated? Please stop this nonsense.

Thank you, DeanFlugstad Lake City , MN.

Sent from my iPhone

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/18/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Melanie

Last name: Fluharty

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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November 1, 2019

The world recently watching in outrage, horror and fear as Brazil allowed its rainforest to be burned for farming. Why? Because the world is in a moment of environmental crisis and the best recommendations for dealing with it are to sequester the carbon in the trees and the soil. The lungs of our planet, they say, is the rainforest. Well the Tongass National Forest is also a rainforest, albeit a northern one and it is hypocritical to criticize the Brazilians and then to immediately propose cutting up to 165,000 acres of old growth in our rainforest. In my opinion, it would be a reckless decision to open up the Tongass to roads for the purpose of cutting down forest when so much forest is burning every year in California and when we need to plant more trees around the world.

I lived in Alaska most of my life and in Juneau for over 10 years. I also lived in Yakutat and I have seen what logging looks like in Alaska. The trees in Alaska grow very slowly due to the poor soil and cool environment and therefore are not easily replaced. The clear cutting done by the logging companies (because they pay more to be allowed to clear cut) is destructive to the surrounding environment and to our global environment. In addition, the trees are often sold to countries overseas. The benefits of logging are limited to a few and the arm from it is long lasting and has a broader impact. I strongly oppose any changes in the roadless rule would just open the door to eventually logging as much of it as possible. As trustees of the forest you are now also trustees of the environment and of the planet. I hope you will take that responsibility seriously and focus on the long term needs and the greater good.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Melanie Fluharty

cc: Senator Lisa Murkowski

Senator Dan Sullivan

Senator Richard Burr

Senator Thom Tillis

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Christine

Last name: Fluor

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Christine Fluor and I live in Newport Beach, California.

Wild lands need protection. Further destruction of the planet is unacceptable. This plan also destroys cultural sites which is part of this Countrys rich history. Protection is necessary.

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, Christine Fluor

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Christine

Last name: Fluor

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, Christine Fluor

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/27/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Joshua

Last name: Fluor

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Alaskan Roadless Rule

Please choose alternative 1 on the Alaska roadless rule.

Decide to maintain the established Roadless Rule. Reasonably established two decades ago, the roadless rule protects important fish and wildlife habitat on federal lands, provides clean drinking water, and creates recreation and business opportunities which are crucial to Alaska's communities and economy.

The proposed changes to the Roadless Rule will negatively impact Alaska's Tongass National Forest, the largest old growth forest the United States has. This national forest holds exceedingly significant environmental and cultural significance, and once it is degraded it cannot be replaced. Changing or repealing the Roadless Rule will lead only to environmental degradation in the future. We have seen time and time again, the impacts that logging, even if relatively sustainable, can have on sensitive environments. This forest provides a healthy environment for many endemic plant and animal species, including various salmonids, who have been on a worldwide decline for decades now, and who are a vital to and are responsible for the productivity of these forests.

Across the U.S. we are putting effort toward improving and protecting our natural resources, because of the mistakes we have made and are learning from. Altering the roadless rule in a nearly untouched part of the world, is counterintuitive. As I am studying to be an aquatic biologist, I've learned a lot about all of the mistakes that we as humans have made over the past century, and all of the progress we have made toward fixing the mistakes of past generations. Don't be a part of the history that we look down on, be the part of it that continued to learn from our mistakes and kept this great, vast forest from being damaged.

Sincerely,

Joshua Fluor

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/5/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Claudio

Last name: Fluxa

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

As a supporter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers and our wild public lands, waters and wildlife, I am very concerned with the proposed rulemaking announced in Federal Register Document Number 2019-0023. I am writing these comments to strongly encourage you to maintain roadless area protections for the Tongass National Forest, including the wild fisheries habitat in the Tongass 77 and adopt the no action Alternative 1. These public lands and waters are prized by sportsmen and women and are a mainstay of Alaska's economy, helping drive an \$887 billion economic engine from outdoor recreation like hunting and fishing.

At nearly 17 million acres, the Tongass is the nation's largest national forest and the world's largest remaining intact coastal temperate rainforest; 9.3 million acres of that wild backcountry is inventoried roadless areas, providing high quality habitat for a unique diversity of sought-after game species, including mountain goats, black-tailed deer and both brown and black bears. The Tongass also encompasses thousands of miles of salmon-rich waterways, legendary among anglers and fundamental to the state's commercial salmon industry. The commercial fishing sector alone relies on the Tongass for more than 80 percent of its salmon and employs more than 4,300 people in the region, accounting for 9 percent of the area's entire employment. By contrast, timber production accounts for only 1 percent of the region's jobs.

Further, this proposal and the preferred alternative set a slippery precedent that threatens to unravel roadless rule protections for fish and wildlife across all of our nation's wild roadless forest lands. None of the identified alternatives take into consideration BHA's scoping comments to include balanced management policies for the Tongass, utilizing the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule as a foundational benchmark for improvements so that any roadless policies only enhance the most important fish and wildlife habitats. Logging and timber harvest already co-exist with roadless areas in the Tongass after years of prior compromise and consensus-building.

I implore you to maintain the integrity of Alaska's roadless areas and the Tongass 77, critical watersheds for trout and salmon. The Roadless Area Conservation Rule is a collaborative management approach adopted following one of the most extensive public engagement campaigns in the history of federal rulemaking. It may be America's best and most popular land management rule ever. The costs to American taxpayers for road building and unconscionably subsidized resource extraction are too high - not to mention the irreparable impact to wildlife, water, subsistence practices and traditions like hunting and fishing.

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Susan

Last name: Flyer

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Susan Flyer and I live in Callicoon, New York.

Your responsibility is to all Americans, not just those who are after a profit for themselves and disregard the greater value of this wilderness. Your responsibility is to safeguard the Tongass Forest and other protected public lands.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Susan Flyer

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Adam

Last name: Flynn

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

I am writing as an American citizen and a resident of the Pacific Coast, having visited Alaska recently for a dear friend's wedding. I take issue with several assessments made in the proposed rule.

1) While the report concludes that "the circumstances of the Tongass National Forest appear to be best managed through the local planning processes," there are constituencies larger than those bodies with influence at a local level. To wit:

1A) Tongass rivers, lakes, and streams produce 80% of the commercial salmon annually harvested from Southeast Alaska, and a full quarter of the entire west coast catch. This is about 50 million salmon valued at \$60 million annually, and 1 in 10 jobs for Southeast Alaskans. Vast majorities of Alaskans affirm the traditional role of salmon, and the need to preserve habitat, even in challenging economic circumstances. (Source: Tongass Salmon Factsheet R10-PR-40, US Department of Agriculture. https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd554592.pdf)

1B) Tourism in Southeast Alaska is a far greater source of jobs than logging, which is one-seventeenth the employment engine of the former. (Source: Alaska Southeast Conference.) Logging and habitat removal threatens far more livelihoods than would be created.

1C) The Tongass stores more carbon removed from the atmosphere than any other national forest in the country in its old-growth Sitka spruce, hemlock and cedar trees. It helps protect Alaska, which is warming more than twice as fast from climate change as our planet overall. While the draft EIS claims to be in acting accordance with the latest IPCC recommendations for habitat management, authors of recent IPCC guidelines have explicitly disagreed (Source: Scientific American, <https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/experts-dispute-trump-administrations-rationale-for-alaska-logging/>) In effect, the constituencies to be consulted at this point include all Americans, and the world in general. Damaging pristine, high-sequestration habitat at this critical juncture constitutes an act of global mismanagement.

2) Current assumptions for the sustainable harvesting of wood from the Tongass are based on linear projections of current conditions holding fundamentally the same. In addition to its direct effects of warming temperatures, rising weather volatility, and ocean acidification, the ongoing climate emergency has a second-order effect of *dramatically* increasing the levels of volatility, uncertainty, complexity, and ambiguity in the planning process. Significant unknowns exist, and the evidence of potentially unforeseen ecosystem collapse grows with every IPCC report. The fundamental planning assumptions in the proposed rule do not take these realities into account.

3) The current state of outreach and consultation with local bodies has not acknowledged the input of local native communities, all of whom oppose Alternative 6, and expressed that opposition in a letter to Secretary Perdue in October. (Press Release: <https://www.hia-env.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Tribal-CA-Press-Release-2019.pdf>) Any elected official in Alaska who supports a full exemption, is disregarding their constituents, undermining the public process, and ignoring the sovereign Tribal governments whose people have lived and depended on these lands and waters since time immemorial, said CCHITA President Richard Peterson.

While Alternative 2 is by far the preferable one, as it deals with the core problem of "roadless" area without significantly disrupting ecosystems, the choice of a full exemption is rushed, undemocratic, and criminal in nature. It does not appropriately reflect the desires and priorities of the Alaskan people, who would be altogether justified in waging massive opposition to a federal agency using a sham process to sell out their natural patrimony to timber barons.

Government rests on the consent of the governed. When it begins acting as the vehicle for corrupt interests, it is only right for the people to withdraw their consent.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Barbara

Last name: Flynn

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Barbara Flynn

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Brian

Last name: Flynn

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Regards, Brian Flynn

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Carolyn

Last name: Flynn

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Regards, Carolyn Flynn

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Cullen

Last name: Flynn

Organization:

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Comments:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: James

Last name: Flynn

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is James Flynn and I live in Dover, Vermont.

This is no time to be reducing our forests and our wilderness...we need them!

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, James Flynn

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: joseph

Last name: flynn

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is joseph flynn and I live in San Francisco, California.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, joseph flynn

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Marcia

Last name: Flynn

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Marcia Flynn and I live in Vashon, Washington.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Marcia Flynn

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Maria

Last name: Flynn

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Maria Flynn

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Michael

Last name: Flynn

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Michael Flynn and I live in Hillsboro, Oregon.

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, Michael Flynn

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: SHEILA

Last name: FLYNN

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is SHEILA FLYNN and I live in Coral Gables, Florida.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, SHEILA FLYNN

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Tom

Last name: Flynn

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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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): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Mark

Last name: FNP

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Li

Last name: Fo

Organization:

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Comments:

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Regards, Li Fo

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Deborah

Last name: Fobes

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/11/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Justin

Last name: Foecking

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Denise

Last name: Foehl

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Robert

Last name: Foehring

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Sincerely,

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/19/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Julie

Last name: Foerster

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

I oppose the proposal to repeal the Roadless Rule for the Tongass National Forest. I believe that the first alternative, to leave the all of Alaska under the 2001 Roadless Rule, would be the best option. The Tongass National Forest is one of the only temperate rainforests like itself, making it an extremely unique environment with old growth trees, some over 800 years old. Without the Roadless Rule, the forest could be destroyed by logging and construction. This is a dangerous situation, because if the Roadless Rule is lifted, we might lose the Tongass National Forest forever. The number of rainforests around the world are shrinking due to deforestation, and entire ecosystems are being threatened. Many animal and plant life within the Tongass are unique to the area, and without the Roadless Rule protecting them, they could face devastation or extinction. This forest is an irreplaceable environment that the U.S. should protect, not destroy to make money from it.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/11/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Madeline

Last name: Foerster

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

NO roads in Tongass National Forest!

Dear U.S. Forest Service,

Please select the "no action" alternative on the Forest Service's proposal for Tongass National Forest.

The roads are the beginning of the end for such places. Forests are already stressed from climate change and invasive species infestations -- they need our help, not addition harm.

Let this pristine wilderness endure.

Sincerely,

Madeline von Foerster

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Marion

Last name: Foerster

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Marion Foerster and I live in Oceanside, California.

We need trees to mitigate the effects of global warming!

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Regards, Marion Foerster

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/11/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Sara

Last name: Fogan

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Sara Fogan and I live in Santa Clarita, California.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Dan

Last name: Fogarty

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Dan Fogarty and I live in Santa Rosa, California.

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Regards, Dan Fogarty

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Paul

Last name: Fogarty

Organization:

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Last name: Foged

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Regards, Byron Fogel

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Byron

Last name: Fogel

Organization:

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Comments:

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Regards, Byron Fogel

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Ken

Last name: Fogel

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Shira

Last name: Fogel

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Maureen Fogerty

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First name: Ivey

Last name: Fogg

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Last name: Fogg

Organization:

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Last name: FOGT

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Last name: Fohn

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Last name: Fojtik

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Barbara

Last name: Folan

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Keep the roads out. It is not worth it in the long run to destroy all of our life sustaining wild areas including this one. The natural resources are more necessary then what temporary gain will come out of going in and grabbing up what's of value in there.

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Marnee

Last name: Foldoe

Organization:

Title:

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Regards, Marnee Foldoe

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Alice

Last name: Folen

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC5795

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,[Signature]

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!

*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: Benjamin

Last name: Foley

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC3946

U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule

Comment Period:

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Our fisheries and wild forests are critical to the economy of Alaska. To grow these sectors of our economy, we need intact habitat. Please leave the Alaska Roadless Rule in place.

Sincerely,

Benjamin Foley

Lafayette, CO 80026

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Catherine

Last name: Foley

Organization:

Title:

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Regards, Mary Foley

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Robert

Last name: Foley

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Robert Foley and I live in Attleboro, Massachusetts.

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Regards, Robert Foley

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Rose

Last name: Foley

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC1446

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.

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): 11/9/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Shep

Last name: Foley

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Shep Foley and I live in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Once lost never again found. Please save our important last resources and habitats. Dont sacrifice them for money interests!

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Shep Foley

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Stephan

Last name: Foley

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: susan

Last name: foley

Organization:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Tom

Last name: Foley

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC4021

U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

Don't ruin this almost mythical landscape. And in particular you must avoid undermining the compromise effort. Compromise in this arena is difficult, so this should be held up as an example, not tossed aside on a whim.

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,

Tom Foley

Saint Augustine, FL 32084

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Valerie

Last name: Foley

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/19/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Barbara

Last name: Folger

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Leave the tongs untouched

It is of utmost importance that the Tongass National Forest remain untouched and definitely roadless. We need to have at least half the Earth remain untouched to even start to plan on having a habitable planet.

Barbara Folger

San Francisco

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Robin

Last name: Folger

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

As a supporter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers and our wild public lands, waters and wildlife, I am very concerned with the proposed rulemaking announced in Federal Register Document Number 2019-0023. I am writing these comments to strongly encourage you to maintain roadless area protections for the Tongass National Forest, including the wild fisheries habitat in the Tongass 77 and adopt the no action Alternative 1. These public lands and waters are prized by sportsmen and women and are a mainstay of Alaska's economy, helping drive an \$887 billion economic engine from outdoor recreation like hunting and fishing.

At nearly 17 million acres, the Tongass is the nation's largest national forest and the world's largest remaining intact coastal temperate rainforest; 9.3 million acres of that wild backcountry is inventoried roadless areas, providing high quality habitat for a unique diversity of sought-after game species, including mountain goats, black-tailed deer and both brown and black bears. The Tongass also encompasses thousands of miles of salmon-rich waterways, legendary among anglers and fundamental to the state's commercial salmon industry. The commercial fishing sector alone relies on the Tongass for more than 80 percent of its salmon and employs more than 4,300 people in the region, accounting for 9 percent of the area's entire employment. By contrast, timber production accounts for only 1 percent of the region's jobs.

Further, this proposal and the preferred alternative set a slippery precedent that threatens to unravel roadless rule protections for fish and wildlife across all of our nation's wild roadless forest lands. None of the identified alternatives take into consideration BHA's scoping comments to include balanced management policies for the Tongass, utilizing the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule as a foundational benchmark for improvements so that any roadless policies only enhance the most important fish and wildlife habitats. Logging and timber harvest already co-exist with roadless areas in the Tongass after years of prior compromise and consensus-building.

I implore you to maintain the integrity of Alaska's roadless areas and the Tongass 77, critical watersheds for trout and salmon. The Roadless Area Conservation Rule is a collaborative management approach adopted following one of the most extensive public engagement campaigns in the history of federal rulemaking. It may be America's best and most popular land management rule ever. The costs to American taxpayers for road building and unconscionably subsidized resource extraction are too high - not to mention the irreparable impact to wildlife, water, subsistence practices and traditions like hunting and fishing.

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Louise

Last name: Folkner

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Louise Folkner and I live in Chandler, Arizona.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Marianne

Last name: Follingstad

Organization:

Title:

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Regards, Marianne Follingstad

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Darrel

Last name: Follman

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Darrel Follman

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Mike

Last name: Follman

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Mike Follman

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Peter

Last name: Followill

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Peter Followill and I live in Tucker, Georgia.

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First name: Terry

Last name: Followill

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Terry Followill and I live in Avondale Estates, Georgia.

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First name: Anne

Last name: Follweiler

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Anne Follweiler and I live in Brooklin, Maine.

What is to these people like about dirty air- oh, they can make more money.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Anne Follweiler

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First name: Kim

Last name: Folse

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Kim Folse

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/24/2019 4:58:48 AM

First name: Paul

Last name: folsom

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Paul Folsom and I live in MN. I am writing a comment on the Alaska Roadless Rule DEIS because I am concerned with how the Rule and the proposed full exemption will affect the Tongass National Forest and the Chugach National Forest.

I am a tsi forest tech. I have a bachelor of science in forestry. I think on an ecosystem level it is important to preserve old growth for habitat, carbon storage, and mosaic structure. I also do not beleive clearcuts are the best answer, And that we should be pursuing multi aged and structurally diverse stands that more resilient to large scale fire and other disturbances.

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 the largest intact temperate rainforest in the world, the high density of incredible wildlife it contains, to keep public lands wild for future generations, its status as a national and global treasure, the lifestyles of the indigenous communities that the forest supports its status as America's best natural solution to climate change and its sequestering of millions of metric tons of carbon and mitigating climate change, its huge swaths of intact ecosystems and all the biodiversity it contains, the recreational opportunities it provides, its wild salmon populations and the world-class fishing opportunities. A full exemption does not protect these priorities, nor does it effectively balance economic development with the countless other benefits provided by roadless areas. I would like the Forest Service to manage roadless areas for low-impact recreation (camping, hiking, hunting, foraging, etc). It is important to me that high-value intact habitat including the T77 watersheds and the TNC conservation priority areas retain their roadless protections in any alternative selected.

The Forest Service is wasting taxpayers' valuable time and money by trying to prop up a failing timber industry in Southeast Alaska. The nonpartisan, independent taxpayer watchdog Taxpayers for Common Sense reported that the Tongass timber program has losses of over \$600 million of taxpayers money in the past 20 years. I would rather see my taxpayer dollars used to support small-scale, sustainable logging, establish the economic value of the carbon stored in the Tongass. We need to stop subsidizing the clearcutting of old growth on the Tongass through taxpayer funded roadbuilding. If a full exemption were chosen, it would not create opportunities and would instead prioritize the special interests of one industry over the interests of the entire American public.

The Tongass is Americas homegrown natural solution to climate change. The forest sequesters 8% of the carbon stored in forests throughout the contiguous US states, some 3 billion metric tons of it. We must take action to mitigate and adapt to climate change, and maintaining the Tongass in a roadless state is critical for a sustainable future.

I urge the Forest Service to listen to the voices of the American people and prioritize them over corporate interests. The Forest Service should strengthen public involvement in developing land management policy and focus on broadly supported work rather than allowing special corporate interests to guide policy changes. Attempting to exempt inventoried roadless areas on the Chugach National Forest from the Alaska Roadless Rule adds further insult to injury, and this proposal has not received any sufficient environmental impact analysis or public input. Choosing a full exemption will not create a long lasting, durable solution for roadless areas in Alaska it will only increase the legal challenges, uncertainty for businesses, and conflict over these forests going forward.

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Francine

Last name: Foltz

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: foltz

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, kaye foltz

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

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Last name: Fonda

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Richard

Last name: Fondahn

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC5112

U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

I am looking forward to retirement and one of my bucket-list items to explore and fish Alaska. I live near the Snake River and the Clearwater River and both were recently closed to salmon and steelhead fishing due to low return numbers of hatchery fish and the possibility of hatcheries not obtaining their target numbers. I don't want that to happen to Alaska.

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,

Richard Fondahn

Walla Walla, WA 99362

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: eileen

Last name: fonferko

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is eileen fonferko and I live in North Port, Florida.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, eileen fonferko

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Bellory

Last name: Fong

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC922

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 and just enjoy 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: Georgie

Last name: Fong

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Georgie Fong and I live in Pepeekeo, Hawaii.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Georgie Fong

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/19/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Lincoln

Last name: Fong

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Scarring land long designated as a natural refuge to enable pecuniary gain by greedy industries or anyone else amounts an unforgivable and eternal sin. Please do not allow this sin to ever occur that will disrupt the natural beauty gifted by natural forces and Mother Nature to us and future generations. What took millions upon millions of years to form as a gift of beauty and tranquility must not be permitted to be blighted and polluted in a few short years by and for the destructive industrial forces and pecuniary gain interests of the mean spirited conglomerates. Thank you for your attention and the ability to protect our natural lands for future generations.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/27/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Susan

Last name: Fong

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Maximum protection to Tongass National Forest

Dear Forest Service:

Please do not permit road building and commercial development in the Tongass National Forest, the world's largest intact temperate rainforest. The Tongass National Forest absorbs more carbon than any other forest in the U.S. It should remain unspoiled and intact because it is a major neutralizer of carbon emissions which drive climate change.

If you must harvest some of the Tongass Forest's trees for timber, then please choose alternative 2, which will cause the least amount of destruction to this irreplaceable forest. Alternative 6 will cause too much destruction to this ancient rainforest which is home to endangered species and to a variety of other important species of flora and fauna.

Our forests must be preserved and protected as much as possible for the health of our planet and all of its inhabitants. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Susan Fong and Family

Las Vegas, NV 89102-6118

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Holly

Last name: Fongblatt

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Holly Fongblatt

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/14/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: MIRYAM

Last name: FONKEN

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is MIRYAM FONKEN and I live in Elmwood Park, New Jersey.

We need to protect our wild forests in Alaska. The Tongass provides vital habitat for eagles, bears, wolves, salmon, and countless other species. Alaska Natives such as the Tlingit rely upon its lands and waters for their livelihood and culture. And visitors from around the world travel to the Tongass for world-class recreation, hunting, sport, and fishing. It's time to end the greed of these companies that only care about making money, even if they are destroying our wild resources.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM

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Last name: Fons

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Regards, Jose Fons

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Simone

Last name: Fonseca

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Simone Fonseca

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Vincent

Last name: Fonseca

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Vincent Fonseca and I live in San Antonio, Texas.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Vincent Fonseca

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/18/2019 4:59:09 PM

First name: Ann

Last name: Fontaine

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,

Ann Fontaine

Richland, MI 49083

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Cheryl

Last name: Fontaine

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Cheryl Fontaine and I live in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Stop stealing our public lands... people desperately need these wild beautiful places to replenish themselves, to rest their eyes on the beauty of nature, to listen to the silence and peace we all need. NO off-road vehicles to destroy the ecology, peace, and wildlife including forests, of OUR public lands. Off-road vehicles in particular are highly destructive and noisy and have no place in these areas.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Cheryl Fontaine

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Jason

Last name: Fontaine

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/5/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Matthieu

Last name: Fontaine

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Matthieu Fontaine and I live in Bainbridge Island, WA. I am writing a comment on the Alaska Roadless Rule DEIS because I am concerned with how the Rule and the proposed full exemption will affect the Tongass National Forest and the Chugach National Forest.

I have worked in Alaska for the past five years, and frequently have spent time in Sitka. I am a fisheries biologist and have spent time commercial fishing for salmon throughout southeast Alaska. The Tongas National Forest is a pristine example of how management can protect our national resources. This forest has been largely untouched for the past 90 years, and is essential habitat for numerous species. It is imperative to maintain this area of land, for future generations as well as the endemic species that live there. Alaska is home to me, and it would be a travesty to see this National forest clear-cut.

I urge the Forest Service to select Alternative 1, the no action alternative, for the final decision on the Alaska Roadless Rule. This alternative protects the inventoried roadless areas in Alaska that are full of pristine wilderness and provide important fish and wildlife habitat, and already allows for important community and economic development projects. As an American citizen, I value the Tongass National Forest and the Chugach National Forest for its status as America's best natural solution to climate change and its sequestering of millions of metric tons of carbon and mitigating climate change, its wild salmon populations and the world-class fishing opportunities, its huge swaths of intact ecosystems and all the biodiversity it contains, its status as the largest intact temperate rainforest in the world, the recreational opportunities it provides, the high density of incredible wildlife it contains, to keep public lands wild for future generations, its status as a national and global treasure, the lifestyles of the indigenous communities that the forest supports. A full exemption does not protect these priorities, nor does it effectively balance economic development with the countless other benefits provided by roadless areas. I would like the Forest Service to manage roadless areas for low-impact recreation (camping, hiking, hunting, foraging, etc), passive/active watershed restoration (stream and habitat) to improve/maintain roadless characteristics (culvert removal/replacement, improve fish passage, wildlife thinning, etc). It is important to me that high-value intact habitat including the T77 watersheds and the TNC conservation priority areas retain their roadless protections in any alternative selected.

The Forest Service is wasting taxpayers' valuable time and money by trying to prop up a failing timber industry in Southeast Alaska. The nonpartisan, independent taxpayer watchdog Taxpayers for Common Sense reported that the Tongass timber program has losses of over \$600 million of taxpayers money in the past 20 years. I would rather see my taxpayer dollars used to restore salmon habitat that was hurt by past logging practices, establish the economic value of the carbon stored in the Tongass. We need to stop subsidizing the clearcutting of old growth on the Tongass through taxpayer funded roadbuilding. If a full exemption were chosen, it would not create opportunities and would instead prioritize the special interests of one industry over the interests of the entire American public.

The Tongass is Americas homegrown natural solution to climate change. The forest sequesters 8% of the carbon stored in forests throughout the contiguous US states, some 3 billion metric tons of it. We must take action to mitigate and adapt to climate change, and maintaining the Tongass in a roadless state is critical for a sustainable future.

I urge the Forest Service to listen to the voices of the American people and prioritize them over corporate interests. The Forest Service should strengthen public involvement in developing land management policy and focus on broadly supported work rather than allowing special corporate interests to guide policy changes. Attempting to exempt inventoried roadless areas on the Chugach National Forest from the Alaska Roadless Rule adds further insult to injury, and this proposal has not received any sufficient environmental impact analysis or public input. Choosing a full exemption will not create a long lasting, durable solution for roadless areas in Alaska it will only increase the legal challenges, uncertainty for businesses, and conflict over these forests going forward.

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Natalie

Last name: Fontana

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Catherine

Last name: Fontanazza

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Catherine Fontanazza and I live in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Stop cutting the trees ,, we need them growing as they are for the planets health.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Catherine Fontanazza

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Jack

Last name: Fontanella

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC5693

Dear U.S. Forest Service,

CC: Alaska Congressional Delegation and Federal Administration

I support the no-action alternative to leave the 2001 Roadless Rule in place on the Tongass National Forest. We must continue to phase out old-growth clear-cut logging and instead prioritize restoring degraded watersheds and fish streams that contribute to the growing fisheries and tourism-based economies of Southeast. To that end, please conserve the Tongass 77 and TNC priority areas in the final Roadless Rule.

Sincerely,

Comments: *(Eg: list locations you recreate, or why you value Tongass fish & wildlife)* [Text italicized for emphasis]

[Box unchecked] I would like to get more involved in the campaign!

*By taking this action, you are consenting to receive future communications via phone, text message, email, or mail from Sitka Conservation Society and its partners working to protect the Tongass. * [Text italicized for emphasis]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Dawne

Last name: Fontenot

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Dawne Fontenot and I live in Denton, Texas.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Dawne Fontenot

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/7/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Dylan

Last name: Fontenot

Organization:

Title:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: MaryJo

Last name: Fontenot

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, MaryJo Fontenot

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Gwen

Last name: Foor

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Gwen Foor

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: james

Last name: foor

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is james foor and I live in Bridgeton, New Jersey.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, james foor

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Michael

Last name: Foot

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Michael Foot and I live in Surry, New Hampshire.

As a rock climber and concerned citizen, this designation is important for current and future generations of Americans.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Michael Foot

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Abbot

Last name: Foote

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Abbot Foote and I live in Dublin, New Hampshire.

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Regards, Abbot Foote

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Betsy

Last name: Foote

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Betsy Foote and I live in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

I strongly oppose rolling back the EPA's New Source Performance Standards. Doing that would lead to more deaths from pollution and to increased cost on society and the earth.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Betsy Foote

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Diane

Last name: Foote

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Diane Foote and I live in Ossipee, New Hampshire.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Diane Foote

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/24/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Mark

Last name: Foote

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Comments to oppose modification to the Roadless Rule

Dear U.S. Forest Service,

I urge you to select the "No Action" Alternative (Alternative 1) and allow the Roadless Rule to remain intact on the Tongass National Forest.

Especially for the preservation of the remaining wild-run salmon fishery, an intact Tongass is essential.

Sincerely,

Mark Foote

Lucerne, CA 95458

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Stan

Last name: Foote

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Stan Foote

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/13/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Jeanette

Last name: Forah

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC556

Dear Secretary Perdue and Senator Murkowski,

I am currently on a boat cruise off the coast of Kruzof Island, near Baranof Island. On this cruise, I am exploring and learning about the natural habitat of this area that is so special to residents of Sitka like me.

Only 10 miles west of Sitka, Kruzof is widely used as a place for locals to fish, hunt, forage and recreate. From Sea Lion Bay to Shelikof, North Beach to Shoals Point, the Forest Service manages extensive recreation infrastructure such as cabins, trails, and the existing road system for our enjoyment. Sitka black-tailed deer are plentiful, as are chum and pink salmon that run through the numerous stream systems on the island. This island contains productive, intact fish habitat, with three Tongass 77 and four TNC 'conservation priority areas' identified on the island. Mt. Edgecumbe volcano is an incredible day hike, and only a piece of the island's fascinating geologic activity.

Kruzof is prolific and peaceful. We are incredibly lucky to have such a place to work and play so close to town, and many of us visit Kruzof often. I value Kruzof island because:

Currently, Kruzof Island is protected from old-growth clearcutting and road building under the 2001 Roadless Rule. As it stands, the 2001 Roadless Rule safeguards our recreation and subsistence activities on Kruzof. ***It is important to me that the 2001 Roadless Rule remains in place on Kruzof Island, and throughout the Tongass National Forest.*** [text bolded for emphasis] Opening up this area to more clearcutting and roadbuilding will jeopardize my way of life, and will sacrifice the spirit of Sitka that brings so many people to this special place. I do not want to see the 2001 Roadless Rule repealed on Kruzof, or anywhere else in the Tongass. Please protect this land for future generations to enjoy in perpetuity.

Sincerely, Jeanette Forah

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: David

Last name: Forbes

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, David Forbes

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: James

Last name: Forbes

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is James Forbes and I live in Shamokin, Pennsylvania.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, James Forbes

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/18/2019 7:01:49 PM

First name: Jane

Last name: Forbes

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Comments to oppose modification to the Roadless Rule

Dear U.S. Forest Service,

Please do not let this happen. Have we learned nothing from past destructive habits? We need the Tongass to stay intact. We need to find alternatives to logging.

The Roadless Rule helps protect old-growth habitat for birds like the Prince of Wales Spruce Grouse and Northern Goshawk, as well as for mammals like wolves and deer. Opening roadless areas to more logging and roads will fragment the forest and eliminate more of the big old trees that these animals rely on.

Yet, all of the action alternatives in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement allow more roadbuilding and logging across the Tongass National Forest. Logging roads and timber operations cost tens of millions of taxpayer dollars every year, with zero return on investment. Meanwhile, these destructive activities degrade the naturally sustainable wealth of salmon, wildlife watching, and tourism opportunities.

It is time to stop opening more and more acres to the timber industry and instead bolster protections to the old-growth forests and wild areas on the Tongass. I urge you to select the "No Action" Alternative (Alternative 1) and allow the Roadless Rule to remain intact on the Tongass National Forest.

Sincerely,

Jane Forbes

Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Jeff

Last name: Forbes

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Regards, Jeff Forbes

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/18/2019 4:02:38 PM

First name: Jim

Last name: Forbes

Organization:

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Sincerely,

Jim Forbes

Evanston, IL 60202

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Jim

Last name: Forbes

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Jim Forbes

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: joel

Last name: forbes

Organization:

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Regards, joel forbes

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Last name: forbes

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Regards, joel forbes

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: William

Last name: Forbes

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is William Forbes and I live in Nacogdoches, Texas.

Stop the rollbacks! See EPA cost benefit analysis of CAA 1970-1990 - \$21 trillion net benefit!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, William Forbes

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Ryan

Last name: Forbus

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC3508

U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule

Comment Period

Comment Period Alaska Roadless Rule:

The Roadless Rule has been instrumental in conserving the Tongass National Forest and in supporting its fish and wildlife-based industries for almost 20 years. Please uphold the Rule's protections for important fish and wildlife areas, including the Tongass 77. Roadless areas are an important source of food, jobs, and income through commercial, subsistence, and recreational fishing. Salmon are part of Alaska's culture and we must protect them and their spawning streams. Please do not roll back roadless area protections for habitat that our irreplaceable fish and wildlife populations need to survive.

Sincerely,

Ryan Forbus

Smyrna, GA 30080

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Terrence

Last name: Forbyn

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Terrence Forbyn

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Thomas

Last name: Force

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Thomas Force and I live in Ukiah, California.

log the greedy idiots

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Thomas Force

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Al

Last name: Ford

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC3806

U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule

Comment Period:

Comment Period 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,

Al Ford

Saint Charles, IL 60175

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 1/1/0001 12:00:00 AM

First name: Al

Last name: Ford

Organization:

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Comments:

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Sincerely,

Al Ford

Saint Charles, II 60175

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Amber

Last name: Ford

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Amber Ford

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/5/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Brian Ace

Last name: Ford

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

As a supporter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers and our wild public lands, waters and wildlife, I am very concerned with the proposed rulemaking announced in Federal Register Document Number 2019-0023. I am writing these comments to strongly encourage you to maintain roadless area protections for the Tongass National Forest, including the wild fisheries habitat in the Tongass 77 and adopt the no action Alternative 1. These public lands and waters are prized by sportsmen and women and are a mainstay of Alaska's economy, helping drive an \$887 billion economic engine from outdoor recreation like hunting and fishing.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Carl

Last name: Ford

Organization:

Title:

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Regards, Carl Ford

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Carol

Last name: Ford

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Carol Ford and I live in Nazareth, Pennsylvania.

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Regards, Carol Ford

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/18/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Chris

Last name: Ford

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Alaska roadless rule

To: Secretary of Agriculture,

I would like the no action Alternative 1 on the roadless rule. There are several reason as why i want my forest in and around the community in which i live to remain as intact as it can be.

Chris Ford

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Donna

Last name: Ford

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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First name: Douglas

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Regards, Douglas Ford

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Elaine

Last name: Ford

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Elaine Ford and I live in Chicago, Illinois.

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Regards, Elaine Ford

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/7/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Georgeanne

Last name: Ford

Organization:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Jim

Last name: Ford

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Jim Ford

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Joan

Last name: Ford

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Joan Ford and I live in Southington, Connecticut.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Joan Ford

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/11/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Joshua

Last name: Ford

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

As a supporter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers and our wild public lands, waters and wildlife, I am very concerned with the proposed rulemaking announced in Federal Register Document Number 2019-0023. I am writing these comments to strongly encourage you to maintain roadless area protections for the Tongass National Forest, including the wild fisheries habitat in the Tongass 77 and adopt the no action Alternative 1. These public lands and waters are prized by sportsmen and women and are a mainstay of Alaska's economy, helping drive an \$887 billion economic engine from outdoor recreation like hunting and fishing.

At nearly 17 million acres, the Tongass is the nation's largest national forest and the world's largest remaining intact coastal temperate rainforest; 9.3 million acres of that wild backcountry is inventoried roadless areas, providing high quality habitat for a unique diversity of sought-after game species, including mountain goats, black-tailed deer and both brown and black bears. The Tongass also encompasses thousands of miles of salmon-rich waterways, legendary among anglers and fundamental to the state's commercial salmon industry. The commercial fishing sector alone relies on the Tongass for more than 80 percent of its salmon and employs more than 4,300 people in the region, accounting for 9 percent of the area's entire employment. By contrast, timber production accounts for only 1 percent of the region's jobs.

Further, this proposal and the preferred alternative set a slippery precedent that threatens to unravel roadless rule protections for fish and wildlife across all of our nation's wild roadless forest lands. None of the identified alternatives take into consideration BHA's scoping comments to include balanced management policies for the Tongass, utilizing the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule as a foundational benchmark for improvements so that any roadless policies only enhance the most important fish and wildlife habitats. Logging and timber harvest already co-exist with roadless areas in the Tongass after years of prior compromise and consensus-building.

I implore you to maintain the integrity of Alaska's roadless areas and the Tongass 77, critical watersheds for trout and salmon. The Roadless Area Conservation Rule is a collaborative management approach adopted following one of the most extensive public engagement campaigns in the history of federal rulemaking. It may be America's best and most popular land management rule ever. The costs to American taxpayers for road building and unconscionably subsidized resource extraction are too high - not to mention the irreparable impact to wildlife, water, subsistence practices and traditions like hunting and fishing.

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Judith

Last name: Ford

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Judith Ford and I live in Hollywood, Florida.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Judith Ford

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/27/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Judy

Last name: Ford

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Please. Just say no to roads.

Please do everything in your power to maintain the roadless rule in order to preserve this and other valuable resources.

Biodiversity is essential for the long term health of the planet.

Old growth forests are a significant part of our country's cultural heritage

...and they are almost gone.

Roads deprive the water table.

Roads pollute rivers.

Roads are massive heat sinks

Vehicles:

Pollute the air.

They dump oil, fuel, asbestos, rubber, etc. into the surrounding ecosystems.

They kill wildlife,

They create noise pollution

They are a major source of light pollution.

Old growth forests will never, ever, be again. We cannot bring them back, we cannot plant another one, and there are only a handful of these national treasures still in existence.

As the earth gets warmer, our southern forests will and indeed are burning themselves into extinction. The northern forests will eventually be all we have left.

There are substantially better agricultural alternatives for manufacturing paper and developing composite lumber.

We don't need to mow down our children's future for the sake of fine home building in Asia.

Please do not let shortsighted greed desecrate and destroy one of our last, great, American treasures. In Europe, they have Notre Dame, The Parthenon, literally thousands of ancient revered and holy sites that pre-date the existence of the United States. And they protect them. We...have wilderness. We have majestic ancient forests teeming with life. We have the freedom to wander. We have public land. We have ancient groves of stately fir trees that are more sacred than any cathedral. No one is building a road into Notre Dame to harvest bricks. No one should be building a road into the Tongass National Forest to harvest boards.

Thank you,

Judy Ford

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Karen

Last name: Ford

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. This is just another example of how the Trump administration is not only denying climate change. The Trump plan to destroy humanity with uncontrolled climate change is hideous. Trumps plan is yet another attack from the Trump administration on Indigenous rights. Alaskan Native communities -- including the Tlingit, Haida, and Tsimshian peoples -- have depended on the Tongass Rainforest for millennia. It is the backbone to their culture, traditions, and communities -- we simply cannot let it disappear.

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Regards, Karen Ford

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Kathy

Last name: Ford

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Kathy Ford and I live in Los Angeles, California.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Kathy Ford

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Keith

Last name: Ford

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Regards, Keith Ford

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Lewis

Last name: Ford

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC5220

U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

This is a very important law and should not be changed or appealed

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,

Lewis Ford

Holland, MI 49423

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Linda

Last name: Ford

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Loren

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Matthew

Last name: Ford

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Patricia

Last name: Ford

Organization:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Reda

Last name: Ford

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Regards, Reda Ford

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Robert

Last name: Ford

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC3945

U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule

Comment Period:

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I am writing in support of the 'no action' alternative to leave the Roadless Rule unchanged in Alaska. I am concerned that changes to the rule would lead to greatly expand clear-cut logging of old growth timber and costly road building in undeveloped, wild areas of both the Tongass and Chugach Forests. These activities increase sedimentation, hurt water quality, often block salmon migration, and add to an already large backlog of needed road maintenance and restoration.

Our fisheries and wild forests are critical to the economy of Alaska. To grow these sectors of our economy, we need intact habitat. Please leave the Alaska Roadless Rule in place.

Sincerely,

Robert Ford

Andover, MN 55304

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 1/1/0001 12:00:00 AM

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Organization:

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Comments:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Steve

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Regards, Steve Ford

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Susan

Last name: Ford

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Susan Ford and I live in East Nassau, New York.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Susan Ford

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Susan

Last name: ford

Organization:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Susan ford

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Taylor

Last name: Ford

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC6126

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[Text circled] No

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Caitlin

Last name: Fordell

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC731

Dear Alaska Roadless Rule Planning Committee,

I live and work on the lands and waters of the Tongass National Forest. From hunting and fishing, to hiking and camping, to our tourism and commercial fishing-based economies, Southeast Alaskans rely on the intact habitat that the roadless areas of the Tongass National Forest contain. ***That is why I am writing to support the No-Action Alternative for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the proposed Alaska Roadless Rule.***
[text bolded for emphasis]

The Tongass contains some of the largest intact old-growth temperate rainforest in the world, and its value in providing clean water for fish and wildlife habitat is essential to the economic and ecological health of Southeast Alaska. I strongly oppose any efforts to weaken protections for Roadless areas in the Tongass National Forest and the Chugach National Forest.

The Forest Service needs to continue phasing out old-growth clearcutting. Please prioritize conservation of the T77 and TNC conservation priority areas in any new Alaska Roadless Rule. The Forest Service should focus on restoring degraded watershed and fish streams and carbon sequestration.

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/11/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Kelly

Last name: Forden

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Kelly Forden and I live in Beverly, Massachusetts.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Kelly Forden

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: R

Last name: Fordwood

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is R Fordwood and I live in Hillsborough, California.

How can we criticize Brazil when we contemplate a similar atrocity?

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, R Fordwood

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Judy

Last name: Fore

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Judy Fore

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Elizabeth

Last name: Forelle

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Keep the Roadless Rule in Place for the Tongass National Forest

Dear Interdisciplinary Team Leader, Alaska Roadless Rule Ken Tu,

I am an outdoor recreation enthusiast writing to express my interest in continuing to protect the Tongass National Forest and its backcountry and roadless areas from unnecessary logging and development.

The Tongass has tremendous value for outdoor recreation in the region, and also provides clean water, clean air, and wildlife habitat, all of which are foundational to the economic and ecological health of Southeast Alaska. Road building, logging, and development should continue to be prohibited in the Tongass's roadless areas through upholding the Roadless Rule.

There are not many wilderness spaces left on this country. Every time I go to wilderness and protected spaces, I am overwhelmed with the beauty of my surroundings. The more we protect them, the more we can share these spaces with more people! Not only is sharing this space important but this is also a huge carbon sink on Earth. If we eliminate it, we are going to have a number of obstacles to overcome in the future.

The Roadless Rule was created after a lot of public outreach. It's a popular and sensible approach to land management.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Forelle

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Clezell

Last name: Foreman

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Regards, Clezell Foreman

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Lynn

Last name: Foreman

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Randall

Last name: Foreman

Organization:

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Regards, Rochelle Foreman

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Shannon

Last name: Foreman

Organization:

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Comments:

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Last name: Forero

Organization:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, James Forero

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/14/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Lily

Last name: Forest

Organization:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Sam

Last name: Forest

Organization:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Sam Forest

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: byron

Last name: forester

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Please save our sacred places. Tongass is such place.

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Elaine

Last name: Forester

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Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Elaine Forester

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/13/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Erin

Last name: Foret

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Erin Foret

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/6/2019 5:48:02 AM

First name: Anon

Last name: foretgloria@yahoo.com

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Please maintain protections for the Tongass and Chugach National Forests

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.

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In addition, I strongly object to your plans to reduce and remove protections from our national forest's roadless areas. The Roadless Rule is one of the smartest and most popular land management policies the Federal Government has ever adopted. 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.

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Sincerely,

Signed,
Gloria

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Bryan

Last name: Fork

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

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Last name: FORKAS

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Regards, JAY FORKAS

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Adrienne

Last name: Forkois

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Adrienne Forkois and I live in St. Petersburg, FL. I am writing a comment on the Alaska Roadless Rule DEIS because I am concerned with how the Rule and the proposed full exemption will affect the Tongass National Forest and the Chugach National Forest.

I lived in Sitka in 2017 and loved the majestic forest and waters. The people in Sitka respect nature and the land. Its absolutely beautiful and unlike any other place.

I urge the Forest Service to select Alternative 1, the no action alternative, for the final decision on the Alaska Roadless Rule. This alternative protects the inventoried roadless areas in Alaska that are full of pristine wilderness and provide important fish and wildlife habitat, and already allows for important community and economic development projects. As an American citizen, I value the Tongass National Forest and the Chugach National Forest for its wild salmon populations and the world-class fishing opportunities, its status as America's best natural solution to climate change and its sequestering of millions of metric tons of carbon and mitigating climate change, its huge swaths of intact ecosystems and all the biodiversity it contains, its status as the largest intact temperate rainforest in the world, the recreational opportunities it provides, the high density of incredible wildlife it contains, to keep public lands wild for future generations, its status as a national and global treasure, the lifestyles of the indigenous communities that the forest supports. A full exemption does not protect these priorities, nor does it effectively balance economic development with the countless other benefits provided by roadless areas. I would like the Forest Service to manage roadless areas for passive/active watershed restoration (stream and habitat) to improve/maintain roadless characteristics (culvert removal/replacement, improve fish passage, wildlife thinning, etc), low-impact recreation (camping, hiking, hunting, foraging, etc), hydroelectric development. It is important to me that high-value intact habitat including the T77 watersheds and the TNC conservation priority areas retain their roadless protections in any alternative selected.

The Forest Service is wasting taxpayers' valuable time and money by trying to prop up a failing timber industry in Southeast Alaska. The nonpartisan, independent taxpayer watchdog Taxpayers for Common Sense reported that the Tongass timber program has losses of over \$600 million of taxpayers money in the past 20 years. I would rather see my taxpayer dollars used to perform restorative actions that support wildlife populations on previously degraded landscapes that support wildlife populations, restore salmon habitat that was hurt by past logging practices. We need to stop subsidizing the clearcutting of old growth on the Tongass through taxpayer funded roadbuilding. If a full exemption were chosen, it would not create opportunities and would instead prioritize the special interests of one industry over the interests of the entire American public.

The Tongass is Americas homegrown natural solution to climate change. The forest sequesters 8% of the carbon stored in forests throughout the contiguous US states, some 3 billion metric tons of it. We must take action to mitigate and adapt to climate change, and maintaining the Tongass in a roadless state is critical for a sustainable future.

I urge the Forest Service to listen to the voices of the American people and prioritize them over corporate interests. The Forest Service should strengthen public involvement in developing land management policy and focus on broadly supported work rather than allowing special corporate interests to guide policy changes. Attempting to exempt inventoried roadless areas on the Chugach National Forest from the Alaska Roadless Rule adds further insult to injury, and this proposal has not received any sufficient environmental impact

analysis or public input. Choosing a full exemption will not create a long lasting, durable solution for roadless areas in Alaska it will only increase the legal challenges, uncertainty for businesses, and conflict over these forests going forward.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

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Last name: Forman

Organization:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

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Last name: forman

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Last name: forman

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Regards, Frieda Forman

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: janet

Last name: forman

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, janet forman

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Judith

Last name: Forman

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Last name: Forman

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Regards, Steven Forman

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Michael

Last name: Formichella

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC3677

U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule

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Sincerely,

Michael Formichella

Orleans, MA 02653

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First name: Dawn

Last name: Fornillo

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Dawn Fornillo

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/15/2019 3:00:00 PM

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Last name: FOROUTAN

Organization:

Title:

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Last name: Forrest

Organization:

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Regards, Jesse-Blue Forrest

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Kim

Last name: Forrest

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Kim Forrest and I live in Los Banos, California.

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Regards, Patricia Forrest

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Scott

Last name: Forrest

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Scott Forrest and I live in Half Moon Bay, California.

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First name: Christine

Last name: Forro

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC6002

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): 12/15/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Jean

Last name: Forsberg

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

This valuable forest acts as lungs of our planet. It is foolhardy and shortsighted to log.

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Sofie

Last name: Forsberg

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Sofie Forsberg

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/12/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Drew

Last name: Forsell

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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First name: Hal

Last name: Forsen

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Hal Forsen

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/26/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Hannah

Last name: Forshee

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC182

Forests have always been really important to me. I would not like to see them gone. So selective cutting and small mills, I believe would be better.

Don't be a dick. Yee Haw.

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Charles

Last name: Forslund

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/7/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: JONN

Last name: FORSLUND

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

As a supporter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers and our wild public lands, waters and wildlife, I am very concerned with the proposed rulemaking announced in Federal Register Document Number 2019-0023. I am writing these comments to strongly encourage you to maintain roadless area protections for the Tongass National Forest, including the wild fisheries habitat in the Tongass 77 and adopt the no action Alternative 1. These public lands and waters are prized by sportsmen and women and are a mainstay of Alaska's economy, helping drive an \$887 billion economic engine from outdoor recreation like hunting and fishing.

At nearly 17 million acres, the Tongass is the nation's largest national forest and the world's largest remaining intact coastal temperate rainforest; 9.3 million acres of that wild backcountry is inventoried roadless areas, providing high quality habitat for a unique diversity of sought-after game species, including mountain goats, black-tailed deer and both brown and black bears. The Tongass also encompasses thousands of miles of salmon-rich waterways, legendary among anglers and fundamental to the state's commercial salmon industry. The commercial fishing sector alone relies on the Tongass for more than 80 percent of its salmon and employs more than 4,300 people in the region, accounting for 9 percent of the area's entire employment. By contrast, timber production accounts for only 1 percent of the region's jobs.

Further, this proposal and the preferred alternative set a slippery precedent that threatens to unravel roadless rule protections for fish and wildlife across all of our nation's wild roadless forest lands. None of the identified alternatives take into consideration BHA's scoping comments to include balanced management policies for the Tongass, utilizing the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule as a foundational benchmark for improvements so that any roadless policies only enhance the most important fish and wildlife habitats. Logging and timber harvest already co-exist with roadless areas in the Tongass after years of prior compromise and consensus-building.

I implore you to maintain the integrity of Alaska's roadless areas and the Tongass 77, critical watersheds for trout and salmon. The Roadless Area Conservation Rule is a collaborative management approach adopted following one of the most extensive public engagement campaigns in the history of federal rulemaking. It may be America's best and most popular land management rule ever. The costs to American taxpayers for road building and unconscionably subsidized resource extraction are too high - not to mention the irreparable impact to wildlife, water, subsistence practices and traditions like hunting and fishing.

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Ingar

Last name: Forsmark

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Ingar Forsmark and I live in Hoffman Est, Illinois.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Ingar Forsmark

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Eric

Last name: Forst

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

I would like to express my strong support for alternative 6, a complete exemption, for the tongass from the roadless rule. I have looked at the impacts outlined in the report and none of the areas outlined are significantly impacted by exempting the tongass. There will still be stringent state and federal rules covering any potential projects should the tongass be exempted. The economy of Southeast Alaska is struggling and any project that could safely bring good paying jobs to the region should be allowed to at least be considered.

Please follow your own research and exempt the tongass from the roadless rule as it clearly shows doing so will not have a significant impact on the forest but may have huge impacts for the communities, transportation systems, and livelihoods of the people who live here.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important issue.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Mary

Last name: Forst

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Mary Forst

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Carol

Last name: Forster

Organization:

Title:

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Regards, Carol Forster

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Jacquelyn

Last name: Forster

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC6228

Dear U.S. Forest Service:

The Roadless Rule has been instrumental in conserving the Tongass National Forest and in supporting its fish and wildlife-based industries for more than 20 years. ***Please uphold the Rule's protections for important fish and wildlife areas, including the Tongass 77.*** [Text bolded for emphasis] Roadless areas are an important source of food, jobs, and income through commercial, subsistence, and recreational fishing. Salmon are part of Alaska's culture and we must protect them and their spawning streams. ***Please do not roll back roadless are protection for habitat that our irreplaceable fish and wildlife populations need to survive.*** [Text bolded for emphasis]

Customize your comment by listing reasons the Tongass is important to you or why you value Alaska Roadless areas: (ex: specific locations you recreate, activities you do, or why you value fish & wildlife) [Text italicized]

I value the Tongass as I have lived there for 8 years.

Sincerely,

Would you like to volunteer with TU Alaska to Help America's Salmon Forest?

Yes No

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Thomas

Last name: Forsyth

Organization:

Title:

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Last name: Forsyth

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Regards, Thomas Forsyth

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Delores

Last name: Forsythe

Organization:

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Regards, Delores Forsythe

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Kathy

Last name: Forsythe

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Kathy Forsythe and I live in Littleton, Colorado.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Kathy Forsythe

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/25/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Kay

Last name: forsythe

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Comments to oppose modification to the Roadless Rule

Dear U.S. Forest Service,

The Roadless Rule protects old growth forest for lots of creatures, like the marbled murrelet. Do you know that little bird will fly as much as 35 miles inland to nest?? Considering how little old growth forest there is left in our country, I think it's insane to allow much cutting in there. Forests as they were known 100 years ago hardly exist anymore.

Sure , if you allow cutting some people will have jobs from that. But then the forest will no longer be so desirable and those people won't have jobs anymore. Why cut this forest when they'll soon have to deal with job changes anyway?

Please save more of what we have, while it's still a treasure of a place.

Climate change is a hot button item for me, too, and good forests are a hugely important part of dealing with climate change.

Please choose the "No Action" Alternative (Alternative 1) and allow the Roadless Rule to remain intact on the Tongass National Forest.

Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely, Kay Forsythe of Ellensburg, Washington

Sincerely,

Kay forsythe

Ellensburg, WA 98926

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Lorraine

Last name: Forte

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Lorraine Forte and I live in New York, New York.

The earth is loosing enormous amounts of trees to fires due to climate change. This is not the time to be clear cutting essential habitats that are lungs for our planet. Please sustain the future.

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, Lorraine Forte

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Paulino

Last name: Forte

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC5280

U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

I've been fishing since I was a kid, so I've brought up my girls to do the same. I want to make sure they can fish where their quarry is wild and the environment pristine!

Please don't take away what you can't return!

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,

Paulino Forte

Red Bank, NJ 07701

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Rhoda

Last name: Forte

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Rhoda Forte

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Rhoda

Last name: Forte

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Rhoda Forte and I live in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Jammie

Last name: Fortenberry

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Regards, Jammie Fortenberry

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Last name: Fortenberry

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Regards, Jammie Fortenberry

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Alyne

Last name: Fortgang

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Alyne Fortgang and I live in Seattle, Washington.

Please save our pristine wilderness.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Alyne Fortgang

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Alyne

Last name: Fortgang

Organization:

Title:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/11/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: MICHAEL

Last name: FORTIE

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is MICHAEL FORTIE and I live in Moreno Valley, California.

I PICK UP PLASTIC ON ALL BEACHES IT IS TERRIBLE

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Regards, MICHAEL FORTIE

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Karen

Last name: Fortier

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Karen Fortier

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Joshua

Last name: Fortman

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Elizabeth

Last name: Fortmann

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Elizabeth Fortmann

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: D'Anna

Last name: Fortunato

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is D'Anna Fortunato and I live in Boston, Massachusetts.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, D'Anna Fortunato

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/13/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Annie

Last name: Foruria

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC540

Dear Secretary Perdue and Senator Murkowski,

I am a visitor of Sitka, and I am currently on a boat cruise off the coast of Kruzof Island. On this cruise, I am exploring and learning about the natural habitat of the area and how important it is to the visitor industry, commercial fishermen, and locals as well. fishermen, and locals as well. fishermen, and locals as well.

Only 10 miles west of Sitka, it is widely apparent that Kruzof Island is heavily utilized by visitors and local residents alike. Allen Marine boats and small cruise ships pass by the lush shores of the island to watch the fantastic marine animals that frolic in the rich coastal waters, sharing the oceans with many independent fishing guides that lead daily trips to catch the king and coho salmon that are sustained by the prolific feed found off the coast. The beautiful landscape, abundant wildlife, and intact forests throughout the Tongass National Forest are an important part of why I chose to visit Southeast Alaska; these vistas are fast disappearing in the continental United States.

Kruzof Island is currently protected from old-growth clearcut logging under the 2001 Roadless Rule. *It is important to me that the 2001 Roadless Rule remains in place on Kruzof Island, and throughout the Tongass National Forest.* [text bolded for emphasis] This intact temperate rainforest is a sight unique to Southeast Alaska; such lush and varied flora and fauna are rare in other corners of the world.

I want to see Kruzof Island and the Tongass National Forest protected because:

the bears there need us to pay attention.

I do not want to see the Roadless Rule repealed on Kruzof, or anywhere else in the Tongass. [text bolded for emphasis] Please keep this national and global treasure of a rainforest intact for generations yet to come.

Sincerely, Annie Foruria

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/14/2019 10:21:00 AM

First name: Georgianna

Last name: Foruria

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Georgianna Foruria and I live in Sitka, AK. Lifelong resident of Southeast Alaska who appreciates the pristine-while-it-lasts rainforest that I call home. Lifting the ban on roadless rule will open a gateway for death and destruction to our natural habitat that you can not predict nor prevent after the roadless rule is lifted. Keep it in place and mind your own business. I am writing a comment on the Alaska Roadless Rule DEIS because I am concerned with how the Rule and the proposed full exemption will impact my fishing, hunting, subsistence harvesting, foraging for wild foods, the peace and solitude I find in nature, recreating, practicing my culture, the status of the Tongass as a national and global treasure, the forest's ability to sequester carbon and mitigate climate change impacts, the conservation of resources for future generations .

Out of the alternatives described in the AKRR DEIS I support alternative 1: no action. It protects important fish and wildlife habitat from clearcutting and roadbuilding. I depend on roadless areas in the Tongass National Forest for healthy fish habitat, foraging and gathering wild foods, deer habitat and subsistence hunting, keeping public lands wild for future generations. A full exemption does not protect these values, nor does it effectively balance economic development and conservation of roadless area characteristics. A full exemption from the Roadless Rule and increased logging and roadbuilding will negatively impact the Tongass and what I and many others use and depend on the forest to provide for us.

The Roadless areas on the Tongass that are especially important to me are those on or around Baranof Island, Admiralty Island, Chichagof Island, Revillagigedo Island (near Ketchikan), Kuiu Island, all of the inventoried roadless areas on the Tongass. I want the roadless areas in these locations to stay in roadless status in any alternative selected by the Forest Service, and be managed to provide for the uses and activities I listed above. It is important to me that the T77 and the TNC conservation priority areas retain their roadless protections.

I do not support the Forest Services preferred alternative of a full exemption. A full exemption is not in the interests of Southeast Alaskans who live in and use the Tongass National Forest, because There are plans for development that we can't even predict yet, and we will have no way of preventing it for the next generation. Just because you have the majority does not mean you can ruin someone elses habitat for a quick dollar. Growing this amazing temperate rainforest takes thousands of years and it takes only days to destroy.. 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 transition to second growth logging.

Don't discount our comments, we need you to seriously consider them, as you would be changing the lives of so many people who actually care about the land. Put yourself in our shoes.

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: Most

Last name: Foruria

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC543

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM
First name: Jean
Last name: Forward
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
My name is Jean Forward and I live in [@advCity], Massachusetts.

PLEASE

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Thank you for considering my comments.
Regards, Jean Forward

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Patricia

Last name: Foschi

Organization:

Title:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Patricia

Last name: Foschi

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Patricia Foschi

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Peter

Last name: Foschi

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

I object to the plan by the National Forest to exempt the Tongass National Forest from its "Roadless Rule"

Further road development must be prohibited in the Tongass National Forest. A forest of this age is a critical center of gravity for worldwide biodiversity. Destruction of this natural habitat would impact life across the fish, mammal, and insect kingdoms. Repercussions would impact food chains across North America. Furthermore, development of this precious land would negatively impact the desperately needed sustainable growth industry in the US and Canada. Without appropriate demand the sustainability industry cannot grow. Harvesting more natural resources undercuts the demand for sustainable goods. We must encourage growth in this industry if our national standard of living is to continue. This forest has remained un disturbed for a thousand years, let it remain undisturbed for a thousand more.

[Position]

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Margaret

Last name: foshay

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: sara

Last name: fosmire

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, sara fosmire

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Dawn

Last name: Foss

Organization:

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Comments:

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Regards, Dawn Foss

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 1/1/0001 12:00:00 AM

First name: Dirk

Last name: Foss

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Dear Secretary Perdue,

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Organization:

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Comments:

HC1097

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Mary

Last name: Foss

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

I oppose any deforestation in the Tongass. Furthermore, I oppose any deforestation anywhere. The planet will not forgive you.

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Drew

Last name: Fossman

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC1083

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Aaron

Last name: Foster

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

As a supporter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers and our wild public lands, waters and wildlife, I am very concerned with the proposed rulemaking announced in Federal Register Document Number 2019-0023. I am writing these comments to strongly encourage you to maintain roadless area protections for the Tongass National Forest, including the wild fisheries habitat in the Tongass 77 and adopt the no action Alternative 1. These public lands and waters are prized by sportsmen and women and are a mainstay of Alaska's economy, helping drive an \$887 billion economic engine from outdoor recreation like hunting and fishing.

At nearly 17 million acres, the Tongass is the nation's largest national forest and the world's largest remaining intact coastal temperate rainforest; 9.3 million acres of that wild backcountry is inventoried roadless areas, providing high quality habitat for a unique diversity of sought-after game species, including mountain goats, black-tailed deer and both brown and black bears. The Tongass also encompasses thousands of miles of salmon-rich waterways, legendary among anglers and fundamental to the state's commercial salmon industry. The commercial fishing sector alone relies on the Tongass for more than 80 percent of its salmon and employs more than 4,300 people in the region, accounting for 9 percent of the area's entire employment. By contrast, timber production accounts for only 1 percent of the region's jobs.

Further, this proposal and the preferred alternative set a slippery precedent that threatens to unravel roadless rule protections for fish and wildlife across all of our nation's wild roadless forest lands. None of the identified alternatives take into consideration BHA's scoping comments to include balanced management policies for the Tongass, utilizing the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule as a foundational benchmark for improvements so that any roadless policies only enhance the most important fish and wildlife habitats. Logging and timber harvest already co-exist with roadless areas in the Tongass after years of prior compromise and consensus-building.

I implore you to maintain the integrity of Alaska's roadless areas and the Tongass 77, critical watersheds for trout and salmon. The Roadless Area Conservation Rule is a collaborative management approach adopted following one of the most extensive public engagement campaigns in the history of federal rulemaking. It may be America's best and most popular land management rule ever. The costs to American taxpayers for road building and unconscionably subsidized resource extraction are too high - not to mention the irreparable impact to wildlife, water, subsistence practices and traditions like hunting and fishing.

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Alan

Last name: Foster

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Alan Foster and I live in Arvada, Colorado.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Alan Foster

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/16/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Albert

Last name: Foster

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Albert Foster and I live in Port Angeles, Washington.

The Tongass NATIONAL Forest Is NOT The Private Property of 163,387 Trump (2016) Republican Voter residents of Alaska! In fact If you subtract the 116,454 Alaskan Voters who voted against Trump and Republicans in 2016 you see that less than 50,000 Alaskans Republicans are the entire difference in demanding the destruction of the nation's last best biggest wilderness forest!! This is a Total Criminal Theft in Cahoots With The Casino Con Man Liar President by a few self-dealing Alaska Republicans of our Last Best National Forest!!!!

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Albert Foster

[Position]

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/1/2019 6:22:48 AM

First name: Albert

Last name: Foster

Organization: University of Washington

Title:

Comments:

I support Alternative 1 which takes no action and would leave all of Alaska under the 2001 Roadless Rule, including the Tongass National Forest.

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/19/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Amy

Last name: Foster

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Hello,

I believe it is in the best interest of current and future generations to preserve our National Forests from threats such as logging. Historically, large-scale industrial logging in the Tongass damaged deer habitat and salmon streams, not to mention removed millions of acres of old-growth trees. There will always be some industry wanting to profit off of public lands and resources, so we need to stand firm and say no. Logging will only benefit a small few, while leaving the national forest in its purest form will benefit us all.

Thank you,

Amy

[Position]

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/22/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Ann

Last name: Foster

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

No Action Alternative for Tongass

Please keep the Roadless Rule protection intact for the Tongass National Forest.

Ann Foster

St. George, UT

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Arthur

Last name: Foster

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Arthur Foster and I live in Tampa, Florida.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Arthur Foster

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Austin

Last name: Foster

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC860

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: Beverly

Last name: Foster

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Beverly Foster and I live in Wayne, Pennsylvania.

STOP THE DESTRUCTION OF EVERY LIVING THING ON THE PLANET. WE NEED THE FORESTS.

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First name: Brianne

Last name: Foster

Organization:

Title:

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Regards, Brianne Foster

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Bridget

Last name: Foster

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Please leave the forest intact under the existing forest policy.

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Charles

Last name: Foster

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC861

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/14/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Cynthia

Last name: Foster

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

No no no no noNo treesNo oxygen What in the living hell is wrong with you necrophilia monsters

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Delaina

Last name: Foster

Organization:

Title:

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Regards, Delaina Foster

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/14/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Delaina

Last name: Foster

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Delaina Foster

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Emily

Last name: Foster

Organization:

Title:

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Regards, Emily Foster

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First name: Gary

Last name: Foster

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Halima

Last name: Foster

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Halima Foster

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Ida

Last name: Foster

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Ida Foster and I live in Mountain Top, Pennsylvania.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Ida Foster

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/25/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Isaac

Last name: Foster

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/11/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Jacqui

Last name: Foster

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Jacqui Foster and I live in Belleville, Illinois.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Jacqui Foster

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: James

Last name: Foster

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC6060

Dear U.S. Forest Service:

The Roadless Rule has been instrumental in conserving the Tongass National Forest and in supporting its fish and wildlife-based industries for more than 20 years. ***Please uphold the Rule's protections for important fish and wildlife areas, including the Tongass 77.*** [Text bolded for emphasis] Roadless areas are an important source of food, jobs, and income through commercial, subsistence, and recreational fishing. Salmon are part of Alaska's culture and we must protect them and their spawning streams. ***Please do not roll back roadless are protection for habitat that our irreplaceable fish and wildlife populations need to survive.*** [Text bolded for emphasis]

Customize your comment by listing reasons the Tongass is important to you or why you value Alaska Roadless areas: (ex: specific locations you recreate, activities you do, or why you value fish & wildlife) [Text italicized]

Please keep TNF under the Roadless Rule.

Sincerely,

Would you like to volunteer with TU Alaska to Help America's Salmon Forest?

Yes[Text circled] No

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Jamie

Last name: Foster

Organization: Mrs.

Title:

Comments:

The Tongass stores more carbon removed from the atmosphere than any other national forest in the country in its old-growth Sitka spruce, hemlock and cedar trees. It helps protect Alaska, which is warming more than twice as fast from climate change as our planet overall. The forest holds about 650 million tons of carbon or about half of U.S. carbon dioxide emissions in 2017.

It would be absolutley ridiculous to log this forest. There is no reason - none - that could possibly justify doing it.

I am 100% against logging the Tongass.

Your children and grandchildren thank you.

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/13/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Jason

Last name: Foster

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Jason Foster

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Jean

Last name: foster

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Jean foster and I live in Belmont, North Carolina.

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Regards, Jean foster

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First name: Jennifer

Last name: Foster

Organization:

Title:

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Regards, Jennifer Foster

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Jessica

Last name: Foster

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Joyce

Last name: Foster

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Joyce Foster and I live in Los Angeles, California.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/4/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Justin

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Organization:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Kay

Last name: Foster

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Kay Foster

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Kaya

Last name: Foster

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Kaya Foster and I live in Santa Monica, California.

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Regards, Kaya Foster

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Kimberly

Last name: Foster

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Kimberly Foster

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/11/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Lesa

Last name: Foster

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Lesa Foster and I live in Orlando, Florida.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Lesa Foster

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/25/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Lisa

Last name: Foster

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

As a supporter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers and our wild public lands, waters and wildlife, I am very concerned with the proposed rulemaking announced in Federal Register Document Number 2019-0023. I am writing these comments to strongly encourage you to maintain roadless area protections for the Tongass National Forest, including the wild fisheries habitat in the Tongass 77 and adopt the no action Alternative 1. These public lands and waters are prized by sportsmen and women and are a mainstay of Alaska's economy, helping drive an \$887 billion economic engine from outdoor recreation like hunting and fishing.

At nearly 17 million acres, the Tongass is the nation's largest national forest and the world's largest remaining intact coastal temperate rainforest; 9.3 million acres of that wild backcountry is inventoried roadless areas, providing high quality habitat for a unique diversity of sought-after game species, including mountain goats, black-tailed deer and both brown and black bears. The Tongass also encompasses thousands of miles of salmon-rich waterways, legendary among anglers and fundamental to the state's commercial salmon industry. The commercial fishing sector alone relies on the Tongass for more than 80 percent of its salmon and employs more than 4,300 people in the region, accounting for 9 percent of the area's entire employment. By contrast, timber production accounts for only 1 percent of the region's jobs.

Further, this proposal and the preferred alternative set a slippery precedent that threatens to unravel roadless rule protections for fish and wildlife across all of our nation's wild roadless forest lands. None of the identified alternatives take into consideration BHA's scoping comments to include balanced management policies for the Tongass, utilizing the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule as a foundational benchmark for improvements so that any roadless policies only enhance the most important fish and wildlife habitats. Logging and timber harvest already co-exist with roadless areas in the Tongass after years of prior compromise and consensus-building.

I implore you to maintain the integrity of Alaska's roadless areas and the Tongass 77, critical watersheds for trout and salmon. The Roadless Area Conservation Rule is a collaborative management approach adopted following one of the most extensive public engagement campaigns in the history of federal rulemaking. It may be America's best and most popular land management rule ever. The costs to American taxpayers for road building and unconscionably subsidized resource extraction are too high - not to mention the irreparable impact to wildlife, water, subsistence practices and traditions like hunting and fishing.

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Lorraine

Last name: Foster

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Lorraine Foster and I live in Portland, Oregon.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Lorraine Foster

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Lynn

Last name: Foster

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Lynn Foster and I live in Peabody, Massachusetts.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Lynn Foster

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: M

Last name: Foster

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

I am writing to support the No-Action Alternative for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the proposed Alaska Roadless Rule, Alternative #1. I support keeping the current Roadless Rule protections in place and intact for the Tongass National Forest. Trumps plan is yet another attack from the Trump administration on Indigenous rights. Alaskan Native communities -- including the Tlingit, Haida, and Tsimshian peoples -- have depended on the Tongass Rainforest for millennia. It is the backbone to their culture, traditions, and communities -- we simply cannot let it disappear.

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In addition, I strongly object to your plans to reduce and remove protections from our national forests roadless areas. The Roadless Rule is one of the smartest and most popular land management policies the Federal Government has ever adopted. Not only does it preserve some of Americas best fish and wildlife habitat, but it also saves untold millions of taxpayer dollars that might otherwise be spent to subsidize money-losing timber sales. The value of the Roadless Rule in preventing environmentally damaging and economically wasteful road-building and logging is particularly relevant in the Tongass, where logging costs vastly exceed timber revenues and require unconscionable taxpayer subsidies. Sorry, I cannot donate - retired Senior Citizen
Regards, M Foster

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Marcy

Last name: Foster

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Marcy Foster

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Margaret

Last name: Foster

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Margaret Foster

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/19/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Max

Last name: Foster

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

As an American that enjoys wilderness public lands on a regular basis, I cannot support the dismantling of protections for the Tongass National Forest. We have very few old growth, pristine, natural places left. We need to protect, at all costs, the natural splendor of the Tongass and all the species that reside in it. I support Alternative 1 (no change, keep current protections in place). Please consider this when making your decision. We cannot undo changes we make to this special place.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/14/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Olympia

Last name: Foster

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Olympia Foster and I live in Chico, California.

We must protect this home, this ecosystem, this vital part of our planet. Stop this effort to remove protections from Alaska's Tongass National Forest now.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Olympia Foster

[Position]

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Pat

Last name: Foster

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Pat Foster and I live in Scotchtown, New York.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Pat Foster

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/20/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Price

Last name: Foster

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

We've hardly begun understanding America's temperate rainforests, but what we do know is that they have, in each square foot, the richest and most complex biological activity in the world. Clearcutting these trees is not only killing the forest but killing billions of organisms that make up this astoundingly complex interconnective ecosystem that impacts not only the forest but the waterways and ocean as well. Clearcut logging is an unfortunate inevitability right now, but if there are any forests that are to be logged, temperate rainforests are the absolute worst pick.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Sarah

Last name: Foster

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Sarah Foster and I live in Madison, Wisconsin.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Sarah Foster

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/11/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Stephanie

Last name: Foster

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Stephanie Foster

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Steve

Last name: Foster

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Steve Foster and I live in Vancouver, Washington.

Clean air standards need to be strictly enforced, not weakened. We all need clean air.

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Thanks

Regards, Steve Foster

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Susan

Last name: Foster

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

I cannot believe we are having to worry about taking public lands for profit. I have read the proposal and highly disagree with it. Public lands and area conservation are just that--public. Alaska is an American conservation paradise and should not be subject to logging. Thank you.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Tracy

Last name: Foster

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Tracy Foster and I live in Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Tracy Foster

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Will

Last name: Foster

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Dear Secretary Perdue,

I am writing to support the ***No-Action Alternative*** for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the proposed changes to the Alaska Roadless Rule. I strongly object to your plans reduce and remove protections from roadless areas in the Tongass National Forest. The Tongass contains the largest remaining intact temperate rainforest on Earth, and its value in providing clean water and habitat for fish and wildlife is essential to the economic and ecological health of Southeast Alaska. Furthermore, it's a critical carbon sink to combat climate change.

I urge you to keep the federal Roadless Rule intact and current protections in place for national forests in Alaska and across the country.

Sincerely,

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Teri

Last name: Foster-Allen

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Teri Foster-Allen and I live in Knoxville, Tennessee.

One more example of putting corporate interests over the climate and nature! Please dont let them get away with this! Please vote No Action to protect the Tongass Wilderness!

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, Teri Foster-Allen

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Janet

Last name: Fotos

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Janet Fotos and I live in Hollis, New Hampshire.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Janet Fotos

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Janet

Last name: Fotos

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Janet Fotos

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Jeffrey

Last name: Foucault

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Jeffrey Foucault

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Kristin

Last name: Fouch

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Kristin Fouch

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Zane

Last name: Fouchard

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Zane Fouchard

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: David

Last name: Fouche

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is David Fouche and I live in Winston-salem, North Carolina.

The actions proposed and those already taken against Bears Ears National Monument are irresponsible and unnecessary.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, David Fouche

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Paula

Last name: Fougere

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Paula Fougere and I live in Seabrook, New Hampshire.

Our lungs are already challenged, so don't make our air quality any worse!

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Paula Fougere

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/5/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: David

Last name: Fougeron

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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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/22/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: MICHAEL

Last name: FOUNTAIN

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

USDA FOREST SERVICE Alaska Roadless Rule update

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Best,

MICHAEL FOUNTAIN

Director | Writebrain Films

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

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Last name: FOUNTAIN

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First name: raphael

Last name: fourmont

Organization:

Title:

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Regards, Eric Fournier

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/17/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Eric

Last name: Fournier

Organization:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Gary

Last name: Fournier

Organization:

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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule

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Sincerely,

Gary Fournier

Juneau, AK 99801

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: gary

Last name: fournier

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is gary fournier and I live in Juneau, Alaska.

Protect our Rain Forest- NO CUTTING

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Juneau, AK 99801

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/31/2019 4:00:00 PM

First name: Tonja

Last name: Fournier

Organization:

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Comments:

I urge you to fully exempt the Tongass National Forest from the Roadless Rule. We have enough land permanently set aside already and the National Forest Management Act planning regulations are the proper way to manage the remaining areas on the Tongass as a multiple-use forest.

Other points to consider: Exempting the Tongass from the Roadless Rule will not cause harm to the region's fisheries. Fish habitat is already fully protected on the national forest. Wildlife habitat is also fully protected on the national forest and wildlife is thriving in the young growth stands where timber harvesting has taken place over the last 65-years. Mining, energy development and community access are inhibited by the Roadless Rule. We need a larger timber supply in order to restore more year around jobs. Timber harvesting has not harmed the tourism industry. Most outdoor recreation on the forest takes place in or near the previously harvested areas because of the access provided by the logging roads.

Please restore the Roadless Exemption so that Southeast Alaska can have the same economic opportunities as communities in or near other national forests.

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Johnny

Last name: Foust

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Regards, Johnny Foust

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/24/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Madi

Last name: Foutz

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Regards, Bruce Fowle

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Bruce

Last name: Fowle

Organization:

Title:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Aj

Last name: Fowler

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Please don't create another scar on the canvas of God's creation. Please.

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/18/2019 2:35:17 PM

First name: Beverly

Last name: Fowler

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,

Beverly Fowler

Cottage Grove, WI 53527

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

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Last name: Fowler

Organization:

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Regards, Beverly Fowler

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Beverly

Last name: Fowler

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Last name: Fowler

Organization:

Title:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Charles Fowler

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Cindee

Last name: Fowler

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Cindee Fowler and I live in Kansas City, Missouri.

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Regards, Cindee Fowler

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/14/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Elizabeth

Last name: Fowler

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Elizabeth Fowler

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Jim

Last name: Fowler

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Keep the Tongas roadless rule intact as is with no change.

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Kathy

Last name: Fowler

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Kathy Fowler and I live in Riverside, California.

We are not only killing the beauty of the earth, we are killing ourselves. More people, less plants to help us breathe....not a pretty picture.

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First name: Londa

Last name: Fowler

Organization:

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Regards, Londa Fowler

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Marcia

Last name: Fowler

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Marcia Fowler and I live in Litchfield, Connecticut.

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Regards, Marsha Fowler

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Matt

Last name: Fowler

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Ray Fowler

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Russell

Last name: Fowler

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Russell Fowler and I live in Salem, Oregon.

We need these forests protected. They are our lungs for this earth and I want to keep breathing. This is critical habitat for both humans and animals.

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Regards, Russell Fowler

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Russell

Last name: Fowler

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Russell Fowler and I live in Swansboro, North Carolina.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Susi

Last name: Fowler

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC5643

Dear U.S. Forest Service,

CC: Alaska Congressional Delegation and Federal Administration

I support the no-action alternative to leave the 2001 Roadless Rule in place on the Tongass National Forest. We must continue to phase out old-growth clear-cut logging and instead prioritize restoring degraded watersheds and fish streams that contribute to the growing fisheries and tourism-based economies of Southeast. To that end, please conserve the Tongass 77 and TNC priority areas in the final Roadless Rule.

Sincerely,

Comments: *(Eg: list locations you recreate, or why you value Tongass fish & wildlife)* [Text italicized for emphasis]

Please- we need the Roadless Rule in place in the Tongass - protect on streams, watersheds. The salmon that so many of us [illegible] families that fished or still do. It is time to protect old growth!

[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]

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Lisa

Last name: Fowler-Kobylewski

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Lisa Fowler-Kobylewski and I live in Cherry Valley, Illinois.

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Regards, Lisa Fowler-Kobylewski

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Lisa

Last name: Fowlkes

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Lisa Fowlkes and I live in Colbert, Georgia.

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Regards, Susan Fowlkes

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Barbara

Last name: Fox

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/20/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Brad

Last name: Fox

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

I believe that Option 2 should be implemented very carefully, with much thought on the impacts and benefits of opening new areas. As I would believe, most that have experienced roadless wilderness, consider that as some of the most cherished land in our nation. I personally would like to see Option 1 remain, but realize that people need to work.

[Position]

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/20/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Casey

Last name: Fox

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

We do not need to open up the public lands for logging. The logging industry has shown it cant even care and maintain its privet logging lands. These public lands are Americans jewels and should be preserved and enjoyed by the public not the corporations that destroy them. Teddy and Pinchot set the standers for these lands and we need to follow their standards.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Crystal

Last name: fox

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Crystal fox and I live in Wasilla, Alaska.

When are we going to realize that we've gone too far... When it's too late?? Because it's about that time. How anyone can truly feel cutting down any trees, let alone the temperate forest, is the right decisions to be making and spending our time and money on, meanwhile we are in the midst of a global crisis, is a Ridicule to who we are, humans. If not for yourself, do it for your children and grandchildren. Don't push the trauma off for the future generations to pay for our consequences. We Can all agree that going through with this COULD have negative effects on the environment, and that it will DEFINETLY NOT have positive affects on the environment, Right? Well we 100% can all agree that not going through with this action will put NO risk of negative implementations on the environment, so with the climate drastically changing, here in Alaska we feel it so forcefully already, I would STRONGLY suggest to take the higher chances of positive outcome choice && be able to live with yourself a little longer and look in your families eyes knowing that out of the millions that are on the ignorant murdering side of our planet and civilization that's killing our loved ones.. that you sir, are part of the proud that did what he could for the ones he loves more than himself and the size of his billfold.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Crystal fox

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Donald

Last name: Fox

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Donald Fox and I live in Katy, Texas.

EPA = Environmental PROTECTION Agency. Pay attention!

I am opposed to rolling back the Roadless Area Conservation Rule (Roadless Rule) wherever applicable. Do not ignore overwhelming public support for the rule & the harm rolling it back would do.

In Southeast Alaska, tourism generates \$1 billion in economic benefit annually and accounts for 28% of employment, while the timber industry accounts for less than 1% of the regional economy.

A roll back 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. Do not to abandon the Roadless Rule; instead, put the public interest above corporate profits by choosing to keep the rule in place unchanged.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Donald Fox

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Ellen

Last name: Fox

Organization:

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Regards, Ellen Fox

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/11/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Emma

Last name: Fox

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Emma Fox

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Gaia

Last name: Fox

Organization:

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Regards, Gaia Fox

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Gina

Last name: Fox

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Gina Fox and I live in Louisville, Colorado.

Np more fracing, it is ruining our air

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Gina Fox

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/11/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: HARVEYSEAN

Last name: FOX

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is HARVEYSEAN FOX and I live in Phoenix, Arizona.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, HARVEYSEAN FOX

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First name: Heather

Last name: Fox

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Heather Fox

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/20/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Jacqueline

Last name: Fox

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Opening this land to logging would be more costly and damage the thriving salmon market. It would also create damage to a unique ecosystem and endanger some of the important wildlife.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Jeremy

Last name: Fox

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Jeremy Fox and I live in Bend, Oregon.

Opening up rainforests for logging is a shortsighted plan that will irreparably affect future generations of Americans.

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Regards, Jeremy Fox

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First name: Jesse

Last name: Fox

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Regards, Jesse Fox

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Jesse

Last name: Fox

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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First name: John

Last name: Fox

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First name: Josh

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM

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Organization:

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Regards, Kathryn Fox

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Kathryn

Last name: Fox

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Kathryn Fox and I live in Salem, Oregon.

Old growth forest aren't tree farms. They house many species of wildlife and should be left untouched. We are doing opposite of what should be done. Stop deforestation; reduce our human overpopulation. Trump has no science background and makes poor decisions.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Madilyn

Last name: Fox

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Madilyn Fox

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Marcha

Last name: Fox

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Marcha Fox and I live in Burnet, Texas.

This forest needs to be preserved for environmental and aesthetic reasons. Devastating our national parks and resources for corporate profits is beyond outrageous.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Marcha Fox

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Mark

Last name: Fox

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Mark Fox

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: mary

Last name: fox

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, mary fox

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Michael

Last name: Fox

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Michael Fox

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Monica

Last name: Fox

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Monica Fox and I live in Skokie, Illinois.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Monica Fox

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Noah

Last name: Fox

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Tongass Roadless Rule Protection

To the U.S. Forest Service, ATTN. Alaska Roadless Rule:

As a proud citizen of this country and an avid user of public lands, I would like to express deep concern over the proposed removal of Roadless Rule protection from the Tongass National Forest. Our parks, forests, and wild places are this nation's greatest treasure. In my lifetime, I have seen these treasures dwindle. What little old growth forest we have left, we have because it is protected by the U.S. Forest Service. The Forest Service ensures we are responsible caretakers of this land, protecting against greed and short-sightedness. I fear that the proposed change represents a slippery slope toward allowing the management of public land to be driven by greed for a quick buck. This decision threatens a backslide toward the removal of Roadless Rule (and other) protection from other irreplaceable public lands. As a lover of this country and its wild places, I implore you to maintain Roadless Rule protection of the Tongass National Forest. I want to bring my children to Alaska to walk among ancient trees, dense undergrowth, and native wildlife, not to stare across a barren clear cut.

Thank you for reading my comment; I hope you are able to do what is right for our land and those who love it.

Happy holidays,

Noah Fox

[POSITION]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Olivia

Last name: Fox

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Olivia Fox

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Patricia

Last name: Fox

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Last name: Fox

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Regards, Paul Fox

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: r

Last name: fox

Organization:

Title:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, r fox

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Rebecca

Last name: Fox

Organization: AMERICAN CITIZEN

Title:

Comments:

I strongly object to opening this land to logging.

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Shar

Last name: Fox

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

As a supporter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers and our wild public lands, waters and wildlife, I am very concerned with the proposed rulemaking announced in Federal Register Document Number 2019-0023. I am writing these comments to strongly encourage you to maintain roadless area protections for the Tongass National Forest, including the wild fisheries habitat in the Tongass 77 and adopt the no action Alternative 1. These public lands and waters are prized by sportsmen and women and are a mainstay of Alaska's economy, helping drive an \$887 billion economic engine from outdoor recreation like hunting and fishing.

At nearly 17 million acres, the Tongass is the nation's largest national forest and the world's largest remaining intact coastal temperate rainforest; 9.3 million acres of that wild backcountry is inventoried roadless areas, providing high quality habitat for a unique diversity of sought-after game species, including mountain goats, black-tailed deer and both brown and black bears. The Tongass also encompasses thousands of miles of salmon-rich waterways, legendary among anglers and fundamental to the state's commercial salmon industry. The commercial fishing sector alone relies on the Tongass for more than 80 percent of its salmon and employs more than 4,300 people in the region, accounting for 9 percent of the area's entire employment. By contrast, timber production accounts for only 1 percent of the region's jobs.

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I implore you to maintain the integrity of Alaska's roadless areas and the Tongass 77, critical watersheds for trout and salmon. The Roadless Area Conservation Rule is a collaborative management approach adopted following one of the most extensive public engagement campaigns in the history of federal rulemaking. It may be America's best and most popular land management rule ever. The costs to American taxpayers for road building and unconscionably subsidized resource extraction are too high - not to mention the irreparable impact to wildlife, water, subsistence practices and traditions like hunting and fishing.

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Shar

Last name: Fox

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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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 want the children and grandchildren to know old growth forests. Our trees are our breath.

[Box unchecked] I would like to get more involved in the campaign!

*By taking this action, you are consenting to receive future communications via phone, text message, email, or mail from Sitka Conservation Society and its partners working to protect the Tongass. * [Text italicized for emphasis]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Stephanie

Last name: Fox

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Stephanie Fox and I live in Bloomfield, Connecticut.

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Regards, Stephanie Fox

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Vicki

Last name: Fox

Organization:

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Regards, Vicki Fox

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Vicky

Last name: Fox

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Emily

Last name: Fox-Hill

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Emily Fox-Hill

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Nancy

Last name: Foxley

Organization:

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Regards, Nancy Foxley

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Trevanne

Last name: Foxtan

Organization:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Trevanne

Last name: Foxtan

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Trevanne Foxtan

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Lisa

Last name: Foxwell

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Lisa Foxwell and I live in Nucla, Colorado.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Lisa Foxwell

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Lurman

Last name: Foxwell

Organization:

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Regards, Lurman Foxwell

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/18/2019 2:21:09 PM

First name: George

Last name: Foxworth

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,

George Foxworth

Fair Oaks, CA 95628

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Brooke

Last name: Foxworthy

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Brooke Foxworthy

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: James

Last name: Foxworthy

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC3874

U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule

Comment Period:

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Our fisheries and wild forests are critical to the economy of Alaska. To grow these sectors of our economy, we need intact habitat. Please leave the Alaska Roadless Rule in place.

Sincerely,

James Foxworthy

San Diego, CA 92117

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Joy

Last name: Foy

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Joy Foy

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Marilyn

Last name: Foy

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Marilyn Foy

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Tess

Last name: Fraad-Wolff

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Allison

Last name: Fradkin

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Allison Fradkin

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Andrea

Last name: Fraga

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Andrea Fraga, and i support the No Action Alternative regarding the Roadless Rule. I believe it is important that we keep the Tongass National Forest intact, with no new roads built. These are the reasons why:

1. Climate change is a very real threat, and opening the Tongass up to large scale extractive activities, in particular old-growth logging, will further excel the harmful affects of climate change.
2. Old-growth logging is not a viable industry in Southeast Alaska, but rather threatens the tried-and-true economies of fishing and tourism, which rely on healthy, intact forests. Opening the Tongass up to old-growth logging, clear-cutting and mining is short-sighted thinking, and has been proven to cost the taxpayers money, rather than boost the economy.
3. Alaskans rely on a subsistence way of life, which is fairly unique these days. An intact Tongass National Forest is the best way to ensure continued subsistence opportunities, which are already under threat from climate change.

When i moved to Southeast Alaska twelve years ago from Southern Oregon, i saw a state with a unique opportunity to learn from the mistakes of the lower 48. States who chose to sell off their natural public wonders, often to the highest foreign bidder, and often at an economic loss for the citizens of that state. We need to preserve what makes Alaska unique - healthy expanses of untouched wilderness and healthy ecosystems.

If nothing else, i ask you to please respect the public comment process, please make it actually mean something, by listening to those who speak in the majority when it comes to the Roadless Rule and the Tongass National Forest.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments,

Andrea Fraga

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Kate

Last name: Fraher

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Please do not open the wilderness to any kind of development. Preserve the land, we are stewards.

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Janene

Last name: Frahm

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Janene Frahm

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Susan

Last name: Fraidin

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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First name: Susan

Last name: Fraidin

Organization:

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In addition, I strongly object to your plans to reduce and remove protections from our national forests roadless areas. The Roadless Rule is one of the smartest and most popular land management policies the Federal Government has ever adopted. Not only does it preserve some of 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, Susan Fraidin

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/7/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Bruce

Last name: Fraidowitz

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Bruce

Last name: Fraidowitz

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC3682

U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule

Comment Period:

Comment Period Alaska Roadless Rule:

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Sincerely,

Bruce Fraidowitz

New York, NY 10014

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Bruce

Last name: Fraidowitz

Organization:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Bruce

Last name: Fraidowitz

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC3234

U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule

Comment Period

Comment Period Alaska Roadless Rule:

The Roadless Rule has been instrumental in conserving the Tongass National Forest and in supporting its fish and wildlife-based industries for almost 20 years. Please uphold the Rule's protections for important fish and wildlife areas, including the Tongass 77. Roadless areas are an important source of food, jobs, and income through commercial, subsistence, and recreational fishing. Salmon are part of Alaska's culture and we must protect them and their spawning streams. Please do not roll back roadless area protections for habitat that our irreplaceable fish and wildlife populations need to survive.

Sincerely,

Bruce Fraidowitz

New York, NY 10014

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 1/1/0001 12:00:00 AM

First name: Bruce

Last name: Fraidowitz

Organization:

Title:

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Bruce Fraidowitz

New York, NY 10014

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Laurie

Last name: Fraker

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Laurie Fraker and I live in El Centro, California.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Laurie Fraker

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Laurie

Last name: Fraker

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Last name: Frakes

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/11/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Darren

Last name: Frale

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Darren Frale

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: kevin

Last name: fraleigh

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is kevin fraleigh and I live in Red Hook, New York.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, kevin fraleigh

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Diana

Last name: Fraley

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Diana Fraley

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/15/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Natasha

Last name: Fraley

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Natasha Fraley and I live in Santa Cruz, California.

Please protect this critical forest. These are very old trees that provide an ecological services to us all. No one should profit from that forest.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Lynne

Last name: Frame

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Lynne Frame

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

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Last name: Framilla

Organization:

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Regards, Mary Fran

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/26/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: John

Last name: Fran Latham

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC335

October 23, 2019

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Roads jeopardize salmon spawning habitat which effect the salmon and wildlife which effect our business.

We do not want any more logging on the old-growth timber in the Tongass National Forest. We do not want any more destruction to our fragile forests and egosystem.

Let's keep the 2001 National Roadless Rule on the Tongass and protect our forests in Southeast Alaska.

Sincerely yours,

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John and Fran Latham

Yakutat, Ak. 99689

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/26/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: John
Last name: Fran Latham
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC282

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USDA Forest Service

1400 Independence Ave. SW

Washington DC. 20250-1111

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Cc: USDAFS

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CC Sen Lisa Murkowski

Sen Dan Sullivan

Rep Don Young

Rep Louis Stutes

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Bruce

Last name: Frana

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Bruce Frana

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Gracie

Last name: France

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Gracie France

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Jeanne

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Tom

Last name: France

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Tom France

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Barbara

Last name: Frances

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Barbara Frances and I live in Aromas, California.

Bears Ears National Monument must be protected and preserved! If we allow cultural sites and critical habitat to be destroyed, it will be forever. Save them.....

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Barbara Frances

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Claire

Last name: Frances

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Having just learned today from my husband that there is a possibility that our precious Tongass National Forest could be opened to roads and logging I had to write to implore you to prevent this. Please put the health and well-being of our planet and the indigenous population ahead of money-making and corporate interests. There is no way to reverse the destruction of this unimaginably beautiful and vital part of our country. Please protect it for all time. Don't let greed and cruelty win!

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Gene

Last name: Franceschina

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC3810

U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule

Comment Period

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Gene Franceschina

Middletown, DE 19709

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Organization:

Title:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/25/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Natalie

Last name: Francese

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: Franchi

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Marcello

Last name: franciamore

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Organization:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/16/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Jennifer

Last name: Francini

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Alaska must be spared. We dont need to open up Alaska to timber. WTH legalization of hemp we can use hemp to offset our need for trees. Do not open up Alaska to timber production. The amazon was just devistates and we must preserve old growth forests forever. There is no need when we can maintain the forests in the lower 48 already open to timber. We need more tree planting programs to aid the earth and diminish the carbon in the atmosphere.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/11/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Albert

Last name: Francis

Organization:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: cheryl

Last name: francis

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is cheryl francis and I live in Carbondale, Illinois.

Trump has no regard for the environment!!the sooner he is removed the better. He has tried to tear down everything we have all worked for in protecting the environment, human rights, you name it. These wild forests are essential on so many levels...not only as carbon storage...but also preserving our own wild nature, which we could do well to get back to. Thank you EARTH JUSTICE for being our warrior on the front lines. CEF

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Regards, cheryl francis

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

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Last name: Francis

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, David Francis

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Eric

Last name: Francis

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Eric Francis and I live in Jacksonville, Florida.

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Regards, Eric Francis

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Joseph

Last name: Francis

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule

Comment Period

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The Roadless Rule has been instrumental in conserving the Tongass National Forest and in supporting its fish and wildlife-based industries for almost 20 years. Please uphold the Rule's protections for important fish and wildlife areas, including the Tongass 77. Roadless areas are an important source of food, jobs, and income through commercial, subsistence, and recreational fishing. Salmon are part of Alaska's culture and we must protect them and their spawning streams. Please do not roll back roadless area protections for habitat that our irreplaceable fish and wildlife populations need to survive.

Sincerely,

Joseph Francis

Seattle, WA 98116

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Jude

Last name: Francis

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Last name: Francis

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Regards, Scott Francis

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Stacey

Last name: Francis

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Stuart

Last name: Francis

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Stuart Francis and I live in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

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Regards, Stuart Francis

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Toni

Last name: Francis

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Toni Francis and I live in Longmont, Colorado.

Corporate profits today are NOT more important than the well being of Americans. To our government the first priority has to be what is best for our people because the first responsibility of government is to safeguard the people.

Wealthy corporate donors buy government favor in any corrupt administration like the Trump regime and they are able to override the good of the people in the future for profits in the present and for generous campaign donations.

We cant let this corruption go unchallenged. Future generations already face the climate emergency we are starting to experience. Think about Katrina and the wildfires in California. Thats their future only far more extreme, frequent, lethal, and destructive, causing death and displacement on a massive scale. There will be huge evacuations, refugee crises, and chronic chaotic emergencies that overwhelm governments.

No corporate profits today can justify the loss of lives and homes that are already overtaking us now in coastal areas (think Houston, Louisiana) and island communities (Bermuda) here and globally. No we need the roadless rule to protect the old growth trees of the Tongass National Forest in Alaska because they store enormous quantities of carbon dioxide, a potent greenhouse gas while releasing oxygen which we desperately need in our atmosphere.

This is a very big deal. It doesnt get any bigger. This National Forest belongs to the people, NOT this administration or any corporation. The people have to think long term to survive and to prevent extinction of our species.

Leave the Tongass alone no logging or clearcutting. It is irreplaceable for many generations to come.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

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Last name: Francisco

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/11/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Faith

Last name: Franck

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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First name: Diana

Last name: Franco

Organization:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/5/2019 3:00:00 PM

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Rita

Last name: Franco

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: sharon

Last name: franco

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is sharon franco and I live in Fort Myers, Florida.

I live in Florida, and this state is being ruined by developers. The problem is you are not for the people. We don't want our environment ruined! Please do the right thing for the state, not for yourself.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Nicholas

Last name: Frangakis

Organization:

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Regards, Nicholas Frangakis

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Kate

Last name: Frangos

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Kate Frangos and I live in Bath, New York.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Kate Frangos

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Audrey

Last name: Frank

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Audrey Frank

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/14/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Dave

Last name: Frank

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Dave Frank

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/14/2019 8:14:40 PM

First name: Deb

Last name: Frank

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Deb Frank and I live in Dittmer, MO. I am writing a comment on the Alaska Roadless Rule DEIS because I am concerned with how the Rule and the proposed full exemption will affect the Tongass National Forest and the Chugach National Forest.

I am an American citizen who believes that we are the stewards of our lands. As such, we must preserve the rare wild places that have been untouched, or least touched, by the destructive hands of humanity. These rare places are safe havens for many important species of animals and plants such as the Alexander Archipelago Wolf.

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 to keep public lands wild for future generations, the high density of incredible wildlife it contains, its status as the largest intact temperate rainforest in the world, its status as America's best natural solution to climate change and its sequestering of millions of metric tons of carbon and mitigating climate change, its huge swaths of intact ecosystems and all the biodiversity it contains, its status as a national and global treasure, the lifestyles of the indigenous communities that the forest supports. A full exemption does not protect these priorities, nor does it effectively balance economic development with the countless other benefits provided by roadless areas. I would like the Forest Service to manage roadless areas for low-impact recreation (camping, hiking, hunting, foraging, etc). It is important to me that high-value intact habitat including the T77 watersheds and the TNC conservation priority areas retain their roadless protections in any alternative selected.

The Forest Service is wasting taxpayers' valuable time and money by trying to prop up a failing timber industry in Southeast Alaska. The nonpartisan, independent taxpayer watchdog Taxpayers for Common Sense reported that the Tongass timber program has losses of over \$600 million of taxpayers money in the past 20 years. I would rather see my taxpayer dollars used to perform restorative actions that support wildlife populations on previously degraded landscapes that support wildlife populations, establish the economic value of the carbon stored in the Tongass, develop more recreational opportunities, like trails and cabins, restore salmon habitat that was hurt by past logging practices. We need to stop subsidizing the clearcutting of old growth on the Tongass through taxpayer funded roadbuilding. If a full exemption were chosen, it would not create opportunities and would instead prioritize the special interests of one industry over the interests of the entire American public.

The Tongass is Americas homegrown natural solution to climate change. The forest sequesters 8% of the carbon stored in forests throughout the contiguous US states, some 3 billion metric tons of it. We must take action to mitigate and adapt to climate change, and maintaining the Tongass in a roadless state is critical for a sustainable future.

I urge the Forest Service to listen to the voices of the American people and prioritize them over corporate interests. The Forest Service should strengthen public involvement in developing land management policy and focus on broadly supported work rather than allowing special corporate interests to guide policy changes. Attempting to exempt inventoried roadless areas on the Chugach National Forest from the Alaska Roadless Rule adds further insult to injury, and this proposal has not received any sufficient environmental impact analysis or public input. Choosing a full exemption will not create a long lasting, durable solution for roadless areas in Alaska it will only increase the legal challenges, uncertainty for businesses, and conflict over these forests going forward.

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Henry

Last name: Frank

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Henry Frank and I live in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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Regards, Kaley Frank

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/11/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Larry

Last name: Frank

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Larry Frank and I live in Baywood-los Osos, California.

Keep polluting our our air and water and making people sick and you wont have any customers to buy your toxic fuels. You think we have a health crises now ? Exxon Mobile has been hiding the facts about climate change for 30 years or more just like big tobacco hid the facts about their poisoness product !

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Larry Frank

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Regards, Nancy Frank

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 11:12:20 PM

First name: Nicole

Last name: Frank

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Nicole Frank and I live in Fairbanks, AK. I have traveled throughout the state, and lived in both rural and urban Alaska. I've visited Southeast Alaska several times, including a trip to Yakutat, where I went surfing and hiking in the Tongass National Forest. 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 fishing, hunting, subsistence harvesting, foraging for wild foods, the peace and solitude I find in nature, recreating, the status of the Tongass as a national and global treasure, the forest's ability to sequester carbon and mitigate climate change impacts, and the conservation of resources for future generations.

Out of the alternatives described in the AKRR DEIS, I support alternative 1: no action. The rule is working fine as it is by balancing the conservation of our fish and wildlife habitat with important development projects. We all depend on roadless areas in the Tongass National Forest to keep public lands wild for future generations, for fiscal responsibility and saving taxpayer dollars, and for carbon sequestration and local climate change mitigation, as well as climate change mitigation in the world. The Tongass National Forest is a carbon sink, along with the tundra and permafrost. Alaska is warming on a faster scale than the rest of the US. A full exemption does not protect these values, nor does it effectively balance economic development and conservation of roadless area characteristics. A full exemption from the Roadless Rule and increased logging and roadbuilding will negatively impact the Tongass and what I and many others use and depend on the forest to provide for us.

The Roadless areas on the Tongass that are especially important to me are those on or around all of the inventoried roadless areas on the Tongass. I want the roadless areas in these locations to stay in roadless status in any alternative selected by the Forest Service, and be managed to provide for the uses and activities I listed above. It is important to me that the T77 and the TNC conservation priority areas retain their roadless protections.

I do not support the Forest Services preferred alternative of a full exemption. A full exemption is not in the interests of Southeast Alaskans who live in and use the Tongass National Forest, because it ignores climate change and the interconnected ecosystems in Alaska and the world. It discounts the voices of Alaskans, especially those who have cultural ties to the region. It is a poor economic decision with negative repercussions overall. 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 cultural traditions, as well as the tourism industry and commercial fishing industry.

It would further harm rural economic opportunities because pursuing the same outdated economic model of old growth clearcut harvesting for export stifles innovation and possibility in other sectors, such as mariculture, sustainable young growth harvest, and rural agriculture. If the Forest Service wants to support rural economic development, they should devote resources to support our fishing and visitor industries, helping small business opportunities and help with local food production and storage, invest in high-speed internet and good cell service, and invest in creating and maintaining recreation infrastructure and the Marine Highway.

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): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

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Last name: Frank

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Regards, Rachel Frank

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Randall

Last name: Frank

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Randall Frank

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Rebecca

Last name: Frank

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Rebecca Frank

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 4:28:45 PM

First name: Rebecca

Last name: Frank

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Rebecca Frank and I live in Hydaburg, AK. I am a basket and cedar weaver. I have been living in southeast Alaska my entire life. I depend on the forest by a source of cedar bark. This forest is a big part of Haida culture, it has helped our way of life. I am writing a comment on the Alaska Roadless Rule DEIS because I am concerned with how the Rule and the proposed full exemption will impact my fishing, hunting, subsistence harvesting, foraging for wild foods, the peace and solitude I find in nature, recreating, practicing my culture, the status of the Tongass as a national and global treasure, the forest's ability to sequester carbon and mitigate climate change impacts, the conservation of resources for future generations .

Out of the alternatives described in the AKRR DEIS I support alternative 1: no action. It protects important fish and wildlife habitat from clearcutting and roadbuilding. I depend on roadless areas in the Tongass National Forest for healthy fish habitat, deer habitat and subsistence hunting, foraging and gathering wild foods, practicing my culture, recreating and enjoying nature, carbon sequestration and local climate change mitigation, viewing wildlife, keeping public lands wild for future generations. A full exemption does not protect these values, nor does it effectively balance economic development and conservation of roadless area characteristics. A full exemption from the Roadless Rule and increased logging and roadbuilding will negatively impact the Tongass and what I and many others use and depend on the forest to provide for us.

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SAVE ROADLESS

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Robert

Last name: Frank

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Robert Frank and I live in Bossier City, Louisiana.

Please stop endangering the health of people and exacerbating human-caused climate change by weakening clean-air standards. Thank You

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Robert Frank

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Regards, Ronald Frank

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Sally

Last name: Frank

Organization:

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Regards, Sally Frank

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/11/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Sharon

Last name: Frank

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Sharon Frank and I live in Lewisville, Texas.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Sharon Frank

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Timothy

Last name: Frank

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

I am not necessarily opposed to the construction and maintenance of roadways through the Tongass National Forest.

I object to all proposals to allow "harvesting" (destruction) of any ancient tree. Please preserve all ancient trees. Ancient trees are irreplaceable.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Elizabeth

Last name: Frankel

Organization:

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Regards, Elizabeth Frankel

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/18/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: HELENE

Last name: FRANKEL

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is HELENE FRANKEL and I live in West Orange, New Jersey.

people have been fighting for yrs to preserve the Tongass National forest. Now trump wants to cut down trees that have been there for hundreds of yrs. HE MUST BE STOPPED and history must be saved

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Regards, HELENE FRANKEL

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Jj

Last name: Frankel

Organization:

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Comments:

My name is Jj Frankel and I live in Chicago, Illinois.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Leroy

Last name: Frankel

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Last name: Frankel

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Regards, Linda Frankel

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM

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Last name: Frankel

Organization:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Linda Frankel

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Richard

Last name: Franken

Organization:

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Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Richard Franken

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/14/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Ellen

Last name: Frankenstein

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Ellen Frankenstein and I live in Sitka, Alaska. I started working in Sitka almost 30 years ago and five years later I moved here full time. I'm married to a troller, who depends on an intact ecosystem to fish. I walk in the Tongass if not daily, weekly. I pick berries there. We hunt too. My friends and neighbors, Tlingit and Haida, have lived here since time immemorial. Not long after I moved here I began to work with students in the village of Kake, learning two things: a deep love for place, a love of sharing and for depending on the forest and the ocean for food and a deep pain for the industrial logging that was finishing up then. The logging had provided temporary jobs, but the sense of loss and damage, was deep and it resonated. 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 hunting, fishing, foraging for wild foods, the peace and solitude I find in nature, recreating, the status of the Tongass as a national and global treasure, the forest's ability to sequester carbon and mitigate climate change impacts, the conservation of resources for future generations .

Out of the alternatives described in the AKRR DEIS I support alternative 1: no action. It shows the Forest Service is responding to the needs and voices of Southeast Alaskan communities. I depend on roadless areas in the Tongass National Forest for economic livelihood, healthy fish habitat, deer habitat and subsistence hunting, foraging and gathering wild foods, 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, Kupreanof 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 With the roadless rule intact, we protect our crown jewel for the next generations. We also get to keep using it for subsistence, for recreation, for commercial fishing and tourism. Its not being kept from economic use, were just not reverting to the potential for more industrial logging and resource extraction on a level that damages what we leave for the future. We need the forest to help with the climate crisis and it discounts the voices of Southeast Alaskans.. The State of Alaska says that a full exemption is needed for rural economic development opportunities. However, a full exemption would not help create more rural economic development opportunities, it would instead harm our existing rural economies that are based on the visitor industry and commercial fishing industry.

It would further harm rural economic opportunities because pursuing the same outdated economic model of old growth clearcut harvesting for export stifles innovation and possibility in other sectors, such as mariculture, sustainable young growth harvest, and rural agriculture. If the Forest Service wants to support rural economic development, they should devote resources to support our fishing and visitor industries transition to second growth logging invest in creating and maintaining recreation infrastructure improve and streamline existing permitting processes for important community projects rather than rehashing old conflicts.

I urge the Forest Service to prioritize the voices of Southeast Alaskans over those of our political representation and corporate interests. Choosing a full exemption will not create a long lasting, durable solution for roadless areas on the Tongass. It will only increase the legal challenges, uncertainty for businesses, and conflict on the Tongass going forward.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/14/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Ellen

Last name: Frankenstein

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Ellen Frankenstein and I live in Sitka, AK. I am writing a comment on the Alaska Roadless Rule DEIS because I am concerned with how the Rule and the proposed full exemption will affect the Tongass National Forest and the Chugach National Forest.

These threats, these times we write, call, attend meetings and as needed, protest: remind me not to take whats out the door, around the corner and connected to our sense of home and well being for granted. The Tongass National Forest is an integral to our life. From hiking and birdwatching to hunting and fishing, we use, respect, and care deeply about these public lands and want them in public hands, protected for future generations.

I urge the Forest Service to select Alternative 1, the no action alternative, for the final decision on the Alaska Roadless Rule. This alternative protects the inventoried roadless areas in Alaska that are full of pristine wilderness and provide important fish and wildlife habitat, and already allows for important community and economic development projects. As an American citizen, I value the Tongass National Forest and the Chugach National Forest for its status as America's best natural solution to climate change and its sequestering of millions of metric tons of carbon and mitigating climate change, its wild salmon populations and the world-class fishing opportunities, its huge swaths of intact ecosystems and all the biodiversity it contains, its status as the largest intact temperate rainforest in the world, the recreational opportunities it provides, the high density of incredible wildlife it contains, to keep public lands wild for future generations, its status as a national and global treasure, the lifestyles of the indigenous communities that the forest supports. A full exemption does not protect these priorities, nor does it effectively balance economic development with the countless other benefits provided by roadless areas. I would like the Forest Service to manage roadless areas for low-impact recreation (camping, hiking, hunting, foraging, etc), medium-impact recreation (FS cabins, trails, mooring buoys, 3-sided shelters), passive/active watershed restoration (stream and habitat) to improve/maintain roadless characteristics (culvert removal/replacement, improve fish passage, wildlife thinning, etc), hydroelectric development. 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, support small-scale, sustainable logging. We need to stop subsidizing the clearcutting of old growth on the Tongass through taxpayer funded roadbuilding. If a full exemption were chosen, it would not create opportunities and would instead prioritize the special interests of one industry over the interests of the entire American public.

The Tongass is Americas homegrown natural solution to climate change. The forest sequesters 8% of the carbon stored in forests throughout the contiguous US states, some 3 billion metric tons of it. We must take action to mitigate and adapt to climate change, and maintaining the Tongass in a roadless state is critical for a sustainable future.

I urge the Forest Service to listen to the voices of the American people and prioritize them over corporate interests. The Forest Service should strengthen public involvement in developing land management policy and focus on broadly supported work rather than allowing special corporate interests to guide policy changes. Attempting to exempt inventoried roadless areas on the Chugach National Forest from the Alaska Roadless Rule adds further insult to injury, and this proposal has not received any sufficient environmental impact analysis or public input. Choosing a full exemption will not create a long lasting, durable solution for roadless areas in Alaska it will only increase the legal challenges, uncertainty for businesses, and conflict over these forests going forward.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Aryeh

Last name: Frankfurter

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule

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The Roadless Rule has been instrumental in conserving the Chugach and Tongass National Forest and in supporting their associated fish and wildlife-based industries for almost 20 years. Please uphold the Rule's protections for important fish and wildlife areas, including the Tongass 77, by selecting the 'no action' alternative. Roadless areas are an important source of food, jobs, and income through commercial, subsistence, and recreational fishing. Salmon are part of Alaska's culture and we must protect them and their spawning streams. Please do not roll back roadless area protections for habitat that our irreplaceable fish and wildlife populations need to survive.

Sincerely,

Aryeh Frankfurter

Monroe, OR 97456

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/24/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Constance

Last name: Franklin

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Alaska Roadless Rulemaking #54511

Roadless Rulemaking,

RE: Alaska Roadless DEIS Comment

Dear Secretary Perdue:

As an American taxpayer gravely concerned with thriving biodiversity, healthy ecology

and future generations, I strongly support the No-Action Alternative for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the proposed Alaska Roadless Rule, Alternative #1. I support keeping the current Roadless Rule protections in place and intact for the Tongass National Forest.

The Tongass is a carbon sink containing some of the largest intact old-growth temperate rainforest in the world, and its value in providing clean water for fish and wildlife habitat is essential to the economic and ecological health of Southeast Alaska. I urge you to keep the federal Roadless Rule intact and current protections in place for national forests in Alaska.

I have been fortunate to have visited many of our National Parks, and like millions of Americans and tourists, I have spent time and money doing so, and with that said, I strongly object to your plans to reduce and remove protections from our national forest's roadless areas. The Roadless Rule is one of the smartest and most popular land management policies of the Federal Government. It has preserved some of America's best fish and wildlife habitat, and 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.

Constance Franklin

Los Angeles, California 90026

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/13/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: doug

Last name: franklin

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is doug franklin and I live in Hayesville, North Carolina.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, doug franklin

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Elizabeth

Last name: Franklin

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Elizabeth Franklin

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: I

Last name: Franklin

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is I Franklin and I live in Brookline, Massachusetts.

protect one of our largest National Forests from clearcutting which will destroy habitat and damage a PROTECTED Roadless conservation area.

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Regards, I Franklin

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Linda

Last name: Franklin

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My name is Linda Franklin and I live in Plumsted Township, New Jersey.

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Regards, Linda Franklin

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Margaret

Last name: Franklin

Organization:

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Regards, Margaret Franklin

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: marshal

Last name: franklin

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is marshal franklin and I live in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

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Regards, marshal franklin

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

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Last name: Franklin

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: S.P.

Last name: Franklin

Organization:

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Regards, S.P. Franklin

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/16/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Tori

Last name: Franklin

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Tori Franklin and I live in Canton, Ohio.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 1/1/0001 12:00:00 AM

First name: Larry

Last name: Franks

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC5139

U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

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Larry Franks

BS Fisheries (Salmonid Culture) UW 1979

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Sincerely,

Larry Franks

Issaquah, WA 98027

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Larry

Last name: Franks

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC4089

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 6:18:29 PM

First name: Leah

Last name: Franks

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Leah Franks and I live in Louisville, CO. I am writing a comment on the Alaska Roadless Rule DEIS because I am concerned with how the Rule and the proposed full exemption will affect the Tongass National Forest and the Chugach National Forest.

My family visited the Tongass National Forest in July 2019. We encountered many seasonal and full time workers who were experts and passionate about our country and native wildlife. I understand how lack of protection will eliminate wildlife, resources, and jobs, and will be devastated if the current administration allows this.

I urge the Forest Service to select Alternative 1, the no action alternative, for the final decision on the Alaska Roadless Rule. This alternative protects the inventoried roadless areas in Alaska that are full of pristine wilderness and provide important fish and wildlife habitat, and already allows for important community and economic development projects. As an American citizen, I value the Tongass National Forest and the Chugach National Forest for its status as America's best natural solution to climate change and its sequestering of millions of metric tons of carbon and mitigating climate change, to keep public lands wild for future generations, its status as a national and global treasure, its huge swaths of intact ecosystems and all the biodiversity it contains, the recreational opportunities it provides, its status as the largest intact temperate rainforest in the world, the high density of incredible wildlife it contains, the lifestyles of the indigenous communities that the forest supports. A full exemption does not protect these priorities, nor does it effectively balance economic development with the countless other benefits provided by roadless areas. I would like the Forest Service to manage roadless areas for low-impact recreation (camping, hiking, hunting, foraging, etc). It is important to me that high-value intact habitat including the T77 watersheds and the TNC conservation priority areas retain their roadless protections in any alternative selected.

The Forest Service is wasting taxpayers' valuable time and money by trying to prop up a failing timber industry in Southeast Alaska. The nonpartisan, independent taxpayer watchdog Taxpayers for Common Sense reported that the Tongass timber program has losses of over \$600 million of taxpayers money in the past 20 years. I would rather see my taxpayer dollars used to perform restorative actions that support wildlife populations on previously degraded landscapes that support wildlife populations. We need to stop subsidizing the clearcutting of old growth on the Tongass through taxpayer funded roadbuilding. If a full exemption were chosen, it would not create opportunities and would instead prioritize the special interests of one industry over the interests of the entire American public.

The Tongass is Americas homegrown natural solution to climate change. The forest sequesters 8% of the carbon stored in forests throughout the contiguous US states, some 3 billion metric tons of it. We must take action to mitigate and adapt to climate change, and maintaining the Tongass in a roadless state is critical for a sustainable future.

I urge the Forest Service to listen to the voices of the American people and prioritize them over corporate interests. The Forest Service should strengthen public involvement in developing land management policy and focus on broadly supported work rather than allowing special corporate interests to guide policy changes. Attempting to exempt inventoried roadless areas on the Chugach National Forest from the Alaska Roadless Rule adds further insult to injury, and this proposal has not received any sufficient environmental impact analysis or public input. Choosing a full exemption will not create a long lasting, durable solution for roadless areas in Alaska it will only increase the legal challenges, uncertainty for businesses, and conflict over these forests going forward.

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM

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Last name: Franks

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HC6154

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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): 12/16/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: S

Last name: Frantom

Organization:

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Comments:

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[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: andrew

Last name: frantz

Organization:

Title:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

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Last name: Franz

Organization:

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Regards, Daniel Franz

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Jeanie

Last name: Franz

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Jeanie Franz

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: jeff

Last name: franz

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is jeff franz and I live in Portland, Oregon.

There should be no more clear cuts in the National Forests.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, jeff franz

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/12/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Jeremy

Last name: Franz

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

As a supporter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers and our wild public lands, waters and wildlife, I am very concerned with the proposed rulemaking announced in Federal Register Document Number 2019-0023. I am writing these comments to strongly encourage you to maintain roadless area protections for the Tongass National Forest, including the wild fisheries habitat in the Tongass 77 and adopt the no action Alternative 1. These public lands and waters are prized by sportsmen and women and are a mainstay of Alaska's economy, helping drive an \$887 billion economic engine from outdoor recreation like hunting and fishing.

At nearly 17 million acres, the Tongass is the nation's largest national forest and the world's largest remaining intact coastal temperate rainforest; 9.3 million acres of that wild backcountry is inventoried roadless areas, providing high quality habitat for a unique diversity of sought-after game species, including mountain goats, black-tailed deer and both brown and black bears. The Tongass also encompasses thousands of miles of salmon-rich waterways, legendary among anglers and fundamental to the state's commercial salmon industry. The commercial fishing sector alone relies on the Tongass for more than 80 percent of its salmon and employs more than 4,300 people in the region, accounting for 9 percent of the area's entire employment. By contrast, timber production accounts for only 1 percent of the region's jobs.

Further, this proposal and the preferred alternative set a slippery precedent that threatens to unravel roadless rule protections for fish and wildlife across all of our nation's wild roadless forest lands. None of the identified alternatives take into consideration BHA's scoping comments to include balanced management policies for the Tongass, utilizing the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule as a foundational benchmark for improvements so that any roadless policies only enhance the most important fish and wildlife habitats. Logging and timber harvest already co-exist with roadless areas in the Tongass after years of prior compromise and consensus-building.

I implore you to maintain the integrity of Alaska's roadless areas and the Tongass 77, critical watersheds for trout and salmon. The Roadless Area Conservation Rule is a collaborative management approach adopted following one of the most extensive public engagement campaigns in the history of federal rulemaking. It may be America's best and most popular land management rule ever. The costs to American taxpayers for road building and unconscionably subsidized resource extraction are too high - not to mention the irreparable impact to wildlife, water, subsistence practices and traditions like hunting and fishing.

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Mary

Last name: Franz

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Mary Franz and I live in Laguna Beach, California.

It is moral dereliction to poison the earth and make it unhealthy to live when alternatives are at hand. There is no justification when motivated by greed.

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Regards, Mary Franz

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Robert

Last name: Franz

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Robert Franz and I live in Plymouth Meeting, Pennsylvania.

I have flown over many parts of that area, and seen the large swaths that were previously clearcut. The Roadless Rule put an end to many of the terrible situations, and had massive public support. In addition cruise ship customers don't want to sail in the inland passage and see nothing but cleared land. The no action approach is the best approach, and not selling out to corporate lobbyists.

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First name: Sandra

Last name: Franz

Organization:

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First name: Teri

Last name: Franz

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Regards, Teri Franz

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Maria

Last name: Franzen

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Maria Franzen, and I live in Bristol, Rhode Island.

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First name: Evelyn

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Regards, Evelyn Fraser

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Glen

Last name: Fraser

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC6132

Dear U.S. Forest Service:

The Roadless Rule has been instrumental in conserving the Tongass National Forest and in supporting its fish and wildlife-based industries for more than 20 years. ***Please uphold the Rule's protections for important fish and wildlife areas, including the Tongass 77.*** [Text bolded for emphasis] Roadless areas are an important source of food, jobs, and income through commercial, subsistence, and recreational fishing. Salmon are part of Alaska's culture and we must protect them and their spawning streams. ***Please do not roll back roadless are protection for habitat that our irreplaceable fish and wildlife populations need to survive.*** [Text bolded for emphasis]

Customize your comment by listing reasons the Tongass is important to you or why you value Alaska Roadless areas: (ex: specific locations you recreate, activities you do, or why you value fish & wildlife) [Text italicized]

Sincerely,

Would you like to volunteer with TU Alaska to Help America's Salmon Forest?

Yes No

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Joseph

Last name: Fraser

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Joseph Fraser and I live in Evergreen, Colorado.

Old trees are our heritage, not a resource to throw away.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

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Last name: Fraser

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC6153

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Yes ***No***[Text circled]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/13/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Kelsey

Last name: Fraser

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Kelsey Fraser and I live in Grand Rapids, MI. I am writing a comment on the Alaska Roadless Rule DEIS because I am concerned with how the Rule and the proposed full exemption will affect the Tongass National Forest and the Chugach National Forest.

I am a passionate protector and advocate for forests and natural areas. We need to leave everything that's still intact untouched -- these forests are valuable and irreplaceable, and we've already destroyed far too much of the earth's ecosystems.

I urge the Forest Service to select Alternative 1, the no action alternative, for the final decision on the Alaska Roadless Rule. This alternative protects the inventoried roadless areas in Alaska that are full of pristine wilderness and provide important fish and wildlife habitat, and already allows for important community and economic development projects. As an American citizen, I value the Tongass National Forest and the Chugach National Forest for its status as America's best natural solution to climate change and its sequestering of millions of metric tons of carbon and mitigating climate change, its huge swaths of intact ecosystems and all the biodiversity it contains, its status as the largest intact temperate rainforest in the world, the recreational opportunities it provides, to keep public lands wild for future generations, the high density of incredible wildlife it contains, its status as a national and global treasure, the lifestyles of the indigenous communities that the forest supports. A full exemption does not protect these priorities, nor does it effectively balance economic development with the countless other benefits provided by roadless areas. I would like the Forest Service to manage roadless areas for low-impact recreation (camping, hiking, hunting, foraging, etc), passive/active watershed restoration (stream and habitat) to improve/maintain roadless characteristics (culvert removal/replacement, improve fish passage, wildlife thinning, etc). It is important to me that high-value intact habitat including the T77 watersheds and the TNC conservation priority areas retain their roadless protections in any alternative selected.

The Forest Service is wasting taxpayers' valuable time and money by trying to prop up a failing timber industry in Southeast Alaska. The nonpartisan, independent taxpayer watchdog Taxpayers for Common Sense reported that the Tongass timber program has losses of over \$600 million of taxpayers money in the past 20 years. I would rather see my taxpayer dollars used to develop more recreational opportunities, like trails and cabins, perform restorative actions that support wildlife populations on previously degraded landscapes that support wildlife populations, restore salmon habitat that was hurt by past logging practices. We need to stop subsidizing the clearcutting of old growth on the Tongass through taxpayer funded roadbuilding. If a full exemption were chosen, it would not create opportunities and would instead prioritize the special interests of one industry over the interests of the entire American public.

The Tongass is Americas homegrown natural solution to climate change. The forest sequesters 8% of the carbon stored in forests throughout the contiguous US states, some 3 billion metric tons of it. We must take action to mitigate and adapt to climate change, and maintaining the Tongass in a roadless state is critical for a sustainable future.

I urge the Forest Service to listen to the voices of the American people and prioritize them over corporate interests. The Forest Service should strengthen public involvement in developing land management policy and focus on broadly supported work rather than allowing special corporate interests to guide policy changes.

Attempting to exempt inventoried roadless areas on the Chugach National Forest from the Alaska Roadless Rule adds further insult to injury, and this proposal has not received any sufficient environmental impact analysis or public input. Choosing a full exemption will not create a long lasting, durable solution for roadless areas in Alaska it will only increase the legal challenges, uncertainty for businesses, and conflict over these forests going forward.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Robert

Last name: Fraser

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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First name: Susan

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First name: Forest

Last name: Frasier

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Last name: Frattarola

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, James Frattarola

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Kurt

Last name: Fratzke

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC3251

U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule

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Sincerely,

Kurt Fratzke

New Hope, MN 55427

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Jon

Last name: Fraughton

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC3445

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Jon Fraughton

West Jordan, UT 84081

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Last name: Fraver

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Last name: Fray

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Tom

Last name: Fray

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Regards, Tom Fray

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Last name: Fraysse

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First name: jim

Last name: frazee

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Last name: Frazer

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

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Last name: Frazer

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Burgious

Last name: Frazier

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First name: Erin

Last name: Frazier

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Regards, Julie Frazier

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Kim

Last name: frazier

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Kim frazier

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Maggie

Last name: Frazier

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Please maintain protections for the Tongass and Chugach National Forests

Dear Secretary Sonny Perdue,

This administration seems to want nothing more than to destroy and develop our National Forests, Wilderness Areas and the wildlife that inhabit these wonderful places. I dont really get why this is under the purview of the Dept. of Agriculture. But my opinion is we need MORE protection for our wild places and the animals that live there. Roads & logging corporations - not necessary to keep this planet healthy. What is necessary at this time is more protection for our wild places - NOT LESS!

Sincerely,

Maggie Frazier

Windsor, NY 13865

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/10/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Matthew

Last name: Frazier

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

As a supporter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers and our wild public lands, waters and wildlife, I am very concerned with the proposed rulemaking announced in Federal Register Document Number 2019-0023. I am writing these comments to strongly encourage you to maintain roadless area protections for the Tongass National Forest, including the wild fisheries habitat in the Tongass 77 and adopt the no action Alternative 1. These public lands and waters are prized by sportsmen and women and are a mainstay of Alaska's economy, helping drive an \$887 billion economic engine from outdoor recreation like hunting and fishing.

At nearly 17 million acres, the Tongass is the nation's largest national forest and the world's largest remaining intact coastal temperate rainforest; 9.3 million acres of that wild backcountry is inventoried roadless areas, providing high quality habitat for a unique diversity of sought-after game species, including mountain goats, black-tailed deer and both brown and black bears. The Tongass also encompasses thousands of miles of salmon-rich waterways, legendary among anglers and fundamental to the state's commercial salmon industry. The commercial fishing sector alone relies on the Tongass for more than 80 percent of its salmon and employs more than 4,300 people in the region, accounting for 9 percent of the area's entire employment. By contrast, timber production accounts for only 1 percent of the region's jobs.

Further, this proposal and the preferred alternative set a slippery precedent that threatens to unravel roadless rule protections for fish and wildlife across all of our nation's wild roadless forest lands. None of the identified alternatives take into consideration BHA's scoping comments to include balanced management policies for the Tongass, utilizing the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule as a foundational benchmark for improvements so that any roadless policies only enhance the most important fish and wildlife habitats. Logging and timber harvest already co-exist with roadless areas in the Tongass after years of prior compromise and consensus-building.

I implore you to maintain the integrity of Alaska's roadless areas and the Tongass 77, critical watersheds for trout and salmon. The Roadless Area Conservation Rule is a collaborative management approach adopted following one of the most extensive public engagement campaigns in the history of federal rulemaking. It may be America's best and most popular land management rule ever. The costs to American taxpayers for road building and unconscionably subsidized resource extraction are too high - not to mention the irreparable impact to wildlife, water, subsistence practices and traditions like hunting and fishing.

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Shelley

Last name: Frazier

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, WillieDoris Frazier

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Richard

Last name: Frazin

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Frendo frdrique

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/14/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Gail

Last name: Fread

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Gail Fread and I live in New York, New York.

The Tongass plays a critical role in environmental control. It is unconscionable to destroy this habitat which is home to so many species. Corporate greed cannot trump no pun intended the interests of people and wildlife.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Gail Fread

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/23/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: ingrid

Last name: freaney

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

"A tree falls the way it leans. Be careful which way you lean."

I oppose the Forest Service's proposal to make Tongass National Forest exempt from the Roadless Rule.

Large roadless and untrammeled ecosystems are important to our American heritage and future. Wildernesses are primitive places set aside by the federal government for the greater good. They provide opportunities for unconstrained primitive experiences, subsistence and intact ecosystems unthreatened from human impact. The regulations surrounding designated wilderness exists to prevent short-sided interests and to protect lands that cannot defend themselves against human sprawl.

Opening up the last remaining roadless lands is to erase our country's history and harm future generations.

In addition, swathes of trees like those in the Tongass give us life. The Tongass in particular accounts for 8% of the carbon stores within the US Forest Service system. Harvesting the trees for commercial gains would pollute the atmosphere and be difficult to reverse.

Thank you,

Ingrid Freaney

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Ingrid Freaney

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Lisa

Last name: Frech

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Lisa Frech and I live in Hillsboro, Oregon.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Lisa Frech

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Jeffrey

Last name: Frechtling

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Jeffrey Frechtling

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Therese

Last name: Frecon

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Regards, Therese Frecon

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Anon

Last name:

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Continue protections for the Tongass and Chugach National Forests

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Sincerely,

Signed,

Frederick

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/11/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Brian

Last name: Frederick

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Brian Frederick and I live in [@advCity], New York.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Brian Frederick

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Carolyn

Last name: Frederick

Organization:

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Regards, Carolyn Frederick

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Jean

Last name: Frederick

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Jean Frederick and I live in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Jean Frederick

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/6/2019 8:57:28 PM

First name: Kailea

Last name: Frederick

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Kailea Frederick and I live in Petaluma, CA. I visited Southeast Alaska in 2016. I depend on this forest from afar. As one of the last old growth forests left in the world, all people on Earth depend on this forest for its ability to intake carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. I value it for its beauty and ability to provide stability for an inhabitable planet. 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 practicing my culture, the status of the Tongass as a national and global treasure, the forest's ability to sequester carbon and mitigate climate change impacts, the conservation of resources for future generations .

Out of the alternatives described in the AKRR DEIS I support alternative 1: no action. It protects important fish and wildlife habitat from clearcutting and roadbuilding. I depend on roadless areas in the Tongass National Forest for healthy fish habitat, deer habitat and subsistence hunting, foraging and gathering wild foods, practicing my culture, recreating and enjoying nature, carbon sequestration and local climate change mitigation, viewing wildlife, keeping public lands wild for future generations, fiscal responsibility and saving taxpayer dollars . A full exemption does not protect these values, nor does it effectively balance economic development and conservation of roadless area characteristics. A full exemption from the Roadless Rule and increased logging and roadbuilding will negatively impact the Tongass and what I and many others use and depend on the forest to provide for us.

The Roadless areas on the Tongass that are especially important to me are those on or around Baranof Island, Chichagof Island, Admiralty Island, the northern mainland above Port Snettisham (around Juneau), the central mainland from Hobart Bay to Stikine River, the southern mainland from Bradfield Canal to Dixon Entrance Kupreanof Island, Kuiu Island, Wrangell and Etoin Islands, Prince of Wales Island, Revillagigedo Island (near Ketchikan), Yakutat forelands, all of the inventoried roadless areas on the Tongass. I want the roadless areas in these locations to stay in roadless status in any alternative selected by the Forest Service, and be managed to provide for the uses and activities I listed above. It is important to me that the T77 and the TNC conservation priority areas retain their roadless protections.

I do not support the Forest Services preferred alternative of a full exemption. A full exemption is not in the interests of Southeast Alaskans who live in and use the Tongass National Forest, because We need to stop logging fully.. The State of Alaska says that a full exemption is needed for rural economic development opportunities. However, a full exemption would not help create more rural economic development opportunities, it would instead harm our existing rural economies that are based on the visitor industry and commercial fishing industry.

It would further harm rural economic opportunities because pursuing the same outdated economic model of old growth clearcut harvesting for export stifles innovation and possibility in other sectors, such as mariculture, sustainable young growth harvest, and rural agriculture. If the Forest Service wants to support rural economic development, they should devote resources to support our fishing and visitor industries invest in creating and maintaining recreation infrastructure improve and streamline existing permitting processes for important community projects rather than rehashing old conflicts.

I urge the Forest Service to prioritize the voices of Southeast Alaskans over those of our political representation and corporate interests. Choosing a full exemption will not create a long lasting, durable solution for roadless areas on the Tongass. It will only increase the legal challenges, uncertainty for businesses, and conflict on the Tongass going forward.

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Michael

Last name: Frederick

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

NO, as a citizen of the United States, I want the roadless rule to remain in effect so that this irreplaceable national treasure that is the Tongass National Forest, will be preserved for future generations. The trees in this forest are irreplaceable in their current form and at their current age, some as old as 1000years+. This national treasure is one of the largest Old-growth temperate rainforests still in existence.

"The Tongass is the still-thumping heart of a rainforest that once stretched uninterrupted from Northern California through Oregon, Washington, British Columbia and Alaska. The Tongass contains nearly one-third of the old-growth temperate rainforest remaining in the world, as well as the largest tracts of old-growth forest left in the United States. Old-growth temperate rainforests hold more biomass (living stuff) per acre than any other type of ecosystem on the planet, including tropical jungles. The Tongass alone holds 8 percent of all carbon stored in U.S. national forests and is recognized as a globally significant carbon storage reserve.

"Despite the scenic grandeur of the Inside Passage, multiple uses including logging - are allowed on National Forest lands. In fact, the Tongass is the last National Forest to allow large-scale clear cut logging of ancient old-growth trees, and according to draft plan released this year, will continue to permit this outdated practice for another 15 years. In 2015 over 6,000 acres were logged as part of the Big Thorne sale on Prince of Wales Island.

To make matters worse, this is done at a loss to the US taxpayer. One study by Headwaters Economics estimated that taxpayers subsidize the Tongass timber program to the tune of \$20 million per year, or about \$130,000 per timber job.

Despite all the tax dollars spent propping up the industry, the timber industry currently contributes less than 1 percent to the local economy."

<https://www.seacc.org/tongass>

Please do not allow the exemption to the roadless rule and let's preserve the Tongass National Forest. Logging of this precious resource seems to have little merit or benefit while keeping it intact does.

Thank you for your time,

Sincerely, Michael Frederick
Portland, Oregon

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Nicholas

Last name: Frederick

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Nicholas Frederick

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Nicholas

Last name: Frederick

Organization:

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Comments:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Mary

Last name: Fredericks

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Regards, Mary Fredericks

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Bryn

Last name: Frederickson

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Bryn Frederickson and I live in Landenberg, Pennsylvania.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Bryn Frederickson

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Carol

Last name: Fredette

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is [Carol] [Fredette and I live in []Brooksville, Fl.

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Regards, Carol Fredette

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Rachelle

Last name: Fredette

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Rachelle Fredette and I live in Colonie, New York.

Please consider our generation and the many generations to come

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Rachelle Fredette

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Patricia

Last name: Fredrick

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Dear Secretary Perdue,

I am a visitor to the lands and waters of Southeast Alaska. The Tongass National Forest is a large part of why I am here. Visitors like me come to witness the vast, beautiful stands of old-growth trees that can't be found on such a scale anywhere else in the United States. We come to crew on commercial fishing boats. We come to hunt, fish and hike in America's largest National Forest. That is why it is important to me that the 2001 Roadless Rule remain in place on the Tongass National Forest. A no-action alternative is the best option for Alaskans and Americans.

I support the Tongass Transition and I would like the Forest Service to continue phasing out old growth clearcutting. This forest is a salmon forest, and the Forest Service should focus on restoring degraded watersheds and fish streams. Please prioritize conservation of the T77 and TNC conservation priority areas in any new Alaska Roadless Rule. Tourism and commercial fishing are at the heart of Southeast's economy, not the antiquated timber industry.

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Hope

Last name: Fredrick-Hyatt

Organization:

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Comments:

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Regards, Hope Fredrick-Hyatt

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Lance

Last name: Fredricks

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Lance Fredricks and I live in Browntown, Wisconsin.

Why are Republicans such short sighted, GREEDY idiots.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Lance Fredricks

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/12/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Jack

Last name: Fredrickson

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Jack Fredrickson and I live in Fargo, ND. I am writing a comment on the Alaska Roadless Rule DEIS because I am concerned with how the Rule and the proposed full exemption will affect the Tongass National Forest and the Chugach National Forest.

I recently finished an internship with the Forest Service in Sitka, Alaska. I learned about the undoubted importance that the Tongass National Forest provides not only Alaska, but the world.

I urge the Forest Service to select Alternative 1, the no action alternative, for the final decision on the Alaska Roadless Rule. This alternative protects the inventoried roadless areas in Alaska that are full of pristine wilderness and provide important fish and wildlife habitat, and already allows for important community and economic development projects. As an American citizen, I value the Tongass National Forest and the Chugach National Forest for its status as America's best natural solution to climate change and its sequestering of millions of metric tons of carbon and mitigating climate change, its wild salmon populations and the world-class fishing opportunities, its huge swaths of intact ecosystems and all the biodiversity it contains, its status as the largest intact temperate rainforest in the world, the recreational opportunities it provides, the high density of incredible wildlife it contains, to keep public lands wild for future generations, its status as a national and global treasure, the lifestyles of the indigenous communities that the forest supports. A full exemption does not protect these priorities, nor does it effectively balance economic development with the countless other benefits provided by roadless areas. I would like the Forest Service to manage roadless areas for low-impact recreation (camping, hiking, hunting, foraging, etc), medium-impact recreation (FS cabins, trails, mooring buoys, 3-sided shelters), passive/active watershed restoration (stream and habitat) to improve/maintain roadless characteristics (culvert removal/replacement, improve fish passage, wildlife thinning, etc), hydroelectric development, inter-tie/transmission line construction. It is important to me that high-value intact habitat including the T77 watersheds and the TNC conservation priority areas retain their roadless protections in any alternative selected.

The Forest Service is wasting taxpayers' valuable time and money by trying to prop up a failing timber industry in Southeast Alaska. The nonpartisan, independent taxpayer watchdog Taxpayers for Common Sense reported that the Tongass timber program has losses of over \$600 million of taxpayers money in the past 20 years. I would rather see my taxpayer dollars used to restore salmon habitat that was hurt by past logging practices, support small-scale, sustainable logging, develop more recreational opportunities, like trails and cabins, perform restorative actions that support wildlife populations on previously degraded landscapes that support wildlife populations, establish the economic value of the carbon stored in the Tongass. We need to stop subsidizing the clearcutting of old growth on the Tongass through taxpayer funded roadbuilding. If a full exemption were chosen, it would not create opportunities and would instead prioritize the special interests of one industry over the interests of the entire American public.

The Tongass is Americas homegrown natural solution to climate change. The forest sequesters 8% of the carbon stored in forests throughout the contiguous US states, some 3 billion metric tons of it. We must take action to mitigate and adapt to climate change, and maintaining the Tongass in a roadless state is critical for a sustainable future.

I urge the Forest Service to listen to the voices of the American people and prioritize them over corporate interests. The Forest Service should strengthen public involvement in developing land management policy and focus on broadly supported work rather than allowing special corporate interests to guide policy changes. Attempting to exempt inventoried roadless areas on the Chugach National Forest from the Alaska Roadless Rule adds further insult to injury, and this proposal has not received any sufficient environmental impact analysis or public input. Choosing a full exemption will not create a long lasting, durable solution for roadless areas in Alaska it will only increase the legal challenges, uncertainty for businesses, and conflict over these forests going forward.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Jack

Last name: Fredrickson

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC1434

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.

Prioritizing one antiquated industry over private sectors is bad business, and bad for Southeast Alaska. I support the Tongass Transition and I would like the Forest Service to continue phasing out old growth clearcutting. Please prioritize conservation of the T77 and TNC conservation priority areas in any new Alaska Roadless Rule. This forest is a salmon forest, and the Forest Service should focus on restoring degraded watersheds and fish streams.

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First name: Jack

Last name: Fredrickson

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC955

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): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Leigh

Last name: Fredrickson

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Leigh Fredrickson

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Cherie

Last name: Free

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Cherie Free and I live in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Please protect our national parks.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

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Regards, Joe Free

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Oceana

Last name: Free

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Oceana Free and I live in San Diego, California.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Oceana Free

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/5/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Shastina

Last name: Free

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Shastina Free and I live in Sedona, Arizona.

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Regards, Shastina Free

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Kristin

Last name: Freebery

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Kristin Freebery

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/18/2019 3:07:40 PM

First name: Jim

Last name: Freeburg

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,

Jim Freeburg

Renton, WA 98056

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Alan

Last name: Freed

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Alan Freed and I live in St. Augustine, Florida.

When will the stealing of public lands stop?

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Alan Freed

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Gary

Last name: Freed

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Gary Freed

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Linda

Last name: Freed

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Linda Freed

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Mary

Last name: Freed

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Mary Freed and I live in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Our chief goal right now should be saving our planet, not destroying it. The timber company should be coming up with ways to rebuild our world without clear cutting.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Mary Freed

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Shari

Last name: Freed

Organization:

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Regards, Shari Freed

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Donald

Last name: Freedland

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Donald Freedland and I live in Boynton Beach, Florida.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Donald Freedland

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Nancy

Last name: Freedland

Organization:

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Regards, Nancy Freedland

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 8:05:51 AM

First name: Melissa

Last name: Freedlander

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

I support Alternative 1: Alternative 1 takes no action and would leave all of Alaska under the 2001 Roadless Rule, including the Tongass National Forest.

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: M

Last name: Freedman

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is M Freedman and I live in Los Angeles, California.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, M Freedman

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Matt

Last name: Freedman

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Matt Freedman and I live in Eugene, Oregon.

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Regards, Matt Freedman

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Michael

Last name: Freedman

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Michael Freedman and I live in Beverly Hills, Michigan.

Dear Forest Service, Think of our air, and more importantly, your children and grandchildren. The forest service should fight to protect our forests, not help in eliminating them

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Michael Freedman

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Steve

Last name: Freedman

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Steve Freedman

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Rea

Last name: Freedom

Organization:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Rea Freedom

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Chris

Last name: Freeland

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Chris Freeland

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Deborah

Last name: Freeland

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Deborah Freeland

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Carla

Last name: Freels

Organization:

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Comments:

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Regards, Carla Freels

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/14/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Jeff

Last name: Freels

Organization:

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Comments:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Alyssa

Last name: Freeman

Organization:

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Regards, Alyssa Freeman

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Alyssa

Last name: Freeman

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Alyssa Freeman and I live in Henrico, VA

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Alyssa Freeman

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Amy

Last name: Freeman

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Amy Freeman and I live in Pelham, New Hampshire.

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Regards, Amy Freeman

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Regards, Amy Freeman

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Anne

Last name: Freeman

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Anne Freeman

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Beth

Last name: Freeman

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Beth Freeman and I live in Wantagh, New York.

We need our wilderness areas.

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Thank you for considering my comments. I m counting on you to protect the wilderness.

Regards, Beth Freeman

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Clare

Last name: Freeman

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Clare Freeman and I live in Fort Davis, Texas.

Keep our clean air free of pollution and clean up the air now polluted/

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Regards, Clare Freeman

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Dana

Last name: Freeman

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Dana Freeman and I live in Aliso Viejo, California.

Save our planet!! Do not cut down the forest.

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Regards, Dana Freeman

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Donald

Last name: Freeman

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

I am a retired forester, river guide and adviser to Washington State Fish and Wildlife on salmon management. Don't be foolish to believe that short term extractive harvest by special interests provides economic value commensurate with the recreational and environmental benefits provided solely by unique ecosystems like the Tongass and other roadless areas.

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 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,

Donald Freeman

Olympia, WA 98501

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Edward

Last name: Freeman

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Edward Freeman

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Gregory

Last name: Freeman

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Jackie

Last name: Freeman

Organization:

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Comments:

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Regards, Jason Freeman

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/28/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Jewell

Last name: Freeman

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

As a supporter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers and our wild public lands, waters and wildlife, I am very concerned with the proposed rulemaking announced in Federal Register Document Number 2019-0023. I am writing these comments to strongly encourage you to maintain roadless area protections for the Tongass National Forest, including the wild fisheries habitat in the Tongass 77 and adopt the no action Alternative 1. These public lands and waters are prized by sportsmen and women and are a mainstay of Alaska's economy, helping drive an \$887 billion economic engine from outdoor recreation like hunting and fishing.

At nearly 17 million acres, the Tongass is the nation's largest national forest and the world's largest remaining intact coastal temperate rainforest; 9.3 million acres of that wild backcountry is inventoried roadless areas, providing high quality habitat for a unique diversity of sought-after game species, including mountain goats, black-tailed deer and both brown and black bears. The Tongass also encompasses thousands of miles of salmon-rich waterways, legendary among anglers and fundamental to the state's commercial salmon industry. The commercial fishing sector alone relies on the Tongass for more than 80 percent of its salmon and employs more than 4,300 people in the region, accounting for 9 percent of the area's entire employment. By contrast, timber production accounts for only 1 percent of the region's jobs.

Further, this proposal and the preferred alternative set a slippery precedent that threatens to unravel roadless rule protections for fish and wildlife across all of our nation's wild roadless forest lands. None of the identified alternatives take into consideration BHA's scoping comments to include balanced management policies for the Tongass, utilizing the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule as a foundational benchmark for improvements so that any roadless policies only enhance the most important fish and wildlife habitats. Logging and timber harvest already co-exist with roadless areas in the Tongass after years of prior compromise and consensus-building.

I implore you to maintain the integrity of Alaska's roadless areas and the Tongass 77, critical watersheds for trout and salmon. The Roadless Area Conservation Rule is a collaborative management approach adopted following one of the most extensive public engagement campaigns in the history of federal rulemaking. It may be America's best and most popular land management rule ever. The costs to American taxpayers for road building and unconscionably subsidized resource extraction are too high - not to mention the irreparable impact to wildlife, water, subsistence practices and traditions like hunting and fishing.

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Joseph

Last name: Freeman

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Joseph Freeman

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Julie

Last name: Freeman

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

I strongly support Alternative 1 that takes no action and would leave all of Alaska under the 2001 Roadless Rule, including the Tongass National Forest. As a carbon sink, the National Forests help protect us from a warming climate and help provide us with clean air and water. Once it's altered we can never get it back. Please keep the Roadless Rule in place.

Thank you for your time.

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Kerry

Last name: Freeman

Organization:

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Regards, Kerry Freeman

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Kerry

Last name: Freeman

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Kerry Freeman and I live in Venice, Florida.

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Regards, Kerry Freeman

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Kristin

Last name: Freeman

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Kristin Freeman

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First name: Kyri

Last name: Freeman

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 1/1/0001 12:00:00 AM

First name: Lee

Last name: Freeman

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.

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Regards, Linda Freeman

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Linda

Last name: Freeman

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Linda Freeman

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Rosalind

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Regards, Rosalind Freeman

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 6:01:10 PM

First name: Tess

Last name: Freeman

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Tess Freeman and I live in Bend, 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.

It's important to me to still have wild places that are protected by clearcutting. The Tongass is the last North Pacific Old Growth forest left and needs to be protected.

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 status as the largest intact temperate rainforest in the world, the lifestyles of the indigenous communities that the forest supports its status as a national and global treasure, to keep public lands wild for future generations, the high density of incredible wildlife it contains. A full exemption does not protect these priorities, nor does it effectively balance economic development with the countless other benefits provided by roadless areas. I would like the Forest Service to manage roadless areas for low-impact recreation (camping, hiking, hunting, foraging, etc), passive/active watershed restoration (stream and habitat) to improve/maintain roadless characteristics (culvert removal/replacement, improve fish passage, wildlife thinning, etc). It is important to me that high-value intact habitat including the T77 watersheds and the TNC conservation priority areas retain their roadless protections in any alternative selected.

The Forest Service is wasting taxpayers' valuable time and money by trying to prop up a failing timber industry in Southeast Alaska. The nonpartisan, independent taxpayer watchdog Taxpayers for Common Sense reported that the Tongass timber program has losses of over \$600 million of taxpayers money in the past 20 years. I would rather see my taxpayer dollars used to restore salmon habitat that was hurt by past logging practices, perform restorative actions that support wildlife populations on previously degraded landscapes that support wildlife populations. We need to stop subsidizing the clearcutting of old growth on the Tongass through taxpayer funded roadbuilding. If a full exemption were chosen, it would not create opportunities and would instead prioritize the special interests of one industry over the interests of the entire American public.

The Tongass is Americas homegrown natural solution to climate change. The forest sequesters 8% of the carbon stored in forests throughout the contiguous US states, some 3 billion metric tons of it. We must take action to mitigate and adapt to climate change, and maintaining the Tongass in a roadless state is critical for a sustainable future.

I urge the Forest Service to listen to the voices of the American people and prioritize them over corporate interests. The Forest Service should strengthen public involvement in developing land management policy and focus on broadly supported work rather than allowing special corporate interests to guide policy changes. Attempting to exempt inventoried roadless areas on the Chugach National Forest from the Alaska Roadless Rule adds further insult to injury, and this proposal has not received any sufficient environmental impact analysis or public input. Choosing a full exemption will not create a long lasting, durable solution for roadless areas in Alaska it will only increase the legal challenges, uncertainty for businesses, and conflict over these forests going forward.

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/7/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Trevor

Last name: Freeman

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: viola

Last name: freeman

Organization:

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Comments:

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Last name: Freeman-tozer

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Regards, Anna FreemanLISW

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/8/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Patrick

Last name: Freeny

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Tongass

Dear Sirs I

Would like to go on the record for strictly maintaining the roadless area in the Tongass National Forest. The wild, roadless areas of the Tongass offer critical wildlife habitat and support Southeast Alaskan tourism and fishing businesses, the economic mainstays of the region. Any attempt to increase roads or subsequent logging in this area would be a disgrace!

Sincerely

Patrick Freeny

Seattle,e, WA

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Elizabeth

Last name: Freer

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Elizabeth Freer and I live in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Tongass N.F. was established to protect this magnificent forest. It is essential to fight climate change. It is sacred land to the people who have lived there for a millenium. Don't let it be torn down for timber.

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Regards, Elizabeth Freer

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/7/2019 3:00:00 PM

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Last name: Freer

Organization:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Greg

Last name: Freer

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Greg Freer and I live in McKinleyville, California.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Greg Freer

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/5/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Alex

Last name: Freericks

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

I support Alaska Roadless Rule. I live and work in the Tongass National Forest and rely on its pristine and untouched environment for my job and livelihood.

[Position]

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/1/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Barbara

Last name: Freese

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

I am writing to urge the Forest Service to adopt Alternative 1: no action, and to leave the Tongass under the full protection of the 2001 Roadless Rule.

The Tongass is not just a national treasure but a global treasure, as such a rare example of a large and intact temperate rain forest. I have hiked within it and was astonished by its beauty and wildlife, and I believe it is very much worth preserving as it is.

As the world warms -- the services this forest provides, sequestering carbon and giving habitat to so much wildlife -- will become even more invaluable. At the same time, the threats the Tongass faces will be greater. This is precisely the wrong time to be undermining those services and amplifying those threats with roads and logging.

I do not believe that this is an issue that should be decided on purely economic terms, but to the extent the economics are driving this choice, the Forest Service should still preserve the current protections. This forest has far more value as an intact and globally-unique tourist draw than as a source of highly tax-subsidized timber.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/21/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Brian

Last name: Freese

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Keep 'Roadless Rule' Protections for the Tongass National Forest

Dear U.S. Forest Service,

Regarding the Forest Service's plan to eliminate "Roadless Rule" protections for the Tongass National Forest, I urge you to select the "no action" alternative instead.

There are times when we must choose the health and well being of our planet over money, profit and power. This is one of those times.

We have so few truly wild places left on this amazing planet, and we are lucky that in the United States we still have a small piece of true wilderness. This is one of President Theodore Roosevelt's most enduring legacies - saving our places of amazing natural beauty, untouched by human greed and short term gain - for our future generations and for the ages.

Over time the Tongass National Forest will benefit us more in its untouched, natural beauty than cut up and fractured with roads and utilities. Once we slash through the forest for our commercial accesses, we can never reverse our plunder and destruction.

Please do the right thing and select the "no action" alternative to keep the Tongass National Forest as God intended it to be - perfectly wild, pristine, and unmarred by humans.

Sincerely,

Brian Freese

Tulsa, OK 74119

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Carol

Last name: Freese

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Carol Freese and I live in Kennewick, Washington.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Carol Freese

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/22/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Lisanne

Last name: Freese

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Keep 'Roadless Rule' Protections for Tongass N.F.

Dear U.S. Forest Service,

I oppose the Forest Service plan to eliminate "Roadless Rule" protections for Tongass N.F. Please select the "no action" alternative instead.

Tongass is America's wildest remaining national forest with more than 9 million acres of roadless areas. It's home to a wide range of wildlife including Alexander Archipelago wolves, grizzly bears and salmon.

It stores a vast amount of carbon, with centuries-old trees serving as a carbon-reserve lin this time of climate change. Logging releases most stored carbon into the atmosphere.

Your proposal to open Tongass to clearcutting and bulldozing is irresponsible. The Tongass belongs to all Americans and shouldn't be given to the timber industry, which provides only a small num ber of jobs and income in southeast Alaska compared to tourism and fishing - both which rely on intact forests to thrive.

It's more important to save the last remaining roadless forests because your agency fragmented and logged so much of our national forests. Fragmented forests ruin biodiversity and ecosystems developed over millennia.

I also oppose opening any of the 5 million acres of roadless areas in the Chugach N.F. to bulldozing and clearcutting for logging. This is simply a backdoor repeal of the 2001 Roadless Rule, which protects all roadless lands because of the critical role they play in protecting water, wildlife habitat and recreation.

Please - think of the planet's future and that of wilderness denizens by selecting the "no action" alternative to maintain "Roadless Rule" protections for the Tongass and Chugach.

Sincerely,

Lisanne Freese

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Marilyn

Last name: Freese

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Marilyn Freese and I live in Normal, Illinois.

What can I say? This land belongs to ALL the people to appreciate. Not those who would use it for financial gain. It is the peoples land as that great Republican, Theodore Roosevelt, had intended with all the National parks and monuments.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Marilyn Freese

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Caitlin

Last name: Freestone

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Caitlin Freestone and I live in Upland, California.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Caitlin Freestone

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Faith

Last name: Freewoman

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Faith Freewoman and I live in Rochester, New York.

PLEASE don't do this! There's so little left of the natural world, and there is NO EXCUSE for it except our current president's irascibility.

As an owner of public lands in commons with the rest of the citizens of the United States, I demand that you choose the "No Action" alternative and serve the best interests and clear preference of your real bosses...the majority of US citizens.

Choose the "No Action" alternative, please!!!

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Faith Freewoman

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/14/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Elizabeth

Last name: Freeze

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Do not do this. It is short-sighted, greedy and a loss for tourism. Not to mention all the wildlife and ecosystem destruction this would bring on. But those things dont seem to matter to our current administration. Shameful.

[Position]

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: John

Last name: Freeze

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is John Freeze and I live in Asheboro, North Carolina.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, John Freeze

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: n

Last name: fregin

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is n fregin and I live in Palatine, Illinois.

PLEASE - THIS WOULD E SO HARMFUL TO SO MANY

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, n fregin

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: N

Last name: Fregin

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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The Tongass contains some of the largest intact old-growth temperate rainforest in the world, and its value in providing clean water for fish and wildlife habitat is essential to the economic and ecological health of Southeast Alaska. I urge you to keep the federal Roadless Rule intact and current protections in place for national forests in Alaska.

In addition, I strongly object to your plans to reduce and remove protections from our national forests roadless areas. The Roadless Rule is one of the smartest and most popular land management policies the Federal Government has ever adopted. Not only does it preserve some of Americas best fish and wildlife habitat, but it also saves untold millions of taxpayer dollars that might otherwise be spent to subsidize money-losing timber sales. The value of the Roadless Rule in preventing environmentally damaging and economically wasteful road-building and logging is particularly relevant in the Tongass, where logging costs vastly exceed timber revenues and require unconscionable taxpayer subsidies.

Regards, N Fregin

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Bryan

Last name: Fregoso

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

As a supporter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers and our wild public lands, waters and wildlife, I am very concerned with the proposed rulemaking announced in Federal Register Document Number 2019-0023. I am writing these comments to strongly encourage you to maintain roadless area protections for the Tongass National Forest, including the wild fisheries habitat in the Tongass 77 and adopt the no action Alternative 1. These public lands and waters are prized by sportsmen and women and are a mainstay of Alaska's economy, helping drive an \$887 billion economic engine from outdoor recreation like hunting and fishing.

At nearly 17 million acres, the Tongass is the nation's largest national forest and the world's largest remaining intact coastal temperate rainforest; 9.3 million acres of that wild backcountry is inventoried roadless areas, providing high quality habitat for a unique diversity of sought-after game species, including mountain goats, black-tailed deer and both brown and black bears. The Tongass also encompasses thousands of miles of salmon-rich waterways, legendary among anglers and fundamental to the state's commercial salmon industry. The commercial fishing sector alone relies on the Tongass for more than 80 percent of its salmon and employs more than 4,300 people in the region, accounting for 9 percent of the area's entire employment. By contrast, timber production accounts for only 1 percent of the region's jobs.

Further, this proposal and the preferred alternative set a slippery precedent that threatens to unravel roadless rule protections for fish and wildlife across all of our nation's wild roadless forest lands. None of the identified alternatives take into consideration BHA's scoping comments to include balanced management policies for the Tongass, utilizing the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule as a foundational benchmark for improvements so that any roadless policies only enhance the most important fish and wildlife habitats. Logging and timber harvest already co-exist with roadless areas in the Tongass after years of prior compromise and consensus-building.

I implore you to maintain the integrity of Alaska's roadless areas and the Tongass 77, critical watersheds for trout and salmon. The Roadless Area Conservation Rule is a collaborative management approach adopted following one of the most extensive public engagement campaigns in the history of federal rulemaking. It may be America's best and most popular land management rule ever. The costs to American taxpayers for road building and unconscionably subsidized resource extraction are too high - not to mention the irreparable impact to wildlife, water, subsistence practices and traditions like hunting and fishing.

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Harry

Last name: Freiberg

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Harry Freiberg and I live in Brookings, Oregon.

To borrow from Mark Twain:Guard and protect our National Parks, Forests, Monuments and ALL wild lands, lakes, oceans and waterways. They are not being made anymore...

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Harry Freiberg

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: M

Last name: Freiberg

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is M Freiberg and I live in Penn Valley, Pennsylvania.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, M Freiberg

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Matthew

Last name: Freiberg

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Matthew Freiberg and I live in Tustin, California.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Matthew Freiberg

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: peter

Last name: freiberg

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, peter freiberg

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Peter

Last name: Freiberg

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Peter Freiberg

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/5/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Scott

Last name: Freiburger

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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I implore you to maintain the integrity of Alaska's roadless areas and the Tongass 77, critical watersheds for trout and salmon. The Roadless Area Conservation Rule is a collaborative management approach adopted following one of the most extensive public engagement campaigns in the history of federal rulemaking. It may be America's best and most popular land management rule ever. The costs to American taxpayers for road building and unconscionably subsidized resource extraction are too high - not to mention the irreparable impact to wildlife, water, subsistence practices and traditions like hunting and fishing.

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/19/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Rav

Last name: Freidel

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Keep the roadless rule intact and protect the old growth forest and salmon habitat.

Thank you, Rav Freidel, Montauk, NY

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Alex

Last name: Freilich

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Dear Secretary Perdue and Chief Christensen,

Please select the "no-action" alternative on the Alaska-specific Roadless Rule and protect all inventoried roadless areas on the Tongass National Forest under the 2001 National Roadless Rule.

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 Roadless Rule is among the smartest and most popular land management policies the Federal Government has ever adopted. Not only does it preserve that pristine habitat, but it also saves untold millions of taxpayer dollars that might otherwise be spent to subsidize money-losing timber sales. The value of the Roadless Rule in preventing environmentally damaging and economically wasteful road-building and logging is particularly relevant in the Tongass, where logging costs vastly exceed timber revenues and require unsustainable taxpayer subsidies.

Lastly, the 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 USFS has also taken steps to expedite this approval process, now taking only 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 Alex Freilich Olympia, WA

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Pam

Last name: Freilich

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Pam Freilich and I live in Dunbarton, New Hampshire.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Pam Freilich

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Steven

Last name: Freiman

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Steven Freiman

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Erich

Last name: Freimuth

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Erich Freimuth Jr and I live in Pennsylvania.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Erich Freimuth

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Bruna

Last name: Freire

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Bruna Freire and I live in Pompano Beach, Florida.

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Regards, Bruna Freire

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Katrina

Last name: Freire

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Katrina Freire and I live in Miami, Florida.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Katrina Freire

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Lori

Last name: Freire

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Keep the Roadless Rule in Place for the Tongass National Forest

Dear Interdisciplinary Team Leader, Alaska Roadless Rule Ken Tu,

I've never had the opportunity to visit Tongass National forest. But when I have the chance when I'm older, I'm fourteen right now, I will so I can see what a beautiful, healthy, working rainforest is. The largest temperate rainforest in North America and that's a special thing that is important to keep. It used to bring me comfort knowing my generation and future will be able to see a untouched rainforest like the Tongass and the animals that call that forest home. But if you open that land up to clear cutting, which makes up a very small percent of the economy and jobs, it will never be the same for anyone. So please, for the future generations and for the bears, deer, birds and other animals that call Tongass home think ahead about how this will affect Alaska and the environment for future generations. Don't let the Tongass National forest's beauty be a thing of the past, keep the Roadless rule.

Sincerely,

Lori Freire

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Angelica

Last name: Freitag

Organization:

Title:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Angelica Freitag

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/10/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Elgin

Last name: Fremlin

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Elgin Fremlin and I live in Spokane, WA. I am writing a comment on the Alaska Roadless Rule DEIS because I am concerned with how the Rule and the proposed full exemption will affect the Tongass National Forest and the Chugach National Forest.

I lived in Alaska for almost 20-years in Juneau Alaska the capital. I met my wife there and one day will return to live there again hopefully. As we still own a home there. One of the best things about Alaska is the all the wild life and the rain forest. I believe the Tongass is worth protecting and shouldn't be destroyed for a quick buck.

I urge the Forest Service to select Alternative 1, the no action alternative, for the final decision on the Alaska Roadless Rule. This alternative protects the inventoried roadless areas in Alaska that are full of pristine wilderness and provide important fish and wildlife habitat, and already allows for important community and economic development projects. As an American citizen, I value the Tongass National Forest and the Chugach National Forest for its status as America's best natural solution to climate change and its sequestering of millions of metric tons of carbon and mitigating climate change, its wild salmon populations and the world-class fishing opportunities, its huge swaths of intact ecosystems and all the biodiversity it contains, its status as the largest intact temperate rainforest in the world, the recreational opportunities it provides, the high density of incredible wildlife it contains, to keep public lands wild for future generations, its status as a national and global treasure, the lifestyles of the indigenous communities that the forest supports. A full exemption does not protect these priorities, nor does it effectively balance economic development with the countless other benefits provided by roadless areas. I would like the Forest Service to manage roadless areas for passive/active watershed restoration (stream and habitat) to improve/maintain roadless characteristics (culvert removal/replacement, improve fish passage, wildlife thinning, etc), low-impact recreation (camping, hiking, hunting, foraging, etc). It is important to me that high-value intact habitat including the T77 watersheds and the TNC conservation priority areas retain their roadless protections in any alternative selected.

The Forest Service is wasting taxpayers' valuable time and money by trying to prop up a failing timber industry in Southeast Alaska. The nonpartisan, independent taxpayer watchdog Taxpayers for Common Sense reported that the Tongass timber program has losses of over \$600 million of taxpayers money in the past 20 years. I would rather see my taxpayer dollars used to restore salmon habitat that was hurt by past logging practices, perform restorative actions that support wildlife populations on previously degraded landscapes that support wildlife populations, develop more recreational opportunities, like trails and cabins, support small-scale, sustainable logging, establish the economic value of the carbon stored in the Tongass. We need to stop subsidizing the clearcutting of old growth on the Tongass through taxpayer funded roadbuilding. If a full exemption were chosen, it would not create opportunities and would instead prioritize the special interests of one industry over the interests of the entire American public.

The Tongass is Americas homegrown natural solution to climate change. The forest sequesters 8% of the carbon stored in forests throughout the contiguous US states, some 3 billion metric tons of it. We must take action to mitigate and adapt to climate change, and maintaining the Tongass in a roadless state is critical for a sustainable future.

I urge the Forest Service to listen to the voices of the American people and prioritize them over corporate interests. The Forest Service should strengthen public involvement in developing land management policy and

focus on broadly supported work rather than allowing special corporate interests to guide policy changes. Attempting to exempt inventoried roadless areas on the Chugach National Forest from the Alaska Roadless Rule adds further insult to injury, and this proposal has not received any sufficient environmental impact analysis or public input. Choosing a full exemption will not create a long lasting, durable solution for roadless areas in Alaska it will only increase the legal challenges, uncertainty for businesses, and conflict over these forests going forward.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: James

Last name: Fremont

Organization:

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Last name: French

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Regards, A French

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Brad

Last name: French

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Comments:

My name is Brad French and I live in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

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First name: Larry

Last name: French

Organization:

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Comments:

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Regards, Larry French

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Lisa

Last name: French

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Regards, Michael French

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Nina

Last name: French

Organization:

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Comments:

My name is Nina French and I live in Seattle, Washington.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/23/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Yvonne

Last name: French

Organization:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/5/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: DARREN

Last name: FRESH

Organization:

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Comments:

As a supporter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers and our wild public lands, waters and wildlife, I am very concerned with the proposed rulemaking announced in Federal Register Document Number 2019-0023. I am writing these comments to strongly encourage you to maintain roadless area protections for the Tongass National Forest, including the wild fisheries habitat in the Tongass 77 and adopt the no action Alternative 1. These public lands and waters are prized by sportsmen and women and are a mainstay of Alaska's economy, helping drive an \$887 billion economic engine from outdoor recreation like hunting and fishing.

At nearly 17 million acres, the Tongass is the nation's largest national forest and the world's largest remaining intact coastal temperate rainforest; 9.3 million acres of that wild backcountry is inventoried roadless areas, providing high quality habitat for a unique diversity of sought-after game species, including mountain goats, black-tailed deer and both brown and black bears. The Tongass also encompasses thousands of miles of salmon-rich waterways, legendary among anglers and fundamental to the state's commercial salmon industry. The commercial fishing sector alone relies on the Tongass for more than 80 percent of its salmon and employs more than 4,300 people in the region, accounting for 9 percent of the area's entire employment. By contrast, timber production accounts for only 1 percent of the region's jobs.

Further, this proposal and the preferred alternative set a slippery precedent that threatens to unravel roadless rule protections for fish and wildlife across all of our nation's wild roadless forest lands. None of the identified alternatives take into consideration BHA's scoping comments to include balanced management policies for the Tongass, utilizing the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule as a foundational benchmark for improvements so that any roadless policies only enhance the most important fish and wildlife habitats. Logging and timber harvest already co-exist with roadless areas in the Tongass after years of prior compromise and consensus-building.

I implore you to maintain the integrity of Alaska's roadless areas and the Tongass 77, critical watersheds for trout and salmon. The Roadless Area Conservation Rule is a collaborative management approach adopted following one of the most extensive public engagement campaigns in the history of federal rulemaking. It may be America's best and most popular land management rule ever. The costs to American taxpayers for road building and unconscionably subsidized resource extraction are too high - not to mention the irreparable impact to wildlife, water, subsistence practices and traditions like hunting and fishing.

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

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Last name: Freson

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Gail

Last name: Frethem

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Gail Frethem and I live in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Rebecca

Last name: Freund

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Rebecca Freund and I live in Houghton, Michigan.

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Last name: Freund

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Regards, Richard Freund

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Barbara

Last name: Frey

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Barbara Frey

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Brenda

Last name: Frey

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Brenda Frey and I live in Buffalo, New York.

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Last name: Frey

Organization:

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Last name: Frey

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Organization:

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Regards, Julie Frey

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Julie

Last name: Frey

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/21/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Kenneth

Last name: Frey

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

We're losing too much of our virgin forestlands. Once this is done you can never go back; you can't unbuild a road. Please don't do this!

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/4/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Lawrence

Last name: Frey

Organization:

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Comments:

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Regards, Lawrence Frey

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Mark

Last name: Frey

Organization:

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Regards, Michael Frey

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/22/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Nate

Last name: Frey

Organization:

Title:

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Last name: Freyhardt

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: D.

Last name: Friar

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is David Friar and I live in Kaneohe, Hawaii. This is an opportunity for you to leave a meaningful legacy for your children and all the generations to come. We have a choice between preserving a huge public resource, or squandering this natural treasure for short-sighted private profits. Please consider this choice wisely, taking the long view.

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Last name: Friberg

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Jean

Last name: Fricano

Organization:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: clay

Last name: frick

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

See attached file(s)

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Re. Comments on the Roadless Rule

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Clay Frick

Haines, AK 99827

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To: The United States Forest Service
Re. Comments on the Roadless Rule

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/7/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Emily

Last name: Frid

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/11/2019 3:00:00 PM

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/20/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Frank

Last name: Friddle

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Managing forests correctly involves harvesting and reforesting our natural resources. I applaud the plan on harvesting and opening areas for access. As an Alaskan resident near this past summers Swan Lake Fire, I can easily see that these proposed actions will have a beneficial effect if and when a wildfire should strike.

[Position]

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Timothy

Last name: Fridsma

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Timothy Fridsma

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Adrian

Last name: Fried

Organization:

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Comments:

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Regards, Adrian Fried

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: J

Last name: FRIED

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, J FRIED

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/21/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Rona

Last name: Fried

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Are you kidding? Eliminate Roadless Rule in Tongass?

Dear U.S. Forest Service,

I often wonder whose side the Forest Service is on when you try to do things like eliminate "Roadless Rule" protections for Tongass National Forest. It should be more than obvious this is the wrong thing to do for one of our few remaining wild forests.

If it's not broke, don't "fix" it. No Action is what is called for here.

Really, open this pristine forest to clearcutting and logging?

NO, NO, NO!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

The same is true for Chugach National Forest.

Forests are designated "Roadless" to protect these forests for wildlife, protecting pure water, and remote recreation.

NO ACTION, Please.

Sincerely,

Rona Fried

Huntington Station, NY 11746

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/19/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Stephen

Last name: Fried

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

I lived in Alaska for about 37 years and during that time worked for Alaska Department of Fish and Game and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The Tongass National Forest is part of the largest remaining temperate rainforest in the world. Some of these trees are over 1,000 years old. Removing protection from the remaining roadless area will allow removal of old-growth areas that provide habitat for wildlife that require these areas, including the Prince of Wales Spruce Grouse, the Queen Charlotte Goshawk, and the Marbled Murrelet (listed as endangered on the International Union for Conservation of Nature's Red List). Five species of Pacific salmon rear and spawn in the Tongass, as do brown bears, wolves, and Sitka black-tailed deer. Building roads fragments habitat, which affects breeding success and seasonal migrations of some species. Logging roads cause erosion that load streams with sediment, destroying anadromous and resident fish spawning habitat and suffocating their eggs. Southeast Alaska is inhabited by indigenous people that have been there for thousands of years and that depend upon the Tongass as a source of food and spiritual sustenance. Logging focused on old growth is not sustainable and old growth forests are a valuable natural resource that are not replaceable. The current roadless areas should be maintained.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Margaret

Last name: Friedenbach

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Margaret Friedenbach and I live in Savanna, Illinois.

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Regards, Margaret Friedenbach

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Roxanne

Last name: Friedenfels

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Last name: FRIEDENSON

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First name: Jakeb

Last name: Friedenstab

Organization:

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Comments:

Alternative 1 would be ideal. However, we all know it's about the money and a portion will be taken for harvest, regardless of public opinion. It's in the best interest to keep as much of this forest and watersheds intact with little disturbance. Alaska is one purest places remaining.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 1/1/0001 12:00:00 AM

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Last name: Friedland

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Organization:

Title:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

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Regards, Thomas Friedland

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/6/2019 6:24:43 PM

First name: Krystina

Last name: Friedlander

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Krystina Friedlander and I live in Lawrence Township, NJ. I am writing a comment on the Alaska Roadless Rule DEIS because I am concerned with how the Rule and the proposed full exemption will affect the Tongass National Forest and the Chugach National Forest.

It is heartbreaking to imagine that this expanse of biodiversity, unique land will be exposed, stripped and ruined. At a time when we're trying to find innovative means to sequester carbon and reduce the intensity of climate change, why would we ever release this massive carbon store into our atmosphere?

I urge the Forest Service to select Alternative 1, the no action alternative, for the final decision on the Alaska Roadless Rule. This alternative protects the inventoried roadless areas in Alaska that are full of pristine wilderness and provide important fish and wildlife habitat, and already allows for important community and economic development projects. As an American citizen, I value the Tongass National Forest and the Chugach National Forest for its status as America's best natural solution to climate change and its sequestering of millions of metric tons of carbon and mitigating climate change, its huge swaths of intact ecosystems and all the biodiversity it contains, the lifestyles of the indigenous communities that the forest supports, the high density of incredible wildlife it contains. 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, establish the economic value of the carbon stored in the Tongass. We need to stop subsidizing the clearcutting of old growth on the Tongass through taxpayer-funded roadbuilding. If a full exemption were chosen, it would not create opportunities and would instead prioritize the special interests of one industry over the interests of the entire American public.

The Tongass is America's homegrown natural solution to climate change. The forest sequesters 8% of the carbon stored in forests throughout the contiguous US states, some 3 billion metric tons of it. We must take action to mitigate and adapt to climate change, and maintaining the Tongass in a roadless state is critical for a sustainable future.

I urge the Forest Service to listen to the voices of the American people and prioritize them over corporate interests. The Forest Service should strengthen public involvement in developing land management policy and focus on broadly supported work rather than allowing special corporate interests to guide policy changes. Attempting to exempt inventoried roadless areas on the Chugach National Forest from the Alaska Roadless Rule adds further insult to injury, and this proposal has not received any sufficient environmental impact analysis or public input. Choosing a full exemption will not create a long-lasting, durable solution for roadless areas in Alaska; it will only increase the legal challenges, uncertainty for businesses, and conflict over these forests going forward.

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/21/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Anthony

Last name: Friedline

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Hello,

I am writing to express my objection to the proposed rule to exempt the Tongass National Forest from the Roadless Rule.

Having read the explanatory text in the Federal Register, I feel that the economic benefit will not accrue to native Alaskans, nor to Native American communities, but to logging and timber concerns that are not local to Alaska. In addition, the environmental impact of opening the Tongass to roading and logging will cause deforestation and local climate changes, the impacts of which I feel have not been adequately considered by the Department.

In particular, to open the Tongass to roading and logging may introduce invasive species to the Tongass that may have negative impacts both on the health of the forest and the value of the lumber that the Department clearly sees as the economic benefit.

I consider the best option to be Alternative 2, as it increases the extent of Tongass covered by the Roadless Rule while removing acreage that, as a result of previous non-enforcement, has--by fait accompli--become 'roaded roadless' areas.

If Alternative 2 is not to be adopted, I consider the next feasible option to be to abandon the proposed rule and maintain the status quo (Alternative 1).

Stewardship of our natural resources, and conservation of them, is not only ethical and logical and moral, but is the Christian thing to do. As such it is imperative to preserve these wild areas so that the beauty that the Lord created for us is not despoiled by the greed of mankind.

I hope that you will consider my comment in the spirit it is submitted.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Cheryl

Last name: Friedman

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Cheryl Friedman and I live in Noblesville, Indiana.

The Tongass National Forest is a National Treasure! We need to preserve it for future generations . In addition, it consumes carbon dioxide and provides us with oxygen. Sacrificing our forests for money is irresponsible at best! Having been to Alaska, I have seen this pristine area. Preserve the Roadless Rule. Dont let Trump and his cronies destroy our natural resources !

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Regards, Cheryl Friedman

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Elsie

Last name: Friedman

Organization:

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Regards, Esther Friedman

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Esther

Last name: Friedman

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Esther Friedman

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Jeanne

Last name: Friedman

Organization:

Title:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Jeanne Friedman

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/27/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Jeffrey

Last name: Friedman

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Keep the roads out of the park! There is so little free space left!

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Katherine

Last name: Friedman

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

PRESERVE THE LAND. Preserve the trees. No logging- we need them to breathe.

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Leanne

Last name: Friedman

Organization:

Title:

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Regards, Leanne Friedman

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Regards, Lynn Friedman

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Lynn

Last name: Friedman

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Lynn Friedman

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Regards, Lynn Friedman

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/6/2019 1:53:15 PM

First name: Marcy

Last name: Friedman

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Marcy Friedman and I live in Ewing Township, NJ. 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.

As a frequent visitor and lover of Sitka, Ak. I am in awe of the beauty and power of the Tongass.

I urge the Forest Service to select Alternative 1, the no action alternative, for the final decision on the Alaska Roadless Rule. This alternative protects the inventoried roadless areas in Alaska that are full of pristine wilderness and provide important fish and wildlife habitat, and already allows for important community and economic development projects. As an American citizen, I value the Tongass National Forest and the Chugach National Forest for its 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, the recreational opportunities it provides, its status as the largest intact temperate rainforest in the world, the high density of incredible wildlife it contains, to keep public lands wild for future generations, its status as a national and global treasure, the lifestyles of the indigenous communities that the forest supports. A full exemption does not protect these priorities, nor does it effectively balance economic development with the countless other benefits provided by roadless areas. I would like the Forest Service to manage roadless areas for low-impact recreation (camping, hiking, hunting, foraging, etc), passive/active watershed restoration (stream and habitat) to improve/maintain roadless characteristics (culvert removal/replacement, improve fish passage, wildlife thinning, etc). It is important to me that high-value intact habitat including the T77 watersheds and the TNC conservation priority areas retain their roadless protections in any alternative selected.

The Forest Service is wasting taxpayers' valuable time and money by trying to prop up a failing timber industry in Southeast Alaska. The nonpartisan, independent taxpayer watchdog Taxpayers for Common Sense reported that the Tongass timber program has losses of over \$600 million of taxpayers money in the past 20 years. I would rather see my taxpayer dollars used to perform restorative actions that support wildlife populations on previously degraded landscapes that support wildlife populations, restore salmon habitat that was hurt by past logging practices. We need to stop subsidizing the clearcutting of old growth on the Tongass through taxpayer funded roadbuilding. If a full exemption were chosen, it would not create opportunities and would instead prioritize the special interests of one industry over the interests of the entire American public.

The Tongass is Americas homegrown natural solution to climate change. The forest sequesters 8% of the carbon stored in forests throughout the contiguous US states, some 3 billion metric tons of it. We must take action to mitigate and adapt to climate change, and maintaining the Tongass in a roadless state is critical for a sustainable future.

I urge the Forest Service to listen to the voices of the American people and prioritize them over corporate interests. The Forest Service should strengthen public involvement in developing land management policy and focus on broadly supported work rather than allowing special corporate interests to guide policy changes. Attempting to exempt inventoried roadless areas on the Chugach National Forest from the Alaska Roadless Rule adds further insult to injury, and this proposal has not received any sufficient environmental impact analysis or public input. Choosing a full exemption will not create a long lasting, durable solution for roadless areas in Alaska it will only increase the legal challenges, uncertainty for businesses, and conflict over these forests going forward.

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Melinda

Last name: Friedman

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Melinda Friedman

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Michael

Last name: Friedman

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Michael Friedman and I live in El Sobrante, California.

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Regards, Michael Friedman

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/19/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Michele

Last name: Friedman

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Thank you for taking my comment:

I have lived in Sitka since 1990 and the surrounding forest is the main reason I live here. Not only do the humans need the forest for recreation but also hunting and fishing.

I can't emphasis enough the need to keep the No Option!

No more Roads!

[Position]

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Shani

Last name: Friedman

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Shani Friedman and I live in Brooklyn, New York.

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Regards, Shani Friedman

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Terry

Last name: Friedman

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Terry Friedman and I live in Montvale, New Jersey.

It's time to back science instead of political favors. It is frustrating, concerning and embarrassing that our country is not present with almost 60 other nations who have pledged, this week, to reduce emissions. Our government is not representing the wishes of its people where the environment is concerned.

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Regards, Terry Friedman

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Gary

Last name: Friedmann

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Gary Friedmann and I live in Bar Harbor, Maine.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Lawrence

Last name: Friedrich

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Lawrence Friedrich and I live in Simi Valley, California.

The idiots in charge of the EPA have gone over to the dark side. Please stop them before we hurt too many people.

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Regards, Lawrence Friedrich

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Greg H

Last name: Friedrichs

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

I am a commercial Fisherman and fish salmon Southeast Alaska. The Tongass Forest provides essential spawning habitat for the salmon that I catch. It cannot be replaced in our lifetime. Leave it roadless. Greg H. Friedrichs, F/V Arminta

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Elaine

Last name: Friedrich

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Elaine Friedrich and I live in Seymour, Wisconsin.

I cannot add anything new. Why can't we make protection forever,,,,,permanent...If not having to fight the same battle over and over seems nonproductive and a waste of money,,,,,

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Elaine Friedrich

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Bernice

Last name: Friedson

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Bernice Friedson

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/7/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Benjamin

Last name: Friemoth

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

As a supporter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers and our wild public lands, waters and wildlife, I am very concerned with the proposed rulemaking announced in Federal Register Document Number 2019-0023. I am writing these comments to strongly encourage you to maintain roadless area protections for the Tongass National Forest, including the wild fisheries habitat in the Tongass 77 and adopt the no action Alternative 1. These public lands and waters are prized by sportsmen and women and are a mainstay of Alaska's economy, helping drive an \$887 billion economic engine from outdoor recreation like hunting and fishing.

At nearly 17 million acres, the Tongass is the nation's largest national forest and the world's largest remaining intact coastal temperate rainforest; 9.3 million acres of that wild backcountry is inventoried roadless areas, providing high quality habitat for a unique diversity of sought-after game species, including mountain goats, black-tailed deer and both brown and black bears. The Tongass also encompasses thousands of miles of salmon-rich waterways, legendary among anglers and fundamental to the state's commercial salmon industry. The commercial fishing sector alone relies on the Tongass for more than 80 percent of its salmon and employs more than 4,300 people in the region, accounting for 9 percent of the area's entire employment. By contrast, timber production accounts for only 1 percent of the region's jobs.

Further, this proposal and the preferred alternative set a slippery precedent that threatens to unravel roadless rule protections for fish and wildlife across all of our nation's wild roadless forest lands. None of the identified alternatives take into consideration BHA's scoping comments to include balanced management policies for the Tongass, utilizing the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule as a foundational benchmark for improvements so that any roadless policies only enhance the most important fish and wildlife habitats. Logging and timber harvest already co-exist with roadless areas in the Tongass after years of prior compromise and consensus-building.

I implore you to maintain the integrity of Alaska's roadless areas and the Tongass 77, critical watersheds for trout and salmon. The Roadless Area Conservation Rule is a collaborative management approach adopted following one of the most extensive public engagement campaigns in the history of federal rulemaking. It may be America's best and most popular land management rule ever. The costs to American taxpayers for road building and unconscionably subsidized resource extraction are too high - not to mention the irreparable impact to wildlife, water, subsistence practices and traditions like hunting and fishing.

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Sincerely,

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First name: Alexander

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My name is Alexander Friend and I live in Oakland, California.

Protect Roadless Area Conservation in Alaska!

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, Alexander Friend

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In Southeast Alaska, tourism accounts for 28% of employment and generate an annual \$1 billion in economic benefit, making it far more of an economic driver than the timber industry, which is less than 1% of the regional economy.

Any choice but the No Action alternative would also put wildlife and critical habitat at risk, threaten access to clean water, and be a step in the wrong direction on climate change jeopardizing Alaskans at a time when the state already faces severe challenges related to rising temperatures. I urge you not to abandon the Roadless Rule in Alaska and instead to put the public interest above corporate profits by choosing to keep the rule in place unchanged.

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First name: Julie

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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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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Karen

Last name: Friends

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Regards, Karen Friends

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/14/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Diana

Last name: Fries

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Gregory

Last name: Fries

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Dear U.S. Forest Service:

The Roadless Rule has been instrumental in conserving the Tongass National Forest and in supporting its fish and wildlife-based industries for more than 20 years. ***Please uphold the Rule's protections for important fish and wildlife areas, including the Tongass 77.*** [Text bolded for emphasis] Roadless areas are an important source of food, jobs, and income through commercial, subsistence, and recreational fishing. Salmon are part of Alaska's culture and we must protect them and their spawning streams. ***Please do not roll back roadless are protection for habitat that our irreplaceable fish and wildlife populations need to survive.*** [Text bolded for emphasis]

Customize your comment by listing reasons the Tongass is important to you or why you value Alaska Roadless areas: (ex: specific locations you recreate, activities you do, or why you value fish & wildlife) [Text italicized]

Sincerely,

Would you like to volunteer with TU Alaska to Help America's Salmon Forest?

Yes No

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Marguerite

Last name: Fries

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Regards, Marguerite Fries

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

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Last name: Fries

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/14/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Teresa

Last name: Fries

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Teresa Fries and I live in Moses Lake, Washington.

Our forests are very important to us, and we need to save them for future generations. Please save them.
Thank you

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Debbie

Last name: Friesen

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Helga

Last name: Friess

Organization:

Title:

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Regards, Helga Friess

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/13/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Payton

Last name: Friess

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Payton Friess and I live in Topeka, KS. I am writing a comment on the Alaska Roadless Rule DEIS because I am concerned with how the Rule and the proposed full exemption will affect the Tongass National Forest and the Chugach National Forest.

The Tongass National Forest has such a huge impact on the health and well being of ALL beings. It's carbon storage allows us humans to continue to breathe. It is home to much vital wildlife. It is a powerful space that provides inspiration and healing. The absence of the Tongass would have devastating affects- short and long term.

I urge the Forest Service to select Alternative 1, the no action alternative, for the final decision on the Alaska Roadless Rule. This alternative protects the inventoried roadless areas in Alaska that are full of pristine wilderness and provide important fish and wildlife habitat, and already allows for important community and economic development projects. As an American citizen, I value the Tongass National Forest and the Chugach National Forest for its status as America's best natural solution to climate change and its sequestering of millions of metric tons of carbon and mitigating climate change, its wild salmon populations and the world-class fishing opportunities, its huge swaths of intact ecosystems and all the biodiversity it contains, its status as the largest intact temperate rainforest in the world, the recreational opportunities it provides, the high density of incredible wildlife it contains, to keep public lands wild for future generations, its status as a national and global treasure, the lifestyles of the indigenous communities that the forest supports. A full exemption does not protect these priorities, nor does it effectively balance economic development with the countless other benefits provided by roadless areas. I would like the Forest Service to manage roadless areas for passive/active watershed restoration (stream and habitat) to improve/maintain roadless characteristics (culvert removal/replacement, improve fish passage, wildlife thinning, etc), low-impact recreation (camping, hiking, hunting, foraging, etc). It is important to me that high-value intact habitat including the T77 watersheds and the TNC conservation priority areas retain their roadless protections in any alternative selected.

The Forest Service is wasting taxpayers' valuable time and money by trying to prop up a failing timber industry in Southeast Alaska. The nonpartisan, independent taxpayer watchdog Taxpayers for Common Sense reported that the Tongass timber program has losses of over \$600 million of taxpayers money in the past 20 years. I would rather see my taxpayer dollars used to restore salmon habitat that was hurt by past logging practices, establish the economic value of the carbon stored in the Tongass. We need to stop subsidizing the clearcutting of old growth on the Tongass through taxpayer funded roadbuilding. If a full exemption were chosen, it would not create opportunities and would instead prioritize the special interests of one industry over the interests of the entire American public.

The Tongass is Americas homegrown natural solution to climate change. The forest sequesters 8% of the carbon stored in forests throughout the contiguous US states, some 3 billion metric tons of it. We must take action to mitigate and adapt to climate change, and maintaining the Tongass in a roadless state is critical for a sustainable future.

I urge the Forest Service to listen to the voices of the American people and prioritize them over corporate interests. The Forest Service should strengthen public involvement in developing land management policy and focus on broadly supported work rather than allowing special corporate interests to guide policy changes.

Attempting to exempt inventoried roadless areas on the Chugach National Forest from the Alaska Roadless Rule adds further insult to injury, and this proposal has not received any sufficient environmental impact analysis or public input. Choosing a full exemption will not create a long lasting, durable solution for roadless areas in Alaska it will only increase the legal challenges, uncertainty for businesses, and conflict over these forests going forward.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Payton

Last name: Friess

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Dear Chief Christiansen,

I am a visitor to the lands and waters of Southeast Alaska. The Tongass National Forest is a large part of why I am here. Visitors like me come to witness the vast, beautiful stands of old-growth trees that can't be found on such a scale anywhere else in the United States. We come to crew on commercial fishing boats. We come to hunt, fish and hike in America's largest National Forest. That is why it is important to me that the 2001 Roadless Rule remain in place on the Tongass National Forest. A no-action alternative is the best option for Alaskans and Americans.

I support the Tongass Transition and I would like the Forest Service to continue phasing out old growth clearcutting. This forest is a salmon forest, and the Forest Service should focus on restoring degraded watersheds and fish streams. Please prioritize conservation of the T77 and TNC conservation priority areas in any new Alaska Roadless Rule. Tourism and commercial fishing are at the heart of Southeast's economy, not the antiquated timber industry.

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: John

Last name: Friestad

Organization:

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Regards, John Friestad

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Lisa

Last name: Frieze

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Lisa Frieze and I live in Wakefield, Massachusetts.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/23/2019 3:00:00 PM

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Last name: Frighetti

Organization:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Rolf

Last name: Friis

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My name is Rolf Friis and I live in Louisville, Kentucky.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: John

Last name: Fringer

Organization:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM

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Regards, Daniel Frink

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM

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Last name: Frink

Organization:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Peter

Last name: Frisbee

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Peter Frisbee and I live in Chicago, Illinois.

This should never happen. Certainly, the government has a responsibility to represent the people, our needs, and our future over the elite friends of Trump who are only in it for their own profit.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: kristine

Last name: frisbie

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is kristine frisbie and I live in Palm Beach, Florida.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/13/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Dorothy

Last name: Frisch

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Alaska Roadless Rulemaking #54511

Roadless Rulemaking,

RE: Alaska Roadless DEIS Comment

Dear Secretary Perdue:

Keep the Roadless Rule! Why should we American people pay taxes to subsidize timber sales from our national lands? In addition, why ruin this old-growth forest for the profit of a few companies?

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Dorothy Frisch

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Dorothy

Last name: Frisch

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Dorothy Frisch and I live in Kentwood, Michigan.

Let's save this forest for the Alaskan Natives and for ALL Americans to enjoy! It is part of our national heritage; don't destroy it!

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Dnald

Last name: Frischann

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Dnald Frischann and I live in Fort Worth, Texas.

You are NOT welcome to steal this majestic and ecologically important forest from the rest of humanity. I demand you take corrective action immediately! No timber cutting!

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Kristin

Last name: Frish

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Kristin Frish and I live in Cottonwood, Idaho.

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Regards, Kristin Frish

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/7/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Andrew

Last name: Frishman

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

As a one-time resident of rural Alaska and a supporter of our wild public lands, waters and wildlife, I am very concerned with the proposed rulemaking announced in Federal Register Document Number 2019-0023. I 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. The proposed rulemaking would be highly detrimental to southeast Alaska's fishing, tourism and recreation industries, which employ far more people than the region's timber industry, and would set a very bad precedent for other roadless public lands in the nation.

I strongly urge you to maintain the integrity of Alaska's roadless areas and the Tongass 77. 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.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Julia

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My name is Julia Frisk and I live in Plumas Lake, California.

I am writing to express strong opposition to efforts to roll back the Roadless Area Conservation Rule (Roadless Rule) in Alaska or elsewhere. The Roadless Rule was implemented with unprecedented public support to protect some of our nations most pristine public lands, including large parts of the Tongass National Forest. You must choose the No Action alternative. Any other choice would ignore overwhelming public support and harm Alaskans, including Alaska Natives, and taxpayers across the nation.

In Southeast Alaska, tourism accounts for 28% of employment and generate an annual \$1 billion in economic benefit, making it far more of an economic driver than the timber industry, which is less than 1% of the regional economy.

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, Julia Frisk

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Please accept the attached PDF file, which contains my comments on fishery and water quality concerns in the DEIS. Thank you.

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Science isn't a slot machine, where you drop in facts and get out truths. But it is a special kind of social activity, one where lots of different human traits-obstinacy, curiosity, resentment of authority, sheer cussedness, and a grudging readiness to submit pet notions to popular scrutiny-end by producing reliable knowledge. --Adam Gopnik, The New Yorker, 30 Nov 2015

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Comments on Fisheries and Water Quality Issues in the US Forest Service Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Alaska Roadless Rule, December 2019.

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1. Introduction

1.1 Scope and Importance of Review

I was commissioned in November and December 2019 by The Wilderness Society to review the US Forest Service's Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Alaska Roadless Rule (https://www.fs.usda.gov/nfs/11558/www/nepa/109834_FSPLT3_4876629.pdf) (herein after, "DEIS"). The Society asked me to prepare comments on water quality and fisheries effects on the Tongass National Forest, as they are addressed, or not addressed in the DEIS, based on best available scientific information and my professional opinion as an aquatic scientist with expertise in freshwater ecology, fish conservation, watershed processes, environmental impact assessment and land and water resource planning. The observations and opinions in this document are expressly my own.

The resource at risk from logging and road construction on roadless lands of the Tongass National Forest is considerable at a regional and national scale (Byrant 2011, Halupka et al. 2003, Bryant and Everest 1998, Everest et al. 1997). Freshwater habitat on the Tongass National Forest produced roughly 25% of Alaska's commercial salmon catch in the past decade, with an average annual dockside landed value of US\$88 million (Johnson et al. 2019). Despite recognized harms to salmon habitat in some watersheds from past timber harvesting and road construction, the Tongass National Forest produces more wild salmon by far than any other national forest in the nation. This globally

impressive productivity is in large part attributed to the extensive area of unlogged, roadless watersheds on the national forest, where ecological integrity water quality, biophysical diversity, and the productive capacity of freshwater habitat for salmon remain high (Halupka et al. 2003, Bryant and Everest 1998, Everest et al. 1997).

The proposed Alaska Roadless Rule would exempt the Tongass National Forest from the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule and thereby remove that rule's prohibitions against road construction and timber cutting on all of the 9.2 million acres of inventoried roadless areas in the Tongass. The DEIS evaluates several other alternatives that provide varying levels of protection for Tongass roadless areas, but none are as protective as the No Action alternative.

The Forest Service's evaluation of impacts to fish habitat and salmon harvest are summarized as follows: "Overall effects to fish habitat are expected to be negligible under all alternatives, because of the strong protections to fish habitats provided by Forest Plan LUDs, Forest-wide standards and guidelines including the riparian management strategy, and the lack of old-growth harvest or associated road construction allowed in the T77 watersheds and TNC /Audubon Conservation Priority Areas" (DEIS ES-15). The DEIS further states that "localized effects on fish habitat may occur, but these are expected to be minimal overall" (DEIS ES-15). Consequently, according to the DEIS, "None of the alternatives are expected to have a significant change to the commercial fishing or fish-processing industries" (DEIS ES-13).

For reasons discussed below, these erroneous assumptions and conclusions in the DEIS are based on a grossly inadequate consideration of the best available science regarding the effects of road construction and logging on aquatic ecosystems.

1.2 Qualifications

I am a consulting aquatic ecologist and watershed scientist with expertise in land management and conservation and restoration strategies for fishes and amphibians, with extensive experience with Pacific salmon, native trout and charr. I also serve as Affiliate Research Professor at Flathead Lake Biological Station, the University of Montana. My expertise is outlined in my CV, which is appended to this declaration.

My education is as follows. I hold a Bachelors degree in Zoology from the University of Montana, and Masters and PhD degrees in Fisheries Science from Oregon State University, where the focus of my graduate research was the cumulative effect of land use and watershed disturbance on freshwater ecosystems and fish populations.

I have 30 years of experience as a research scientist in the field of aquatic ecology, fishery and conservation biology, and watershed science, having held research faculty positions at The University of Montana and Oregon State University. I have more than 40 scientific and technical publications in aquatic ecology, fishery and conservation biology, and watershed science, in professional journals, symposia, books, and book chapters, and

also am author of more than 30 research reports for various institutions and agencies. I have served as peer reviewer or reviewing editor for more than a dozen professional journals and government research publications. I have served on 13 professional and government panels that provided technical guidance about stream and river protection to state and federal wildlife and forest management agencies in three states, including technical panels that advised Oregon state agencies on water temperature standard development, and forestry landslide prevention rulemaking. I later served on Montana governor's scientific panel to inform that state's restoration strategy for threatened bull trout, and participated in Forest Service expert panels assessing the efficacy of regional plans for conservation of freshwater species, including amphibians. I have commented or served as an expert witness in litigation of numerous national forest plans and federal forest project and programmatic NEPA efforts since about 1980. In Alaska, I sponsored a PhD student who studied ecology and conservation headwater trout populations in southeast Alaska (Hastings 2005); contracted with USEPA to evaluate impacts of roads and pipelines in possible mine development in Bristol Bay; and reviewed environmental impact

statements for mine and mine road development in Bristol Bay and the Ambler Mining District of the Brooks Range.

While on the faculty as a researcher at Oregon State University, I was funded to lead a 6-year research project on salmon habitat protection in Oregon coastal rivers. In 1992 I completed my doctoral dissertation on the cumulative effects of land use on salmon habitat in Oregon South Coast rivers. That research focused on the full spectrum of threats to physical habitat of salmon in coastal watersheds, including water temperature, sediment conditions, landslides and road erosion, large wood, and channel dynamics. As the dominant land use in the region, forestry was a primary topic of that research.

For ten years I was a full-time Research Assistant Professor and Research Associate Professor at the University of Montana's Flathead Lake Biological Station, where I continued to conduct research on salmon ecology and freshwater habitat conservation. For 11 years I held the positions (alternately) of Senior Staff Scientist or Conservation and Science Director with the Pacific Rivers Council, where I worked specifically on the interface of scientific information and land management, with considerable involvement in forest management policy development for stream protection and salmon and trout recovery, including in coastal Oregon. My work in particular has focused on the scientific adequacy of federal forest land planning and aquatic conservation policies, and I have special expertise in the manifold impacts on freshwater habitat and salmonid fishes of roads and road development in roadless forested watersheds.

1.3 Overview of Documents Reviewed

In preparing these comments I reviewed relevant portions of the DEIS and other Forest Service planning documents and other reports and articles from the scientific literature, as cited in the text below. In particular in the DEIS, I reviewed material in section 1 on aquatic habitat, soils, and water quality impacts; in section 2 on expected change in

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salmon harvest and fish habitat; and in section 3 on soils and water, salmon harvest, fisheries, and transportation and roads.

2. Priority Watersheds and the Long-Term Conservation of Salmon Ecosystems

Although salmon in southeast Alaska represent five relatively widely distributed species, homing to natal habitats in combination with a diversity of habitat configurations and conditions has provided a ripe evolutionary field for the emergence of many distinct, locally adapted ecotypes within these species in southeast Alaska (Halupka et al. 2003). This diversity of habitats and locally adapted ecotypes is the very basis of salmon species productivity (Brennan et al. 2019, Schindler et al. 2010). This diversity of habitats and populations serves in turn as the basis of the large trophic and ecological roles that salmon play in ecosystems (Armstrong et al. 2019). This means the conservation of salmon and the manifold roles of salmon in the natural ecosystem and the human economy of southeast Alaska are directly dependent on protection and, where past degradation has occurred, restoration of the full natural diversity of aquatic habitats across the region.

Loss of diversity through increased footprint of human disturbance of watersheds will inexorably reduce the productive capacity of southeast Alaska, and especially the pristine, now roadless watersheds of the Tongass National Forest, for salmon. This fact is well-recognized in the scientific literature (see many aspects of the problem reviewed and cited in the text below), but it is obscured, if not overtly denied, in this DEIS. It seems the DEIS is premised on a covert, unstated, and utterly undocumented assumption that road-building and logging can occur in currently roadless watersheds with no risk of significant harm to aquatic habitat and fisheries. History and the available scientific literature establish clearly that this assumption is wholly untenable. The assumption is also at complete odds with Forest Service planning and policy documents of the past three decades, yet this departure is not explained or reasonably defended in the DEIS.

2.1 Protection of Priority Watersheds is in Question

In recent years the conservation of salmon in the Tongass National Forest has been strategically pinned to the concept of strict protection of a subset of watersheds in the region that are known to have high ecological and fishery values. One iteration is the Tongass National Forest Priority Watershed Classification (https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd622074.pdf), and another is the so-called "T77" watershed network proposed by a coalition of public interest and fishing industry groups (<http://www.americansalmonforest.org/the-details.html>, http://ak.audubon.org/sites/default/files/t77_subsection_seak_atlas_ch07_human_uses_200dpi.pdf). The DEIS falls short in failing to adequately account for the potential effect of removal of roadless area conservation protections and reclassification of timber suitability on road building and logging in these watersheds, which are heavily keyed to existing roadless areas where habitat, water quality, and watershed conditions remain

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optimal. Habitat losses and fish populations impacts in these watersheds could disproportionately affect near term salmon production. Other than stating that old-growth harvest will continue to be disallowed in T77 watersheds under the 2016 Tongass Plan, the DEIS is wholly unclear as to the level and kind of protections these priority watersheds would receive under the alternatives. It appears the DEIS is designed to allow new road construction within the boundaries of conservation priority watersheds in order to access timber in adjacent areas, which could be highly detrimental to salmon habitat in these watersheds (see review of the impacts of roads below).

That said, in my opinion the shifting spatial distribution of salmon productivity demonstrated in recent "salmon portfolio" research (e.g., Brennan et al. 2019) calls into question whether a conservation strategy based primarily on protection of these selected watersheds is tenable in the long term. Watersheds that are productive for a given salmon species at the present time may not be those most productive for that species in past decades or centuries, and may not be those that will be most productive in future decades. A triage-based strategy that prioritizes a subset of extant habitat for conservation is warranted when one is considering a tattered landscape with few remaining productive habitats and populations, and the managing agency is in restoration mode. But when the subject is a relatively intact region, and the planning is to program actions that bring intrinsic risk of highly persistent adverse impacts to that habitat (e.g., roadbuilding and logging of primary and old growth forest), protection or restoration will not be the outcome. In fact, the outcome will explicitly be a net loss of habitat and population productivity--with possibly less loss of habitat and populations than if no protection priorities at all had been in place. And the shifting productivity/portfolio research on salmon ecosystems all points to our fundamental inability to anticipate where future production will come from, at least across relatively ecologically intact landscapes such as southeast Alaska.

The portfolio research tells us ultimately that a fixed reserve subset is not a viable means of protecting an existing productive salmon ecosystem, and that characterization certainly applies to the Tongass National Forest. Effective conservation of salmon on those forests will require comprehensive protections that assure no net loss of watershed condition relative to current conditions. That is plainly not the policy put forth in this DEIS, though the DEIS does not make that clear. Rather, the proposed action would risk degrading many watersheds that are currently in pristine roadless condition, while offering no reasoned assurance or defensible evidence that such widespread degradation would be compensated by habitat improvement or restoration elsewhere. Despite efforts in the DEIS to minimize effects through omission and tacit denial, the proposed action is in fact a massive, regional-scale step backward from the level of conservation that salmon enjoy under present forest plans, including the regulatory protection provided by the Roadless Rule.

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3. Insufficiency of Riparian Management Areas to Protect Streams from Logging and Roads

While somewhat tacit and not stated in a plain way that could be subject to scrutiny and review, it is clear to an informed observer that the DEIS rests on an unfounded grand underlying assumption that logging and roadbuilding can be pursued in roadless areas with no significant or systematic impact on watershed

processes, water quality, fish habitat and fish populations. One rationale for this vague and broad assumption is presumably that riparian protections offered in the Tongass forest plan are themselves sufficient or more than sufficient to fully mitigate any harms that might arise from road building, road use and maintenance, and logging. This is the context within which I evaluate the relevant literature in the following section. Virtually all of the following information is not considered in the DEIS; therefore, these potential and known impacts of logging and roadbuilding are not disclosed to the public therein[mdash]despite that they are widely documented in the Forest Service's own research (as cited below, and further within the reference sections of many of the papers and reports cited) and in the agency's own past planning documents.

Leaving unlogged riparian forests is insufficient to mitigate for the effects of upland logging on streams, contrary to the implications in the DEIS. In the sections below I discuss edge effects on windthrow or blowdown, mass erosion and channel erosion resulting from hydrologic changes caused by logging, the effects of roads altering hydrology and erosion processes, and alteration of groundwater temperature by logging. Each of these categories of impact poses consequences for fish habitat and water quality that need to be analyzed on a regional scale to account for potential cumulative impacts of multiple logging projects that we know, from past experience and common sense, can result from a systematic forest plan policy change, such as proposed removal of roadless areas from protection forest-wide. The DEIS arbitrarily and capriciously dismisses, and fails to substantively and accurately address, the environmental effects I discuss below.

3.1 Soils and Water Quality: Unreasoned Assumptions Wholly Inconsistent with Past NEPA Assessments, Plans and Policies.

The DEIS identifies aquatic habitat and the fisheries supported by that habitat as a "key issue" (DEIS 1-7). However, the document proceeds immediately to eliminate soils and water quality from detailed analysis (DEIS 1-8), with only sparse and grossly inadequate explanation. DEIS takes this inexplicable step despite that the mechanisms by which road construction, road use and management, and logging adversely affect soil erosion and water quality are well understood, and are the very mechanisms that in turn impact aquatic habitat and fish populations. This is the first of many inexplicable and wholly unreasoned skips of logic that allow the Forest Service to skirt the issues of risk of impact to salmon habitat and populations of the proposed action and alternatives in the DEIS. I offer a more detailed review of science pertaining to how salmon habitat is affected by alterations of vegetation, soil and water quality that occur when roadless areas are logged.

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Specifically, the DEIS (1-8) states that a "preliminary review" of potential soil impacts found that Alternative 6 would increase the amount of land with "high hazard" soils that would be open for commercial logging by 38 percent. This is consistent with a nationwide pattern of relatively high concentrations of "high hazard" or high-erosion risk soils in national forest roadless areas. Indeed, vulnerability of soils to erosion and landsliding is among the major reasons the Forest Service has deferred road construction and logging and in these areas in the past. It is among the principal reasons they remain roadless today. Nevertheless, the DEIS fails to address the environmental consequences of the increased area of "high hazard" terrain in lands allocated for logging on the Tongass. Inexplicably, the Forest Service simply claims that "From a broad standpoint, the impacts to soil characteristics and composition from the proposed alternatives would be the same as disclosed in the 2016 Forest Plan Amendment FEIS due to similar harvest levels and Forest Plan standards and guidelines" (DEIS 1-8), then capriciously denies that further analysis is needed. This claim in the DEIS stands in direct contradiction to the increase in "high hazard" soils in the commercial timber base. In my opinion it is near certain any increase in "high hazard" soils within areas open for commercial logging substantially increases the likelihood of damage to water quality and fisheries from post-logging soil erosion and sedimentation, as further described in my comments below.

The fact that the PTSQ remains unchanged, the reason given by the Forest Service as to why environmental effects related to soil erosion will ostensibly not increase under any alternative (DEIS 1-8) does not mitigate against potential increases in mass failure and soil erosion, for several reasons. One reason is that PTSQ is a "soft target" that does not in fact cap the total area logged in any given time period. For example, the same volume of timber can be drawn from a smaller area of concentrated larger trees, or a larger area of lower-volume and lower value trees. Another is that neither the PTSQ nor any other forest-level timber volume target regulates the specific areas logged within the overall area allocated to timber production. By knowingly

including more high-hazard soils in the commercial timber base, the Forest Service inexorably increases the likelihood of triggering and increasing the incidence of erosion and landslides through errors of identification of erosion-prone sites and inadequate implementation of necessary mitigation measures (those being primarily avoidance of logging in high-hazard locales, see comments below).

For the reasons above, and because soil erosion hazard (including surface erosion, mass failure, and debris flows propagated by landslides) are central causal factors in the harms done by forestry operations to water quality and fishery resources, in my opinion it is arbitrary and utterly indefensible for this DEIS to fail to analyze, consider, and disclose the effects of commercial timber land reallocation and loss of roadless area protection on Tongass National Forest soil, water, and fishery resources.

3.2 Windthrow in Riparian Forests

Logging adjacent to riparian management areas alters the disturbance regime of riparian forests and streams in ways that can adversely affect fish habitat and populations (Moore

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and Richardson 2012). Logging adjacent to riparian forests often results in increased windthrow of tree within riparian areas (Tongass National Forest Annual Monitoring Report 2007, Tongass National Forest Annual Monitoring Report 2013, Moore and Richardson 2012, Bahuguna et al. 2010, 2012, Rollerson and McGourlick 2001, Everest et al. 1997). Windthrow increased over natural background rates can result in exposure of channels to solar insolation and increased summer temperatures (Macdonald et al. 2003), reduction of future large tree recruitment, and increased channel bed and bank erosion, including landsliding and debris flows (Bahuguna et al. 2010, 2012, Lewis 1998, McDonald et al. 2003).

3.3 Landslides Originating from Upslope Cutting Units

Mass failures, including both shallow rapid landslides and deeper, often slower-moving slump-earthflow failures, are common across the Tongass National Forest, and it is well-established that the incidence of landslides is magnified by logging (Johnson et al. 2000, Everest et al. 1997, Swanston and Marion 1991, Wu and Swanston 1980, Wu et al. 1979). Logging not only directly disturbs soils, but associated vegetation removal renders soils vulnerable to mass movement and mass failure by reducing canopy interception and dispersion of rain and snow, by greatly reducing evapotranspiration and causing

increased soil moisture conditions, and by destroying root strength that contributes to soil cohesion on forested slopes. The DEIS fails to consider and disclose how logging in currently protected roadless areas will impact mass-erosion-prone slopes, hence altering the frequency, magnitude, and distribution of landslides relative to salmonid habitats across the Tongass National Forest.

It is important to recognize that vegetation removal by logging—whether by clearcutting or thinning—[dash]not only causes many landslides on recognized high-erosion risk terrain (which generally includes the steepest part of the landscape) but also increases the incidence of landslides on parts of the landscape that are usually considered to be of moderate or even relatively low risk of landslide erosion (most often because they are not as steeply sloping). This is a critical point, because the only effective means of preventing large increases in landslide occurrence is by identifying locations prone to failure and prohibiting vegetation removal on those sites, and in up-slope areas that contribute drainage to those sites. Some landslide-prone sites occur on areas of the forest with moderate slopes and that are typically not mapped as highly landslide-prone. In many cases no clear surface evidence exists in the field that allows such sites to be identified prior to logging. Because complete avoidance of sensitive sites is impossible, logging will inevitably and cumulatively increase the incidence of landslides in salmon watersheds. The only question is how large the magnitude of increase in landslide erosion will be relative to unlogged watersheds. Previously unlogged roadless areas are likely to show the highest rates of landslide erosion increase if they are logged, because for the most part slopes in those areas have not previously experienced deforested or low-tree-density conditions in recent decades or centuries.

3.4 Headward Channel Expansion Caused by Altered Hydrology

Expansion of headwater channels has been an often-observed cause of post-logging erosion, but has been seldom quantified in Pacific coast watersheds (Frissell 2012). The one study I know of that focused comprehensively on this phenomenon, Reid et al. (2010), makes clear this is a seriously unexamined and too-often overlooked source of sediment delivery to Pacific Coast streams. Reid et al. (2010) reported that second-growth logging of a redwood-dominated forest in Caspar Creek, north coastal California, was followed by a substantial headwater expansion of stream channel density and coalescence of pre-existing discontinuous channels in headwater swales. Despite "robust" riparian buffer strips left in the second round Caspar Creek logging during this study, suspended sediment yields in instrumented tributaries increased significantly after logging. Channel expansion was caused by headward migration of existing channel knickpoints and subsequent channel incision and enlargement, as well as sapping and collapse of subsurface flow macropores and pipes. Acceleration of surface and subsurface channel-forming processes was apparently associated with increased antecedent moisture conditions, soil saturation, and runoff caused by the abrupt reduction of forest canopy interception and evapotranspiration following logging. In addition, back erosion of extant channels increased in linear extent, possibly reflecting increased channel-forming flows possibly coupled with impingement of hillslopes that could have been creeping at faster rates in the years immediately following logging (e.g., see Swanston et al. 1988). Reid et al. (2010) found that channel expansion led to stream density increasing by about 28 percent after logging.

Given that logging of any dense forest cover greatly reduced evapotranspiration of soil water, it is extremely likely the same processes drive erosion, channel expansion and sedimentation of streams after logging of forests of southeast Alaska. Expanded channel networks are associated with persistent increases in peak flow magnitude, which may result from more rapid translation of slower subsurface to rapid surface flow during storms. Erosion, both primary and secondarily associated with expanding or expanded channel networks, may be responsible for sustained elevation of suspended sediment yield and turbidity in Caspar Creek (reported in Reid et al. 2010, Keppeler 2012, Klein et al. 2012, and discussed as a regional concern in the review by Gomi et al. 2005). Expanded channel networks increase surface water connectivity to and sediment delivery from pre-existing erosion sources like landslide scarps and roads, and can itself initiate additional mass erosion through bank collapse and triggering of channel-adjacent landslides.

Reid et al. (2010) observed that boles and living tree roots in riparian forest buffers can partially hinder, but not entirely prevent, channel expansion. Fully controlling channel expansion effects on streamflow, erosion, and sedimentation would require limiting the overall rate of logging within small catchments over time, moderating silvicultural treatments to promote more rapid hydrologic recovery (e.g., via partial cutting rather than clearcutting), and careful consideration of past and future natural events, including wildfire, windthrow, and disease which, independent of or interactively with logging, also alter the hydrologic effects of vegetation.

Roadless areas preserve natural vegetation dynamics and disturbance regimes that maintain catchment hydrology and stream networks within a natural range of variability. Logging as an exotic disturbance in roadless areas is highly likely to alter hydrology such that accelerated stream erosion and stream network expansion result, over a larger area and larger number of watersheds than would occur if roadless areas are protected from logging.

Post-logging fluvial erosion, gullying and channel expansion is a scientifically recognized cumulative impact of logging that affects sediment supply and could potentially degrade salmonid habitat quality in connected waters downstream of headwaters if roadless areas of the Tongass National Forest are logged. This environmental impact has not been addressed or disclosed in the present DEIS.

3.5 Effects of Roads on Hydrology, Erosion and Sedimentation

Roads are well known to alter hydrology and erosion regimes in watersheds of the Tongass National Forest (Everest et al. 1997), just as they do elsewhere (Wemple et al. 2001, Luce and Black 2001, Jones et al. 2000, Trombulak and Frissell 2000). Landslides and gully erosion initiating at or associated with the hydrological alterations caused by roads and landings not only can penetrate and deliver sediment through even very wide riparian forest buffers, they often initiate debris flows that can travel and directly impact aquatic and riparian habitat a great distance downstream from the point of origin. In either case, riparian forest buffers only confer limited protection against the harmful effects of road-caused mass failures, and in larger events, mass failures can virtually obliterate riparian forests, exposing streams to extremes of summer solar insolation and winter freezing, as well as redistributing large wood, scouring existing habitat structure away or burying it under large sediment deposits, and simplifying habitat structure in runout zones.

It is important to recognize that roads not only cause many landslides on recognized high-erosion risk terrain (which generally includes the steepest part of the landscape) but roads and landings often trigger landslides on parts of the landscape that are considered to be of moderate or even relatively low risk of landsliding under natural conditions. This results from the inexorable distortion of flow paths of both surface water and subsurface water caused by distortions of natural slopes and soils by road construction, use, and maintenance. The result is that road system expansion will inevitably expand both the number and area of occurrence of mass failures and associated debris flows and sediment deposits that adversely affect downstream fish habitat on a large scale. The DEIS utterly fails to consider, explain or disclose what the impact will be of road system expansion into currently roadless areas, many of which contain extensive areas of landslide-prone terrain.

Roads also cause chronic, on-going delivery of sediment at road crossings of small and large streams (Wemple et al. 2001, Jones et al. 2000), and sediment delivered even in the

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smallest headwater streams can be rapidly transported downstream to harm salmonid spawning and rearing areas (Trombulak and Frissell 2000, Everest et al. 1997, Furniss and others 1991). Seldom can sediment discharges at road crossings be completely eliminated; to do so requires extreme care in crossing design and intensive, frequent within-season road maintenance. In fact, some road maintenance activities that are necessary to reduce the risk of catastrophic failure of forest roads, as well as actions to decommission or remove existing forest roads, themselves generate sediment runoff that can impact streams (Switalski et al. 2004, Luce and Black 2001b). Variability in the cause-effect relations between forest roads and stream sedimentation complicates both remedial practices and preventative practices in road construction and management, resulting in continuing high level of uncertainty about the effectiveness of so called "best management practices" (Al-Chokhachy et al. 2016). In contrast to this recognized uncertainty, the DEIS purports, while offering virtually no evidence, that the impacts of new roads on water quality and fisheries in and downstream of roadless areas will be somehow nonexistent.

The widespread, systemic failure or inadequacy of existing road maintenance resources to mitigate harm from sediment pollution (see Gucinski et al. 2001), especially at road crossings and other near-stream road segments, is one of the major reasons the US Forest Service implemented the Roads Policy and Roadless Rule nationally (USDA Forest Service 2000). All national forests, including the Tongass, remain unable to adequately maintain the existing road system to reduce its ongoing and future harmful impact on aquatic resources and fisheries. It is clear on the face of it that proposed elimination of Roadless Rule protection on the Tongass, and potentially the Chugach National Forest, is intentionally designed to allow expansion of the existing road network. The DEIS offers no rationale for how harms to the overall road system will be reduced in the face of road system expansion that is supported by the proposed suspension of the Roadless Rule.

Roads may be correlated with watershed condition, but it is important to recognize that such a correlation does not necessarily mean that "fixing" roads will alleviate all of the correlated effects (Al-Chokhachy et al. 2016, Frissell 2012, McDonald and Coe 2007). Road density integrates at least two major and separate categories of phenomena that contribute to erosion and sediment delivery (Trombulak and Frissell 2000). The first is erosion and sediment entering surface waters that is generated by the road itself and operations on the road. This category includes secondary hydrophysical effects of roads, including landslides and gullies that initiate because roads disturbed natural drainage pattern, and maintenance-related runoff. This first category is targeted by road remediation and mitigation measures that reduce erosion or sediment delivery to streams from

roadways (Al-Chokhachy et al. 2016, Switalski et al. 2004). The second category is indirect: the erosion and sedimentation that are generated by land use actions and practices that are either supported by or incidental to the road network, as discussed above. Those phenomena in the second category are direct ground disturbance from timber felling and yarding, accelerated windthrow around cutting unit margins, and channel extension, gullying, and bank erosion initiating as a consequence of extensive vegetation removal in the catchment. These erosion and sediment sources are not mitigated by road management measures.

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The spatial arrangement of road networks on the landscape relative to slope stability, soil erosion proneness, and stream network locations act to codetermine the extent of impairment of downstream fish habitat by road-generated erosion and sedimentation (Al-Chokhachy et al. 2016, MacDonald and Coe 2007, Jones et al. 2000, Trombulak and Frissell 2000). Within the Pacific Coastal mountains and the Pacific Northwest more broadly, existing roadless areas are often associated with the highest-quality fish habitat, in part because of the limited spatial extent of road impacts and relatively few road crossing locations in their catchments. As a result, watersheds with a high proportion of roadless area tend to be relatively high in fish abundance, salmonid diversity and production, and roadless areas thus are of extreme value in the long-term conservation of salmon and trout populations throughout their ranges (Dellasala et al. 2011, Frissell and Carnefix 2007, Hitt and Frissell 2004, Loucks et al. 2003, Trombulak and Frissell 2000, Baxter et al. 2000). Despite that the proposed suspension of the Roadless Rule is explicitly intended to allow the expansion of the logging road network into presently roadless areas in Tongass National Forest watersheds, the DEIS utterly fails to explain how road system expansion will not be associated with more widespread impacts of salmon streams and more extensive deterioration of high-quality salmonid habitat.

Because road systems span multiple watersheds across large areas of national forest, because their adverse impacts cannot be completely avoided or remediated, and because harms to aquatic ecosystems accrue over many decades and are often triggered or exacerbated by natural events like winter storms and summer drought, as well as by climate change that affects storms and drought at regional scales, the cumulative impacts of expansion of road systems must be addressed at the scale of the national forest or a major portion of a national forest. That is, the cumulative effects of road system expansion into presently roadless areas on fish habitat and fisheries simply cannot be adequately analyzed, disclosed, or effectively remediated at the scale of individual timber or road construction projects (Selva et al. 2015, Hitt and Frissell 2004, Trombulak and Frissell 2000). For example, in many cases existing Forest Service roadless areas act in concert with National Parks, Wilderness, or other permanent land protections to secure fish habitat and other conservation values in a larger downstream stream and river network (e.g., Frissell and Carnefix 2007, Hitt and Frissell 2004, Loucks et al. 2003, Martin et al. 2000, Noss et al. 1999). This fact is a major underlying reason for the Forest Service's decisions to implement the Roadless Rule (Turner 2006, Martin et al. 2000, USDA Forest Service 2000) and Roads Policy as directives systematically augmenting national forest plans and planning procedures across the nation.

3.6 Water Temperature Alteration from Upslope Logging

Logging alters the evapotranspiration demand by directly removing vegetation. At least for the initial decade after logging, until vigorously growing second-growth trees attain significant cover, soil and groundwater tend to increase because vegetation is using less water. Moreover, the removal of canopy cover can expose soils to direct solar heating,

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and areas of shallow groundwater may warm to a greater degree than they did under full forest cover.

Pollock et al. (2009) found that mean and summer mean and maximum temperature across 40 small streams on the Olympic Peninsula in Washington was substantially higher in streams draining watersheds with a higher proportion of cumulative logged area catchment-wide. The catchment area logged relationship was significantly stronger than the relationship to riparian forest removal by logging. Many streams with high canopy shade

warmed substantially when more than half of their catchment area was logged. The results strongly suggest that factors other than direct canopy shade over the stream can drive water temperatures; these may include canopy opening from landslides and debris flows, or may indicate warming of shallow groundwater after extensive loss of soil canopy cover, or both. In either case, riparian buffers failed to protect streams from substantial temperature changes associated with logging.

Macdonald et al. (2003) found that headwater tributaries in BC logged with buffer strips of a wide range of widths all warmed 4-6 degrees C in summer compared to streams in unlogged watersheds. Part of this warming was associated with shade loss and post-logging windthrow, but a significant fraction of warming was unexplained by canopy shade, and is thought to have been associated with catchment-scale changes in shallow groundwater temperature or flow rates.

Research especially in long-term paired watershed studies in BC has shown that putative modest changes in daily mean, maximum, or minimum stream temperature associated with logging can result in biologically significant changes in cumulative thermal exposure. These in turn result in shifts in development rates and timing of fish population life history events, such as time of emergence of young-of-the-year from streambed gravels (Macdonald et al. 1998, Holtby 1988, Holtby and Newcombe 1982). Such developmental rate changes are known to alter salmon survival rates, and can result in population decline or collapse (Bryant 2009, Holtby 1988, Holtby and Newcombe 1982).

The DEIS ignores and fails to consider or disclose these known relationships between logging and alteration of temperature regime in streams that can cause substantial adverse cumulative effects on fish life history and population productivity, especially in Pacific salmon.

4. Climate Change and Resilience of Roadless Watersheds

Watersheds with a large proportion of primary forest and roadless area are likely to be among the most resilient salmonid habitats to the stresses imposed by ongoing and future climate change (Bryant 2009, USDA Forest Service 2000). One principal category of recurring and lasting impact from roads and logging is to introduce stressors that reduce resilience and increase the volatility of watershed responses to climatic stresses like flood and drought. Examples include the increased incidence of landsliding in the face of

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winter storms or rain-on-snow events, and the potential depletion of stream base flows by a combination of increased water demand by second growth forest and increased drought stress. Another major and extensive source of impact from climate change is likely to be the marine inundation of current estuaries from rising sea level (although in a few cases new estuaries may be created or existing estuaries expand in the face of sea level increases).

The dominant vectors of expected change in climate (Bryant 2009) and the effects of road development and logging in roadless watersheds inexorably increase the vulnerability of freshwater habitats, and the fish populations dependent upon them to recurring climatic stresses like floods and drought. Their inherent resilience to climate variability and extreme weather events is one of the reasons that watersheds associated with roadless areas are considered "safe havens," refugia, or core areas for conservation of salmonid fishes and other sensitive species (Bryant 2011, Dellasala et al 2011, Frissell and Carnefix 2007, Baxter et al. 2000, USDA Forest Service 2000, Bryant and Everest 1998).

Despite the recognized imperative that climate changes places on land managers of coastal and northern regions (Bryant 2009), the DEIS critically fails to consider or analyze the likely effects of road development and logging on the response of currently roadless watersheds to future climate change.

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Frissell, C.A. 1993. A new strategy for watershed restoration and recovery of Pacific salmon in the Pacific Northwest. Report prepared for The Pacific Rivers Council, Eugene, Oregon. Oak Creek Laboratory of Biology, Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR.

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Frissell, Christopher A., R.J. Baker, C.V. Baxter, D.A. DellaSala, R.M. Hughes, J.R. Karr, D.A. McCullough, R.K. Nawa, M. M. Pollock, J.J. Rhodes, and R.C. Wissmar. 2017. New Science in the since FEMAT in 1993: Implications for Aquatic Conservation on Federal Forest Lands of the Pacific Northwest. Idaho Chapter, American Fisheries Society, Annual meeting, Special Session on science and stewardship regarding aquatic-terrestrial linkages important to fish and wildlife, Colden Baxter, Convenor. 1 March, 2017, Boise, ID.

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Frissell, C.A. 2008. Water, watersheds and forest stewardship: the shared landscape (Abstract). Paper presented at the Western Stewardship Summit: Restoring Community and the Land, Bend, OR, September 24-

26 2008. Frissell, C.A., and N.P. Hitt. 2008. Four biological quanta: a conceptual framework for conservation of stream ecosystems. (Abstract) Society for Conservation Biology Annual Meeting Symposium: Advances in Freshwater Conservation Planning. Chattanooga, TN, July 13-19, 2008.

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Carnefix, G., C. Frissell, and E. Reiland. 2001. (Extended abstract) Complexity and stability of bull trout (*Salvelinus confluentus*) movement patterns in the Rock Creek drainage, Missoula and Granite counties, Montana. In: Proceedings, American Fisheries Society Special Symposium: Practical Approaches for

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Frissell, C.A. 1999. (Abstract) Groundwater processes and stream classification in the montane West. Invited paper, Symposium #7: Aquatic Classification Schemes for Ecosystem Management: Making the Transition from Methods Development to Application and Validation. Annual Meeting of the Ecological Society of America 7-12 August, Spokane, WA.

Frissell, C.A. 1999. Fisheries and watershed processes: strategies for protection and restoration. Invited paper, Annual Meeting of the Cal-Neva Chapter of the American Fisheries Society, 24-27 March, Redding, CA.

Frissell, C.A. 1999. Surface-subsurface flow linkages in rivers and their importance for river flow conservation. Invited paper, Symposium on Water Quality and Hydropower Re-licensing, Annual Meeting of the Cal-Neva Chapter of the American Fisheries Society, 24-27 March, Redding, CA.

Frissell, C.A. 1999. Dams, uncertainty, and the salmon ecosystem. Keynote Address, Annual Meeting of the Idaho Chapter of the American Fisheries Society and The Wildlife Society, 4-6 March, Boise, ID.

Frissell, C.A. 1998. Climate forcing of thermal habitat in Pacific Northwest rivers: Buffering effects of floodplain forests and hyporheic processes. (Abstract) Symposium on Climate Change Impacts to Freshwater Fish Habitats, Annual Meeting of the American Fisheries Society, 23-27 August, Hartford, CT.

Frissell, C.A. 1998. Ecosystem concepts in large-scale restoration. (Abstract). Montana Chapter of the American Fisheries Society, 3-5 February, Helena, MT.

Frissell, C.A. and B.J. Cavallo 1997. Aquatic habitats used by larval western toads (*Bufo boreas*) on an intermontane river floodplain and some landscape conservation implications (Abstract). Annual Meeting of the Ecological Society of America, 10-14 August, Albuquerque, NM.

Stanford, J.A. (presented by C.A. Frissell). 1997. Conservation and enhancement of alluvial rivers: the importance of hyporheic linkages. (Abstract). Symposium on Ecological Effects of Roads, Society for Conservation Biology, 7-10 June, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada.

Frissell, C.A., and G.C. Poole . 1997 Management of Riparian Zones in Western Montana: Present Issues and Emerging Challenges. (Abstract). Annual Meeting of the American Fisheries Society, 23-28 August, Monterey, CA.

Frissell, C.A., and J.T. Gangemi. 1997. Roads and the conservation of aquatic biodiversity and ecological integrity. (Abstract). Society for Conservation Biology, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, 7-10 June.

Selected Papers and Seminars Presented Since 1993, continued:

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Frissell, C.A. 1997. Spatial assessment of biological status and biodiversity loss.

Invited seminar, National Research Center for Statistics and the Environment, University of Washington, Seattle, WA, 14 January.

Frissell, C.A., and B.J. Cavallo 1996. Thermal and hydrologic diversity of aquatic habitats mediated by floodplain complexity and hyporheic flow exchange in an alluvial segment of the Middle Fork Flathead River, Montana, USA. (Abstract). Annual Meeting of the N. Am. Benthological Society, Kalispell, MT, 3-8 June.

Frissell, C.A. 1995. Ecological principles for watershed restoration. (Abstract). Invited paper for Workshop on Watershed Restoration: Principles and Practices, Annual Meeting of the American Fisheries Society, Tampa, FL, 27-31 August.

Frissell, C.A. 1995. Managing native fish and their ecosystems: let's get (spatially) explicit! (Abstract). Invited panel presentation at Montana Chapter of the American Fisheries Society, Chico Hot Springs, MT, 6-10 February.

Frissell, C.A. 1995. Birth in the fast lane: sediment transport, human disturbance, and reproductive strategies of salmonid fishes in Pacific Northwest streams. (Abstract). Invited paper for Symposium on Influence of Geomorphic Processes on Terrestrial and Aquatic Ecosystem patterns and Processes, Annual meeting of the Ecological Society of America, Snowbird, UT, 31 July-3 August.

Frissell, C.A. 1995. Resource management impacts on bull trout populations. Invited panel presentation for Searching for Solutions: Solving the Bull Trout Puzzle Science and Policy Conference, Andrus Center for Public Policy, Boise State University, Boise, ID, 1-2 June.

Frissell, C.A. 1995. Watershed dynamics: natural pattern and process and some consequences for ecosystem management. Invited presentations at Managing Terrestrial Ecosystems Relative to Past and Present Disturbances: A Workshop Integrating Fire, Range, Fish and Wildlife Habitat and the Practice of Silviculture in the Northern Region. U.S. Forest Service, Missoula, MT, 14-16 March.

Ebersole, J.L., C.A. Frissell, and W.J. Liss (co-presenters). 1995. Invasion of non[shy]native fishes in northeast Oregon and western Montana streams: potential impacts of climate change. (Abstract). Oregon Chapter of the American Fisheries Society, Ashland, OR, 15-17 February.

Frissell, C.A. 1994. Watershed restoration strategies. (Invited presenter and session convenor) Watersheds '94 Expo, US Environmental Protection Agency and Center for Streamside Studies, University of Washington. Bellevue, WA, 27-30 September.

Frissell, C.A. 1994. A hierarchical approach to restoration of riverine ecosystems. Invited paper at Symposium on Aquatic Habitat Restoration in Northern Ecosystems, Alaska Chapter of the American Fisheries Society, Girdwood, AK, 20-22 September.

Selected Papers and Seminars Presented Since 1993, continued:

Frissell, C.A. 1994. An integrated, biophysical strategy for ecological restoration of large watersheds (Abstract). Annual Conference of The Universities Council on Water Resources, Big Sky, MT, 3-5 August.

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Frissell, C.A., and J.A. Stanford. 1994. Designing a watershed reserve network to protect and restore aquatic biodiversity in the northern Rocky Mountains (Abstract). Annual meeting of the Montana Chapter of the American Fisheries Society, Billings, Montana, Billings, MT, 9 February.

Frissell, C.A. 1994. The Endangered Species Act: principles for the protection and recovery of fishes. Invited panel presentation, annual meeting of the Idaho Chapter of the American Fisheries Society, McCall, ID, 24-26 February.

Frissell, C.A., W.J. Liss, B. Doppelt, and D. Bayles. 1993. A new, ecologically based restoration strategy for Pacific salmon in the Pacific Northwest (Abstract). Annual meeting of the American Fisheries Society, Portland, OR, 29 August-2 September.

Technical Workshops Organized (selected):

Lead organizer and facilitator, New Science Implications for the Aquatic Conservation Strategy of the Northwest Forest Plan. Sponsored by the Coast Range Association, 2-3 December 2013, Portland, OR.

Co-organizer, with M. Scurlock and R. Kattelman: SNEP Plus 15 Years: Ecological & Conservation Science for Freshwater Resource Protection & Federal Land Management in the Sierra Nevada. Sponsored by Pacific

Rivers Council, Sierra Forest Legacy, UC Berkeley School Environmental Design, UC Davis Center for Watershed Science, and California Trout; 12-13 December 2011, Davis, CA.

Organizer and facilitator, Workshop on Science for River and Watershed Conservation. Sponsored by Campaign for Montana's Headwaters, 7 October 2010, Flathead Lake Biological Station, Polson, MT.

Co-convenor, with M. Scurlock and Kristen Boyles: Technical Workshop on Science for Forest Planning. Sponsored by Pacific Rivers Council and Earthjustice, 29 June 2010, Seattle, WA.

Organizer and panelist, Umpqua Independent Science Council. Sponsored by Pacific Rivers Council, 2010-2011.

Co-organizer and panelist, with Deanne Spooner and David Bayes: Workshop on Economics of ESA Critical Habitat Policy, sponsored by Pacific Rivers Council and San Francisco State University, October 4-5, 2007, San Francisco, CA.

Organizer and coordinator of Science Panel on Roads and Watersheds, sponsored by Pacific Rivers Council, 10-11 November 2006, Forest Grove, OR.

Organizer and coordinator of the Recovery Science Panel for the Western Native Trout Campaign. Sponsored by Pacific Rivers Council, meeting 2-3 March 2002, Portland, OR.

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Technical Workshops Organized (selected), continued:

Organizer and coordinator of Biodiversity Workshop, Consortium for the Study of North Temperate Montane Ecosystems. A cooperative research venture of The University of Montana and Montana State University, supported by the NSF EPSCoR program. 4 February, 1997 Missoula, MT.

Scientific Workshop on Large Basin Restoration: Grande Ronde River (co-organizer).

21-22 March 1993, La Grande, OR. Sponsored by The Pacific Rivers Council. Scientific Workshop on Large Basin Restoration: South Umpqua River. 16-18

September 1992, Roseburg, Oregon. Sponsored by The Pacific Rivers Council. Scientific Workshop on Large Basin Restoration: Lower Rogue River. 21-23 October

1992, Gold Beach, OR. Sponsored by The Pacific Rivers Council.

Other Panels and Workshops Attended by Invitation since 1994 (selected):

Invited Review Panelist, Workshop on Linking Habitat Characteristics to Salmon Data. 29-30 September 1999, National Marine Fisheries Service, Northwest Fisheries Science Center, Seattle, WA.

Invited participant, Yellowstone to Yukon Aquatic Conservation Science Workshop. 20-22 August 1999, Flathead Lake Biological Station, The University of Montana, Polson, MT.

Invited Panelist, Workshop on Options for Restoring Salmon Habitat in the Mainstem Snake and Columbia Rivers. Pacific Northwest National Laboratory-Battelle, 19 August 1999, Kennewick, WA

Panelist at State of Oregon/National Marine Fisheries Service Memorandum of Agreement Committee Workshop: Cumulative Effects of State and Private Forest Practices on Salmon Habitat. 21 April 1998, Salem, OR.

Invited participant in a scientific workshop, Multiple Stressors in Ecological Risk

Management. Sponsored by the Society for Environmental Chemistry and Toxicology and the USEPA, 13-18 September 1997, Pellston, MI.

Society for Conservation Biology Workshop: Communicating with the Media (panel member). 9 June 1997, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada.

Invited speaker for a workshop, Continuing Education in Ecosystem Management. Sponsored by the University of Idaho. Catchment scale processes and linkages between landscape and stream conditions. 31 January 1997, Moscow, ID.

The Nature Conservancy, Aquatic Classification Workshop (invited presenter). 9-11 April 1996, Cedar Creek Farm, MO.

Kenai River Community Forum (keynote speaker and panelist). The Nature Conservancy of Alaska, USEPA and USFWS, 19-21 April, Soldotna, AK.

Conservation Biology and Management of Interior Salmonids (invited presenter and session co-moderator). USDA Forest Service Intermountain Research Station and Utah State University, 4-5 October 1995, Logan, UT.

Eastside Ecosystem Planning Workshop. Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund, 16 December 1994, Portland, OR.

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Other Panels and Workshops Attended by Invitation since 1994, continued:

Co-instructor at workshop series on Watershed Restoration and the "Rapid Biotic Response Strategy" for Riverine Ecosystem Restoration, sponsored by The Pacific Rivers Council, 1993-95, California, Oregon, and Washington.

Fire/Salvage and Aquatic Ecosystems Policy Workshop. The Pacific Rivers Council, 15 December 1994, Portland, OR.

Panel on Forest Health Issues, Native Forest Network annual conference, 13 November 1994, Missoula, MT.

Workshop on Watershed/Fisheries Cumulative Effects Analysis, sponsored by Headwaters, The Pacific Rivers Council, USDA Forest Service, and Bureau of Land Management. 29 September-2 October, 1994, Ruch, OR.

Boise Funders' Scoping Meeting, sponsored by Bullit, Harder, and Lazar Foundations, 30-31 August 1994, Boise, Idaho.

Scientists Briefing for U.S. Senate staff on post-fire logging and forest management and freshwater resources. Washington, D.C., 18-19 September 2006.

Other Presentations and Outreach (Selected):

Invited testimony on federal land management and the future of salmon and aquatic biodiversity in the Pacific Northwest, to the U.S. House of Representatives, Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, Washington, D.C., 11 March 1993.

Briefing for Congressional representatives and staff on federal lands management and conservation and recovery of salmonid fishes and riverine ecosystems, Washington, D.C., 22 January 1993.

Invited testimony to the 1991 Oregon State Legislature, on panel representing the Oregon Chapter of the American Fisheries Society, on the status of native fishes, impacts of forest practices on fish habitat, and the need or changes in environmental regulation.

Invited testimony to the Oregon Board of Forestry Forest Issues Forum, December 1990, on cumulative impacts of forest practices on native aquatic species and the need for changes in forest management.

Worked with Oregon Public Broadcasting to describe our research project and its

significance in a 15-minute segment of the television program, Oregon Field Guide, first aired in June 1990.

Presented seminars, informal presentations, lectures, and discussions at research review meetings, as guest speaker in classrooms and public interest

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Comments on Fisheries and Water Quality Issues in the US Forest Service Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Alaska Roadless Rule, December 2019.

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1. Introduction

1.1 Scope and Importance of Review

I was commissioned in November and December 2019 by The Wilderness Society to review the US Forest Service's Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Alaska Roadless Rule (https://www.fs.usda.gov/nfs/11558/www/nepa/109834_FSPLT3_4876629.pdf) (herein after, "DEIS"). The Society asked me to prepare comments on water quality and fisheries effects on the Tongass National Forest, as they are addressed, or not addressed in the DEIS, based on best available scientific information and my professional opinion as an aquatic scientist with expertise in freshwater ecology, fish conservation, watershed processes, environmental impact assessment and land and water resource planning. The observations and opinions in this document are expressly my own.

The resource at risk from logging and road construction on roadless lands of the Tongass National Forest is considerable at a regional and national scale (Byrant 2011, Halupka et al. 2003, Bryant and Everest 1998, Everest et al. 1997). Freshwater habitat on the Tongass National Forest produced roughly 25% of Alaska's commercial salmon catch in the past decade, with an average annual dockside landed value of US\$88 million (Johnson et al. 2019). Despite recognized harms to salmon habitat in some watersheds from past timber harvesting and road construction, the Tongass National Forest produces more wild salmon by far than any other national forest in the nation. This globally

impressive productivity is in large part attributed to the extensive area of unlogged, roadless watersheds on the national forest, where ecological integrity water quality, biophysical diversity, and the productive capacity of freshwater habitat for salmon remain high (Halupka et al. 2003, Bryant and Everest 1998, Everest et al. 1997).

The proposed Alaska Roadless Rule would exempt the Tongass National Forest from the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule and thereby remove that rule's prohibitions against road construction and timber cutting on all of the 9.2 million acres of inventoried roadless areas in the Tongass. The DEIS evaluates several other alternatives that provide varying levels of protection for Tongass roadless areas, but none are as protective as the No Action alternative.

The Forest Service's evaluation of impacts to fish habitat and salmon harvest are summarized as follows: "Overall effects to fish habitat are expected to be negligible under all alternatives, because of the strong protections to fish habitats provided by Forest Plan LUDs, Forest-wide standards and guidelines including the riparian management strategy, and the lack of old-growth harvest or associated road construction allowed in the T77 watersheds and TNC /Audubon Conservation Priority Areas" (DEIS ES-15). The DEIS further states that "localized effects on fish habitat may occur, but these are expected to be minimal overall" (DEIS ES-15). Consequently, according to the DEIS, "None of the alternatives are expected to have a significant change to the commercial fishing or fish-processing industries" (DEIS ES-13).

For reasons discussed below, these erroneous assumptions and conclusions in the DEIS are based on a grossly inadequate consideration of the best available science regarding the effects of road construction and logging on aquatic ecosystems.

1.2 Qualifications

I am a consulting aquatic ecologist and watershed scientist with expertise in land management and conservation and restoration strategies for fishes and amphibians, with extensive experience with Pacific salmon, native trout and charr. I also serve as Affiliate Research Professor at Flathead Lake Biological Station, the University of Montana. My expertise is outlined in my CV, which is appended to this declaration.

My education is as follows. I hold a Bachelors degree in Zoology from the University of Montana, and Masters and PhD degrees in Fisheries Science from Oregon State University, where the focus of my graduate research was the cumulative effect of land use and watershed disturbance on freshwater ecosystems and fish populations.

I have 30 years of experience as a research scientist in the field of aquatic ecology, fishery and conservation biology, and watershed science, having held research faculty positions at The University of Montana and Oregon State University. I have more than 40 scientific and technical publications in aquatic ecology, fishery and conservation biology, and watershed science, in professional journals, symposia, books, and book chapters, and

also am author of more than 30 research reports for various institutions and agencies. I have served as peer reviewer or reviewing editor for more than a dozen professional journals and government research publications. I have served on 13 professional and government panels that provided technical guidance about stream and river protection to state and federal wildlife and forest management agencies in three states, including technical panels that advised Oregon state agencies on water temperature standard development, and forestry landslide prevention rulemaking. I later served on Montana governor's scientific panel to inform that state's restoration strategy for threatened bull trout, and participated in Forest Service expert panels assessing the efficacy of regional plans for conservation of freshwater species, including amphibians. I have commented or served as an expert witness in litigation of numerous national forest plans and federal forest project and programmatic NEPA efforts since about 1980. In Alaska, I sponsored a PhD student who studied ecology and conservation headwater trout populations in southeast Alaska (Hastings 2005); contracted with USEPA to evaluate impacts of roads and pipelines in possible mine development in Bristol Bay; and reviewed environmental impact statements for mine and mine road development in Bristol Bay and the Ambler Mining District of the Brooks Range.

While on the faculty as a researcher at Oregon State University, I was funded to lead a 6-year research project on salmon habitat protection in Oregon coastal rivers. In 1992 I completed my doctoral dissertation on the cumulative effects of land use on salmon habitat in Oregon South Coast rivers. That research focused on the full spectrum of threats to physical habitat of salmon in coastal watersheds, including water temperature, sediment conditions, landslides and road erosion, large wood, and channel dynamics. As the dominant land use in the region, forestry was a primary topic of that research.

For ten years I was a full-time Research Assistant Professor and Research Associate Professor at the University of Montana's Flathead Lake Biological Station, where I continued to conduct research on salmon ecology and freshwater habitat conservation. For 11 years I held the positions (alternately) of Senior Staff Scientist or Conservation and Science Director with the Pacific Rivers Council, where I worked specifically on the interface of scientific information and land management, with considerable involvement in forest management policy development for stream protection and salmon and trout recovery, including in coastal Oregon. My work in particular has focused on the scientific adequacy of federal forest land planning and aquatic conservation policies, and I have special expertise in the manifold impacts on freshwater habitat and salmonid fishes of roads and road development in roadless forested watersheds.

1.3 Overview of Documents Reviewed

In preparing these comments I reviewed relevant portions of the DEIS and other Forest Service planning documents and other reports and articles from the scientific literature, as cited in the text below. In particular in the DEIS, I reviewed material in section 1 on aquatic habitat, soils, and water quality impacts; in section 2 on expected change in

salmon harvest and fish habitat; and in section 3 on soils and water, salmon harvest, fisheries, and transportation and roads.

2. Priority Watersheds and the Long-Term Conservation of Salmon Ecosystems

Although salmon in southeast Alaska represent five relatively widely distributed species, homing to natal habitats in combination with a diversity of habitat configurations and conditions has provided a ripe evolutionary field for the emergence of many distinct, locally adapted ecotypes within these species in southeast Alaska (Halupka et al. 2003). This diversity of habitats and locally adapted ecotypes is the very basis of salmon species productivity (Brennan et al. 2019, Schindler et al. 2010). This diversity of habitats and populations serves in turn as the basis of the large trophic and ecological roles that salmon play in ecosystems (Armstrong et al. 2019). This means the conservation of salmon and the manifold roles of salmon in the natural ecosystem and the human economy of southeast Alaska are directly dependent on protection and, where past degradation has occurred, restoration of the full natural diversity of aquatic habitats across the region.

Loss of diversity through increased footprint of human disturbance of watersheds will inexorably reduce the productive capacity of southeast Alaska, and especially the pristine, now roadless watersheds of the Tongass National Forest, for salmon. This fact is well-recognized in the scientific literature (see many aspects of the problem reviewed and cited in the text below), but it is obscured, if not overtly denied, in this DEIS. It seems the DEIS is premised on a covert, unstated, and utterly undocumented assumption that road-building and logging can occur in currently roadless watersheds with no risk of significant harm to aquatic habitat and fisheries. History and the available scientific literature establish clearly that this assumption is wholly untenable. The assumption is also at complete odds with Forest Service planning and policy documents of the past three decades, yet this departure is not explained or reasonably defended in the DEIS.

2.1 Protection of Priority Watersheds is in Question

In recent years the conservation of salmon in the Tongass National Forest has been strategically pinned to the concept of strict protection of a subset of watersheds in the region that are known to have high ecological and fishery values. One iteration is the Tongass National Forest Priority Watershed Classification (https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd622074.pdf), and another is the so-called “T77” watershed network proposed by a coalition of public interest and fishing industry groups (<http://www.americansalmonforest.org/the-details.html>, http://ak.audubon.org/sites/default/files/t77_subsection_seak_atlas_ch07_human_uses_200dpi.pdf). The DEIS falls short in failing to adequately account for the potential effect of removal of roadless area conservation protections and reclassification of timber suitability on road building and logging in these watersheds, which are heavily keyed to existing roadless areas where habitat, water quality, and watershed conditions remain

optimal. Habitat losses and fish populations impacts in these watersheds could disproportionately affect near term salmon production. Other than stating that old-growth harvest will continue to be disallowed in T77 watersheds under the 2016 Tongass Plan, the DEIS is wholly unclear as to the level and kind of protections these priority watersheds would receive under the alternatives. It appears the DEIS is designed to allow new road construction within the boundaries of conservation priority watersheds in order to access timber in adjacent areas, which could be highly detrimental to salmon habitat in these watersheds (see review of the impacts of roads below).

That said, in my opinion the shifting spatial distribution of salmon productivity demonstrated in recent “salmon portfolio” research (e.g., Brennan et al. 2019) calls into question whether a conservation strategy based primarily on protection of these selected watersheds is tenable in the long term. Watersheds that are productive for a given salmon species at the present time may not be those most productive for that species in past decades or centuries, and may not be those that will be most productive in future decades. A triage-based strategy that prioritizes a subset of extant habitat for conservation is warranted when one is considering a tattered landscape with few remaining productive habitats and populations, and the managing agency is in restoration mode. But when the subject is a relatively intact region, and the planning is to program actions that bring intrinsic risk of highly persistent adverse impacts to that habitat (e.g., roadbuilding and logging of primary and old growth forest), protection or restoration will not be the outcome. In fact, the outcome will explicitly be a net loss of habitat and population productivity--with possibly less loss of habitat and populations than if no protection priorities at all had been in place. And the shifting productivity/portfolio research on salmon ecosystems all points to our fundamental inability to anticipate where future production will come from, at least across relatively ecologically intact landscapes such as southeast Alaska.

The portfolio research tells us ultimately that a fixed reserve subset is not a viable means of protecting an existing productive salmon ecosystem, and that characterization certainly applies to the Tongass National Forest. Effective conservation of salmon on those forests will require comprehensive protections that assure no net loss of watershed condition relative to current conditions. That is plainly not the policy put forth in this DEIS, though the DEIS does not make that clear. Rather, the proposed action would risk degrading many watersheds that are currently in pristine roadless condition, while offering no reasoned assurance or defensible evidence that such widespread degradation would be compensated by habitat improvement or restoration elsewhere. Despite efforts in the DEIS to minimize effects through omission and tacit denial, the proposed action is in fact a massive, regional-scale step backward from the level of conservation that salmon enjoy under present forest plans, including the regulatory protection provided by the Roadless Rule.

3. Insufficiency of Riparian Management Areas to Protect Streams from Logging and Roads

While somewhat tacit and not stated in a plain way that could be subject to scrutiny and review, it is clear to an informed observer that the DEIS rests on an unfounded grand underlying assumption that logging and roadbuilding can be pursued in roadless areas with no significant or systematic impact on watershed processes, water quality, fish habitat and fish populations. One rationale for this vague and broad assumption is presumably that riparian protections offered in the Tongass forest plan are themselves sufficient or more than sufficient to fully mitigate any harms that might arise from road building, road use and maintenance, and logging. This is the context within which I evaluate the relevant literature in the following section. Virtually all of the following information is not considered in the DEIS; therefore, these potential and known impacts of logging and roadbuilding are not disclosed to the public therein—despite that they are widely documented in the Forest Service’s own research (as cited below, and further within the reference sections of many of the papers and reports cited) and in the agency’s own past planning documents.

Leaving unlogged riparian forests is insufficient to mitigate for the effects of upland logging on streams, contrary to the implications in the DEIS. In the sections below I discuss edge effects on windthrow or blowdown, mass erosion and channel erosion resulting from hydrologic changes caused by logging, the effects of roads altering hydrology and erosion processes, and alteration of groundwater temperature by logging. Each of these categories of impact poses consequences for fish habitat and water quality that need to be analyzed on a regional scale to account for potential cumulative impacts of multiple logging projects that we know, from past experience and common sense, can result from a systematic forest plan policy change, such as proposed removal of roadless areas from protection forest-wide. The DEIS arbitrarily and capriciously dismisses, and fails to substantively and accurately address, the environmental effects I discuss below.

3.1 Soils and Water Quality: Unreasoned Assumptions Wholly Inconsistent with Past NEPA Assessments, Plans and Policies.

The DEIS identifies aquatic habitat and the fisheries supported by that habitat as a “key issue” (DEIS 1-7). However, the document proceeds immediately to eliminate soils and water quality from detailed analysis (DEIS 1-8), with only sparse and grossly inadequate explanation. DEIS takes this inexplicable step despite that the mechanisms by which road construction, road use and management, and logging adversely affect soil erosion and water quality are well understood, and are the very mechanisms that in turn impact aquatic habitat and fish populations. This is the first of many inexplicable and wholly unreasoned skips of logic that allow the Forest Service to skirt the issues of risk of impact to salmon habitat and populations of the proposed action and alternatives in the DEIS. I offer a more detailed review of science pertaining to how salmon habitat is affected by alterations of vegetation, soil and water quality that occur when roadless areas are logged.

Specifically, the DEIS (1-8) states that a “preliminary review” of potential soil impacts found that Alternative 6 would increase the amount of land with “high hazard” soils that would be open for commercial logging by 38 percent. This is consistent with a nationwide pattern of relatively high concentrations of “high hazard” or high-erosion risk soils in national forest roadless areas. Indeed, vulnerability of soils to erosion and landsliding is among the major reasons the Forest Service has deferred road construction and logging and in these areas in the past. It is among the principal reasons they remain roadless today. Nevertheless, the DEIS fails to address the environmental consequences of the increased area of “high hazard” terrain in lands allocated for logging on the Tongass. Inexplicably, the Forest Service simply claims that “From a broad standpoint, the impacts to soil characteristics and composition from the proposed alternatives would be the same as disclosed in the 2016 Forest Plan Amendment FEIS due to similar harvest levels and Forest Plan standards and guidelines” (DEIS 1-8), then capriciously denies that further analysis is needed. This claim in the DEIS stands in direct contradiction to the increase in “high hazard” soils in the commercial timber base. In my opinion it is near certain any increase in “high hazard” soils within areas open for commercial logging substantially increases the likelihood of damage to water quality and fisheries from post-logging soil erosion and sedimentation, as further described in my comments below.

The fact that the PTSQ remains unchanged, the reason given by the Forest Service as to why environmental effects related to soil erosion will ostensibly not increase under any alternative (DEIS 1-8) does not mitigate against potential increases in mass failure and soil erosion, for several reasons. One reason is that PTSQ is a “soft target” that does not in fact cap the total area logged in any given time period. For example, the same volume of timber can be drawn from a smaller area of concentrated larger trees, or a larger area of lower-volume and lower value trees. Another is that neither the PTSQ nor any other forest-level timber volume target regulates the specific areas logged within the overall area allocated to timber production. By knowingly including more high-hazard soils in the commercial timber base, the Forest Service inexorably increases the likelihood of triggering and increasing the incidence of erosion and landslides through errors of identification of erosion-prone sites and inadequate implementation of necessary mitigation measures (those being primarily *avoidance* of logging in high-hazard locales, see comments below).

For the reasons above, and because soil erosion hazard (including surface erosion, mass failure, and debris flows propagated by landslides) are central causal factors in the harms done by forestry operations to water quality and fishery resources, in my opinion it is arbitrary and utterly indefensible for this DEIS to fail to analyze, consider, and disclose the effects of commercial timber land reallocation and loss of roadless area protection on Tongass National Forest soil, water, and fishery resources.

3.2 Windthrow in Riparian Forests

Logging adjacent to riparian management areas alters the disturbance regime of riparian forests and streams in ways that can adversely affect fish habitat and populations (Moore

and Richardson 2012). Logging adjacent to riparian forests often results in increased windthrow of tree within riparian areas (Tongass National Forest Annual Monitoring Report 2007, Tongass National Forest Annual Monitoring Report 2013, Moore and Richardson 2012, Bahuguna et al. 2010, 2012, Rollerson and McGourlick 2001, Everest et al. 1997). Windthrow increased over natural background rates can result in exposure of channels to solar insolation and increased summer temperatures (Macdonald et a. 2003), reduction of future large tree recruitment, and increased channel bed and bank erosion, including landsliding and debris flows (Bahuguna et al. 2010, 2012, Lewis 1998, Mcdonald et al. 2003).

3.3 Landslides Originating from Upslope Cutting Units

Mass failures, including both shallow rapid landslides and deeper, often slower-moving slump-earthflow failures, are common across the Tongass National Forest, and it is well-established that the incidence of landslides is magnified by logging (Johnson et al. 2000, Everest et al. 1997, Swanston and Marion 1991, Wu and Swanston 1980, Wu et al. 1979). Logging not only directly disturbs soils, but associated vegetation removal renders soils vulnerable to mass movement and mass failure by reducing canopy interception and dispersion of rain and snow, by greatly reducing evapotranspiration and causing increased soil moisture conditions, and by destroying root strength that contributes to soil cohesion on forested slopes. The DEIS fails to consider and disclose how logging in currently protected roadless areas will impact mass-erosion-prone slopes, hence altering the frequency, magnitude, and distribution of landslides relative to salmonid habitats across the Tongass National Forest.

It is important to recognize that vegetation removal by logging—whether by clearcutting or thinning—not only causes many landslides on recognized high-erosion risk terrain (which generally includes the steepest part of the landscape) but also increases the incidence of landslides on parts of the landscape that are usually considered to be of moderate or even relatively low risk of landslide erosion (most often because they are not as steeply sloping). This is a critical point, because the only effective means of preventing large increases in landslide occurrence is by identifying locations prone to failure and prohibiting vegetation removal on those sites, and in up-slope areas that contribute drainage to those sites. Some landslide-prone sites occur on areas of the forest with moderate slopes and that are typically not mapped as highly landslide-prone. In many cases no clear surface evidence exists in the field that allows such sites to be identified prior to logging. Because complete avoidance of sensitive sites is impossible, logging will inevitably and cumulatively increase the incidence of landslides in salmon watersheds. The only question is how large the magnitude of increase in landslide erosion will be relative to unlogged watersheds. Previously unlogged roadless areas are likely to show the highest rates of landslide erosion increase if they are logged, because for the most part slopes in those areas have not previously experienced deforested or low-tree-density conditions in recent decades or centuries.

3.4 Headward Channel Expansion Caused by Altered Hydrology

Expansion of headwater channels has been an often-observed cause of post-logging erosion, but has been seldom quantified in Pacific coast watersheds (Frissell 2012). The one study I know of that focused comprehensively on this phenomenon, Reid et al. (2010), makes clear this is a seriously unexamined and too-often overlooked source of sediment delivery to Pacific Coast streams. Reid et al. (2010) reported that second-growth logging of a redwood-dominated forest in Caspar Creek, north coastal California, was followed by a substantial headwater expansion of stream channel density and coalescence of pre-existing discontinuous channels in headwater swales. Despite “robust” riparian buffer strips left in the second round Caspar Creek logging during this study, suspended sediment yields in instrumented tributaries increased significantly after logging. Channel expansion was caused by headward migration of existing channel knickpoints and subsequent channel incision and enlargement, as well as sapping and collapse of subsurface flow macropores and pipes. Acceleration of surface and subsurface channel-forming processes was apparently associated with increased antecedent moisture conditions, soil saturation, and runoff caused by the abrupt reduction of forest canopy interception and evapotranspiration following logging. In addition, back erosion of extant channels increased in linear extent, possibly reflecting increased channel-forming flows possibly coupled with impingement of hillslopes that could have been creeping at faster rates in the years immediately following logging (e.g., see Swanston et al. 1988). Reid et al. (2010) found that channel expansion led to stream density increasing by about 28 percent after logging.

Given that logging of any dense forest cover greatly reduced evapotranspiration of soil water, it is extremely likely the same processes drive erosion, channel expansion and sedimentation of streams after logging of forests of southeast Alaska. Expanded channel networks are associated with persistent increases in peak flow magnitude, which may result from more rapid translation of slower subsurface to rapid surface flow during storms. Erosion, both primary and secondarily associated with expanding or expanded channel networks, may be responsible for sustained elevation of suspended sediment yield and turbidity in Caspar Creek (reported in Reid et al. 2010, Keppeler 2012, Klein et al. 2012, and discussed as a regional concern in the review by Gomi et al. 2005). Expanded channel networks increase surface water connectivity to and sediment delivery from pre-existing erosion sources like landslide scarps and roads, and can itself initiate additional mass erosion through bank collapse and triggering of channel-adjacent landslides.

Reid et al. (2010) observed that boles and living tree roots in riparian forest buffers can partially hinder, but not entirely prevent, channel expansion. Fully controlling channel expansion effects on streamflow, erosion, and sedimentation would require limiting the overall rate of logging within small catchments over time, moderating silvicultural treatments to promote more rapid hydrologic recovery (e.g., via partial cutting rather than clearcutting), and careful consideration of past and future natural events, including wildfire, windthrow, and disease which, independent of or interactively with logging, also alter the hydrologic effects of vegetation.

Roadless areas preserve natural vegetation dynamics and disturbance regimes that maintain catchment hydrology and stream networks within a natural range of variability. Logging as an exotic disturbance in roadless areas is highly likely to alter hydrology such that accelerated stream erosion and stream network expansion result, over a larger area and larger number of watersheds than would occur if roadless areas are protected from logging.

Post-logging fluvial erosion, gullying and channel expansion is a scientifically recognized cumulative impact of logging that affects sediment supply and could potentially degrade salmonid habitat quality in connected waters downstream of headwaters if roadless areas of the Tongass National Forest are logged. This environmental impact has not been addressed or disclosed in the present DEIS.

3.5 Effects of Roads on Hydrology, Erosion and Sedimentation

Roads are well known to alter hydrology and erosion regimes in watersheds of the Tongass National Forest (Everest et al. 1997), just as they do elsewhere (Wemple et al. 2001, Luce and Black 2001, Jones et al. 2000, Trombulak and Frissell 2000). Landslides and gully erosion initiating at or associated with the hydrological alterations caused by roads and landings not only can penetrate and deliver sediment through even very wide riparian forest buffers, they often initiate debris flows that can travel and directly impact aquatic and riparian habitat a great distance downstream from the point of origin. In either case, riparian forest buffers only confer limited protection against the harmful effects of road-caused mass failures, and in larger events, mass failures can virtually obliterate riparian forests, exposing streams to extremes of summer solar insolation and winter freezing, as well as redistributing large wood, scouring existing habitat structure away or burying it under large sediment deposits, and simplifying habitat structure in runout zones.

It is important to recognize that roads not only cause many landslides on recognized high-erosion risk terrain (which generally includes the steepest part of the landscape) but roads and landings often trigger landslides on parts of the landscape that are considered to be of moderate or even relatively low risk of landsliding under natural conditions. This results from the inexorable distortion of flow paths of both surface water and subsurface water caused by distortions of natural slopes and soils by road construction, use, and maintenance. The result is that road system expansion will inevitably expand both the number and area of occurrence of mass failures and associated debris flows and sediment deposits that adversely affect downstream fish habitat on a large scale. The DEIS utterly fails to consider, explain or disclose what the impact will be of road system expansion into currently roadless areas, many of which contain extensive areas of landslide-prone terrain.

Roads also cause chronic, on-going delivery of sediment at road crossings of small and large streams (Wemple et al. 2001, Jones et al. 2000), and sediment delivered even in the

smallest headwater streams can be rapidly transported downstream to harm salmonid spawning and rearing areas (Trombulak and Frissell 2000, Everest et al. 1997, Furniss and others 1991). Seldom can sediment discharges at road crossings be completely eliminated; to do so requires extreme care in crossing design and intensive, frequent within-season road maintenance. In fact, some road maintenance activities that are necessary to reduce the risk of catastrophic failure of forest roads, as well as actions to decommission or remove existing forest roads, themselves generate sediment runoff that can impact streams (Switalski et al. 2004, Luce and Black 2001b). Variability in the cause-effect relations between forest roads and stream sedimentation complicates both remedial practices and preventative practices in road construction and management, resulting in continuing high level of uncertainty about the effectiveness of so called “best management practices” (Al-Chokhachy et al. 2016). In contrast to this recognized uncertainty, the DEIS purports, while offering virtually no evidence, that the impacts of new roads on water quality and fisheries in and downstream of roadless areas will be somehow nonexistent.

The widespread, systemic failure or inadequacy of existing road maintenance resources to mitigate harm from sediment pollution (see Gucinski et al. 2001), especially at road crossings and other near-stream road segments, is one of the major reasons the US Forest Service implemented the Roads Policy and Roadless Rule nationally (USDA Forest Service 2000). All national forests, including the Tongass, remain unable to adequately maintain the existing road system to reduce its ongoing and future harmful impact on aquatic resources and fisheries. It is clear on the face of it that proposed elimination of Roadless Rule protection on the Tongass, and potentially the Chugach National Forest, is intentionally designed to allow expansion of the existing road network. The DEIS offers no rationale for how harms to the overall road system will be reduced in the face of road system expansion that is supported by the proposed suspension of the Roadless Rule.

Roads may be correlated with watershed condition, but it is important to recognize that such a correlation does not necessarily mean that “fixing” roads will alleviate all of the correlated effects (Al-Chokhachy et al. 2016, Frissell 2012, McDonald and Coe 2007). Road density integrates at least two major and separate categories of phenomena that contribute to erosion and sediment delivery (Trombulak and Frissell 2000). The first is erosion and sediment entering surface waters that is generated by the road itself and operations on the road. This category includes secondary hydrophysical effects of roads, including landslides and gullies that initiate because roads disturbed natural drainage pattern, and maintenance-related runoff. This first category is targeted by road remediation and mitigation measures that reduce erosion or sediment delivery to streams from roadways (Al-Chokhachy et al. 2016, Switalski et al. 2004). The second category is indirect: the erosion and sedimentation that are generated by land use actions and practices that are either supported by or incidental to the road network, as discussed above. Those phenomena in the second category are direct ground disturbance from timber felling and yarding, accelerated windthrow around cutting unit margins, and channel extension, gullying, and bank erosion initiating as a consequence of extensive vegetation removal in the catchment. These erosion and sediment sources are not mitigated by road management measures.

The spatial arrangement of road networks on the landscape relative to slope stability, soil erosion proneness, and stream network locations act to codetermine the extent of impairment of downstream fish habitat by road-generated erosion and sedimentation (Al-Chokhachy et al. 2016, MacDonald and Coe 2007, Jones et al. 2000, Trombulak and Frissell 2000). Within the Pacific Coastal mountains and the Pacific Northwest more broadly, existing roadless areas are often associated with the highest-quality fish habitat, in part because of the limited spatial extent of road impacts and relatively few road crossing locations in their catchments. As a result, watersheds with a high proportion of roadless area tend to be relatively high in fish abundance, salmonid diversity and production, and roadless areas thus are of extreme value in the long-term conservation of salmon and trout populations throughout their ranges (Dellasala et al. 2011, Frissell and Carnefix 2007, Hitt and Frissell 2004, Loucks et al. 2003, Trombulak and Frissell 2000, Baxter et al. 2000). Despite that the proposed suspension of the Roadless Rule is explicitly intended to allow the expansion of the logging road network into presently roadless areas in Tongass National Forest watersheds, the DEIS utterly fails to explain how road system expansion will not be associated with more widespread impacts of salmon streams and more extensive deterioration of high-quality salmonid habitat.

Because road systems span multiple watersheds across large areas of national forest, because their adverse impacts cannot be completely avoided or remediated, and because harms to aquatic ecosystems accrue over many decades and are often triggered or exacerbated by natural events like winter storms and summer drought, as well as by climate change that affects storms and drought at regional scales, the cumulative impacts of expansion of road systems must be addressed at the scale of the national forest or a major portion of a national forest. That is, the cumulative effects of road system expansion into presently roadless areas on fish habitat and fisheries simply cannot be adequately analyzed, disclosed, or effectively remediated at the scale of individual timber or road construction projects (Selva et al. 2015, Hitt and Frissell 2004, Trombulak and Frissell 2000). For example, in many cases existing Forest Service roadless areas act in concert with National Parks, Wilderness, or other permanent land protections to secure fish habitat and other conservation values in a larger downstream stream and river network (e.g., Frissell and Carnefix 2007, Hitt and Frissell 2004, Loucks et al. 2003, Martin et al. 2000, Noss et al. 1999). This fact is a major underlying reason for the Forest Service's decisions to implement the Roadless Rule (Turner 2006, Martin et al. 2000, USDA Forest Service 2000) and Roads Policy as directives systematically augmenting national forest plans and planning procedures across the nation.

3.6 Water Temperature Alteration from Upslope Logging

Logging alters the evapotranspiration demand by directly removing vegetation. At least for the initial decade after logging, until vigorously growing second-growth trees attain significant cover, soil and groundwater tend to increase because vegetation is using less water. Moreover, the removal of canopy cover can expose soils to direct solar heating,

and areas of shallow groundwater may warm to a greater degree than they did under full forest cover.

Pollock et al. (2009) found that mean and summer mean and maximum temperature across 40 small streams on the Olympic Peninsula in Washington was substantially higher in streams draining watersheds with a higher proportion of cumulative logged area catchment-wide. The catchment area logged relationship was significantly stronger than the relationship to riparian forest removal by logging. Many streams with high canopy shade warmed substantially when more than half of their catchment area was logged. The results strongly suggest that factors other than direct canopy shade over the stream can drive water temperatures; these may include canopy opening from landslides and debris flows, or may indicate warming of shallow groundwater after extensive loss of soil canopy cover, or both. In either case, riparian buffers failed to protect streams from substantial temperature changes associated with logging.

Macdonald et al. (2003) found that headwater tributaries in BC logged with buffer strips of a wide range of widths all warmed 4-6 degrees C in summer compared to streams in unlogged watersheds. Part of this warming was associated with shade loss and post-logging windthrow, but a significant fraction of warming was unexplained by canopy shade, and is thought to have been associated with catchment-scale changes in shallow groundwater temperature or flow rates.

Research especially in long-term paired watershed studies in BC has shown that putative modest changes in daily mean, maximum, or minimum stream temperature associated with logging can result in biologically significant changes in cumulative thermal exposure. These in turn result in shifts in development rates of and timing of fish population life history events, such as time of emergence of young-of-the-year from streambed gravels (Macdonald et al. 1998, Holtby 1988, Holtby and Newcombe 1982). Such developmental rate changes are known to alter salmon survival rates, and can result in population decline or collapse (Bryant 2009, Holtby 1988, Holtby and Newcombe 1982).

The DEIS ignores and fails to consider or disclose these known relationships between logging and alteration of temperature regime in streams that can cause substantial adverse cumulative effects on fish life history and population productivity, especially in Pacific salmon.

4. Climate Change and Resilience of Roadless Watersheds

Watersheds with a large proportion of primary forest and roadless area are likely to be among the most resilient salmonid habitats to the stresses imposed by ongoing and future climate change (Bryant 2009, USDA Forest Service 2000). One principal category of recurring and lasting impact from roads and logging is to introduce stressors that reduce resilience and increase the volatility of watershed responses to climatic stresses like flood and drought. Examples include the increased incidence of landsliding in the face of

winter storms or rain-on-snow events, and the potential depletion of stream base flows by a combination of increased water demand by second growth forest and increased drought stress. Another major and extensive source of impact from climate change is likely to be the marine inundation of current estuaries from rising sea level (although in a few cases new estuaries may be created or existing estuaries expand in the face of sea level increases).

The dominant vectors of expected change in climate (Bryant 2009) and the effects of road development and logging in roadless watersheds inexorably increase the vulnerability of freshwater habitats, and the fish populations dependent upon them to recurring climatic stresses like floods and drought. Their inherent resilience to climate variability and extreme weather events is one of the reasons that watersheds associated with roadless areas are considered “safe havens,” refugia, or core areas for conservation of salmonid fishes and other sensitive species (Bryant 2011, Dellasala et al 2011, Frissell and Carnefix 2007, Baxter et al. 2000, USDA Forest Service 2000, Bryant and Everest 1998).

Despite the recognized imperative that climate changes places on land managers of coastal and northern regions (Bryant 2009), the DEIS critically fails to consider or analyze the likely effects of road development and logging on the response of currently roadless watersheds to future climate change.

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- ♦ Geomorphic, hydrophysical, and landscape ecology considerations in design of integrated conservation reserves.
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Reviewer for Journals and Agency Publications:

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Appointments to Review Panels and Scientific Advisory Committees:

USEPA Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment Team, Subcontractor on road and pipeline impacts, through University of Alaska Anchorage and NatureServe, 2011-2012.

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Scientific Group for the Governor's Bull Trout Restoration Team, State of Montana, 1994-2000

Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, 1992-95: Temperature Standards Review Subcommittee of the Technical Advisory Committee, Triennial Water Quality Standards Review

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- Frissell, C.A. 1998. Ecosystem concepts in large-scale restoration. (Abstract). Montana Chapter of the American Fisheries Society, 3-5 February, Helena, MT.
- Frissell, C.A. and B.J. Cavallo 1997. Aquatic habitats used by larval western toads (*Bufo boreas*) on an intermontane river floodplain and some landscape conservation implications (Abstract). Annual Meeting of the Ecological Society of America, 10-14 August, Albuquerque, NM.
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- Frissell, C.A., and J.T. Gangemi. 1997. Roads and the conservation of aquatic biodiversity and ecological integrity. (Abstract). Society for Conservation Biology, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, 7-10 June.

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- Frissell, C.A. 1995. Ecological principles for watershed restoration. (Abstract). Invited paper for Workshop on Watershed Restoration: Principles and Practices, Annual Meeting of the American Fisheries Society, Tampa, FL, 27-31 August.
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- Frissell, C.A. 1995. Resource management impacts on bull trout populations. Invited panel presentation for Searching for Solutions: Solving the Bull Trout Puzzle Science and Policy Conference, Andrus Center for Public Policy, Boise State University, Boise, ID, 1-2 June.
- Frissell, C.A. 1995. Watershed dynamics: natural pattern and process and some consequences for ecosystem management. Invited presentations at Managing Terrestrial Ecosystems Relative to Past and Present Disturbances: A Workshop Integrating Fire, Range, Fish and Wildlife Habitat and the Practice of Silviculture in the Northern Region. U.S. Forest Service, Missoula, MT, 14-16 March.
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- Frissell, C.A. 1994. A hierarchical approach to restoration of riverine ecosystems. Invited paper at Symposium on Aquatic Habitat Restoration in Northern Ecosystems, Alaska Chapter of the American Fisheries Society, Girdwood, AK, 20-22 September.

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- Frissell, C.A., W.J. Liss, B. Doppelt, and D. Bayles. 1993. A new, ecologically based restoration strategy for Pacific salmon in the Pacific Northwest (Abstract). Annual meeting of the American Fisheries Society, Portland, OR, 29 August-2 September.

Technical Workshops Organized (selected):

- Lead organizer and facilitator, New Science Implications for the Aquatic Conservation Strategy of the Northwest Forest Plan. Sponsored by the Coast Range Association, 2-3 December 2013, Portland, OR.
- Co-organizer, with M. Scurlock and R. Kattelman: SNEP Plus 15 Years: Ecological & Conservation Science for Freshwater Resource Protection & Federal Land Management in the Sierra Nevada. Sponsored by Pacific Rivers Council, Sierra Forest Legacy, UC Berkeley School Environmental Design, UC Davis Center for Watershed Science, and California Trout; 12-13 December 2011, Davis, CA.
- Organizer and facilitator, Workshop on Science for River and Watershed Conservation. Sponsored by Campaign for Montana's Headwaters, 7 October 2010, Flathead Lake Biological Station, Polson, MT.
- Co-convener, with M. Scurlock and Kristen Boyles: Technical Workshop on Science for Forest Planning. Sponsored by Pacific Rivers Council and Earthjustice, 29 June 2010, Seattle, WA.
- Organizer and panelist, Umpqua Independent Science Council. Sponsored by Pacific Rivers Council, 2010-2011.
- Co-organizer and panelist, with Deanne Spooner and David Bayes: Workshop on Economics of ESA Critical Habitat Policy, sponsored by Pacific Rivers Council and San Francisco State University, October 4-5, 2007, San Francisco, CA.
- Organizer and coordinator of Science Panel on Roads and Watersheds, sponsored by Pacific Rivers Council, 10-11 November 2006, Forest Grove, OR.
- Organizer and coordinator of the Recovery Science Panel for the Western Native Trout Campaign. Sponsored by Pacific Rivers Council, meeting 2-3 March 2002, Portland, OR.

Technical Workshops Organized (selected), continued:

- Organizer and coordinator of Biodiversity Workshop, Consortium for the Study of North Temperate Montane Ecosystems. A cooperative research venture of The University of Montana and Montana State University, supported by the NSF EPSCoR program. 4 February, 1997 Missoula, MT.
- Scientific Workshop on Large Basin Restoration: Grande Ronde River (co-organizer). 21-22 March 1993, La Grande, OR. Sponsored by The Pacific Rivers Council.
- Scientific Workshop on Large Basin Restoration: South Umpqua River. 16-18 September 1992, Roseburg, Oregon. Sponsored by The Pacific Rivers Council.
- Scientific Workshop on Large Basin Restoration: Lower Rogue River. 21-23 October 1992, Gold Beach, OR. Sponsored by The Pacific Rivers Council.

Other Panels and Workshops Attended by Invitation since 1994 (selected):

- Invited Review Panelist, Workshop on Linking Habitat Characteristics to Salmon Data. 29-30 September 1999, National Marine Fisheries Service, Northwest Fisheries Science Center, Seattle, WA.
- Invited participant, Yellowstone to Yukon Aquatic Conservation Science Workshop. 20-22 August 1999, Flathead Lake Biological Station, The University of Montana, Polson, MT.
- Invited Panelist, Workshop on Options for Restoring Salmon Habitat in the Mainstem Snake and Columbia Rivers. Pacific Northwest National Laboratory-Battelle, 19 August 1999, Kennewick, WA
- Panelist at State of Oregon/National Marine Fisheries Service Memorandum of Agreement Committee Workshop: Cumulative Effects of State and Private Forest Practices on Salmon Habitat. 21 April 1998, Salem, OR.
- Invited participant in a scientific workshop, Multiple Stressors in Ecological Risk Management. Sponsored by the Society for Environmental Chemistry and Toxicology and the USEPA, 13-18 September 1997, Pellston, MI.
- Society for Conservation Biology Workshop: Communicating with the Media (panel member). 9 June 1997, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada.
- Invited speaker for a workshop, Continuing Education in Ecosystem Management. Sponsored by the University of Idaho. Catchment scale processes and linkages between landscape and stream conditions. 31 January 1997, Moscow, ID.
- The Nature Conservancy, Aquatic Classification Workshop (invited presenter). 9-11 April 1996, Cedar Creek Farm, MO.
- Kenai River Community Forum (keynote speaker and panelist). The Nature Conservancy of Alaska, USEPA and USFWS, 19-21 April, Soldotna, AK.
- Conservation Biology and Management of Interior Salmonids (invited presenter and session co-moderator). USDA Forest Service Intermountain Research Station and Utah State University, 4-5 October 1995, Logan, UT.
- Eastside Ecosystem Planning Workshop. Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund, 16 December 1994, Portland, OR.

Other Panels and Workshops Attended by Invitation since 1994, continued:

- Co-instructor at workshop series on Watershed Restoration and the "Rapid Biotic Response Strategy" for Riverine Ecosystem Restoration, sponsored by The Pacific Rivers Council, 1993-95, California, Oregon, and Washington.
- Fire/Salvage and Aquatic Ecosystems Policy Workshop. The Pacific Rivers Council, 15 December 1994, Portland, OR.
- Panel on Forest Health Issues, Native Forest Network annual conference, 13 November 1994, Missoula, MT.
- Workshop on Watershed/Fisheries Cumulative Effects Analysis, sponsored by Headwaters, The Pacific Rivers Council, USDA Forest Service, and Bureau of Land Management. 29 September-2 October, 1994, Ruch, OR.
- Boise Funders' Scoping Meeting, sponsored by Bullit, Harder, and Lazar Foundations, 30-31 August 1994, Boise, Idaho.
- Scientists Briefing for U.S. Senate staff on post-fire logging and forest management and freshwater resources. Washington, D.C., 18-19 September 2006.

Other Presentations and Outreach (Selected):

- Invited testimony on federal land management and the future of salmon and aquatic biodiversity in the Pacific Northwest, to the U.S. House of Representatives, Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, Washington, D.C., 11 March 1993.
 - Briefing for Congressional representatives and staff on federal lands management and conservation and recovery of salmonid fishes and riverine ecosystems, Washington, D.C., 22 January 1993.
 - Invited testimony to the 1991 Oregon State Legislature, on panel representing the Oregon Chapter of the American Fisheries Society, on the status of native fishes, impacts of forest practices on fish habitat, and the need or changes in environmental regulation.
 - Invited testimony to the Oregon Board of Forestry Forest Issues Forum, December 1990, on cumulative impacts of forest practices on native aquatic species and the need for changes in forest management.
 - Worked with Oregon Public Broadcasting to describe our research project and its significance in a 15-minute segment of the television program, Oregon Field Guide, first aired in June 1990.
 - Presented seminars, informal presentations, lectures, and discussions at research review meetings, as guest speaker in classrooms and public interest groups, at state board meetings, at workshops, and on field trips with foresters, geotechnical personnel, fishery and watershed managers, and conservationists.
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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/7/2019 3:00:00 PM

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Last name: Frissora

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

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Last name: Fristoe

Organization:

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Regards, Barbara Fristoe

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Rhonda

Last name: Fritcher

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Rhonda Fritcher and I live in New Era, Michigan.

There is no compelling reason to harvest any of this forest. Just like the oil industry, money and greed and exploitation/rape and plunder of the earth's resources are the the driving force behind these actions. Will the rich ever have enough?

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Christina

Last name: Fritsch

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Christina Fritsch and I live in Forestville, California.

A public mission is to serve all of the people , in this case, to protect and preserve natural and cultural resources for the enjoyment and use by the public, not to serve the interests of corporations who will destroy the resources to further their own gain. We have other means of providing energy , if only we would pursue them. Cease. Stop this carnage . Now. Thank your

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Regards, Christina Fritsch

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Karen

Last name: Fritsch

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Karen Fritsch and I live in Rochester, Pennsylvania.

I see no good reason to destroy and pollute more of our wild places so some greedy corporations can make more money.

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Regards, Karen Fritsch

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Karen

Last name: Fritsch

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Karen Fritsch and I live in Rochester, Pennsylvania.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Robert

Last name: Fritsch

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Robert Fritsch and I live in Dexter, Maine.

We all know that "roads" turn into super highways that give access to pristine areas to those miscreants who would abuse and we also know that what is not needed is increases in motorized vehicle traffic harassing and increasing the likelihood of injury to injury wildlife and habitat damage.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Sharon

Last name: Fritsch

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/12/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Mark

Last name: Fritts

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Andrea

Last name: Fritz

Organization:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Craig

Last name: Fritz

Organization:

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Comments:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

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First name: P.

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Last name: Fritze

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/11/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Cyndi

Last name: Fritzier

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Marissa

Last name: Fritzler

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Marissa Fritzler and I live in Pollock Pines, California. I strongly oppose the Roadless Rule, and all that this proposition entails. Nothing about it makes sense. Respect for our planet, and all of humanity, should come before profitability. Please don't do this!

[POSITION]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Catherine

Last name: Frizat

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Catherine Frizat and I live in Burbank, California.

Clean Air is vital to the population of the USA and the world. Without clean air we cannot live. This is common sense. Everything should be done to ensure that US citizens breathe clean air and are not subjected to pollutants that endanger their health and life. Please protect our communities and take all necessary actions to PREVENT any change to the Once In Always In policy.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Catherine Frizat

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Elena

Last name: Frizenschaf

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Please do not hurt this forest, it is not worth it. This ecosystem is too special and we need the government to help us sustainably manage these areas, not invest in destruction.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/17/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Todd

Last name: Froberg

Organization:

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Comments:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Brel
Last name: Froebe
Organization:
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Comments:
To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing you to urge you to choose Alternative 1 of NO ACTION and keep the Roadless Rule in place for all land that it protects in the Tongass National Forest.

There are at least 3 important reasons why I feel that this is important:

1) Climate Change and Carbon Sequestration:

In a time when there is a scientific consensus regarding our planet facing an existential threat of climate change, CO2 sequestration is an essential component of tackling this issue. Science has also concluded that Old Growth trees sequester more carbon than smaller trees. According to a Time Magazine article written in 2015, new studies show that Old Growth Trees are much more effective at sequestering more carbon than younger trees.

<http://science.time.com/2014/01/15/study-shows-older-trees-absorb-more-carbon/>

As a Citizen of the United States, I feel that it is invaluable to not harvest old growth forests because they are an important natural resource for CO2 sequestration during a critical time in fighting climate change and the earth's temperature rise.

The Tongass National Forest is the largest carbon sink of all U.S. Forests.

2) Respecting Native Sovereignty

6 tribal governments in Southeast Alaska have stated that they are against any change in the roadless rule. The DEIS has not taken into consideration their needs.

Can the DEIS be redone to better reflect the stakeholder position of Southeast Alaskan tribes? I did not see adequate representation of their input or perspective in the DEIS. This land is sacred to these tribes, and opening up this land to logging goes against the very way of life of these tribes' relationship with the land.

3) logging, Salmon fisheries and Tourism.

As stated in the DEIS, Tourism and Fishing are significantly larger portions of the economy in this region, over 25 %. Logging makes up less than 1%. the logging market is in further decline, and regardless of whether this land is logged, people in the logging economy will soon need to find new employment. The majority of timber from this region isn't going to building infrastructure in the U.S. but exported to Asia. Why should this public natural resource that is so valuable for conservation, tourism, and fishing habitat be destroyed for a sliver of the the economy that benefits only a few dozen stakeholders? According to a Taxpayers for Common Sense report, over 600 million dollars in federal subsidies has been lost to Tongass Logging since 1999. the 30 million dollars in subsidies to log old growth should be used instead to promote more sustaining rural economic subsidies, for example training loggers to become sustainable foresters, since their industry is on a decline and they will need to be retrained soon anyway.

<https://www.taxpayer.net/energy-natural-resources/new-report-taxpayers-losing-hundreds-of-millions-of-dollars-on-tongass-timber-sales-over-last-two-decades/>

4) Salmon Habitat

The DEIS states that none of the Alternatives proposed would have any significant impact on salmon watershed habitat. However in the DEIS there is little scientific evidence to support this claim. Scientists who are familiar with the ecology of Tongass National Forest claim that this is false.

Will you conduct further study of the environmental impact the proposed alternatives will have on salmon habitat? According to the USFS, The combined economic impact of salmon related economy coming out of SE Alaska was 986 Million\$ in 2007. Over 49 million salmon are harvested every year that were spawned in the Tongass Watershed.

https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb5408056.pdf

Salmon are an important cultural, economic, and environmental resource. When both scientists, fishermen, tribes, environmental organizations, and every day citizens are all saying that they are concerned a change in the current status of the Tongass National Forest will have on salmon habitat will have, I urge you to do more thorough study on this issue and bring in a task force of independent researchers to study this further.

Will you put any decision on this matter until the effects of this decision on salmon habitat can be adequately studied? the Current DEIS does not do a sufficient job at fully studying this issue.

There is less than 2% of old growth forest left in the U.S. National Forests are a public resource that belong to the public. Please don't sell out this resource to a handful of multinational logging export companies at the expense of devastating a national treasure forever. This habitat takes hundreds of years to cultivate and evolve, and could be wiped out in days by short

sided decision making.

I urge you to choose alternative 1 of NO ACTION on this issue.

If not, urge you to do a more thorough EIS that sufficiently studies the effects this decision would have on habitat, sovereign tribal nations, salmon economies, and tourism. The Current DEIS was hastily drafted and does not have sufficient research or input from stakeholders taken into consideration when it was drafted.

Sincerely,

Brel Froebe

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Nicolette

Last name: froehlich

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Nicolette froehlich

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/14/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Janice

Last name: Froehlichwgf

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Janice Froehlichwgf and I live in Indianapolis, Indiana.

We need all the trees we can yet and we stillWill be threatened. Keep all the trees

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Regards, Janice Froehlichwgf

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Peggy

Last name: Froelich

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Peggy Froelich and I live in Jemez Springs, New Mexico.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Peggy Froelich

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Steve

Last name: Froemming

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Steve Froemming and I live in Hutchinson, Minnesota.

Many years ago I lived in Juneau and got to know the surrounding natural areas well. I continue to feel a strong affinity for the region and appreciate the ecological and environmental importance of the Tongass rainforest. Please keep the roadless rule in place and keep clear-cutters out!

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Joyce

Last name: Frohn

Organization:

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Regards, Joyce Frohn

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Joyce

Last name: Frohn

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Joyce Frohn and I live in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

Why are we destroying the few bits of undamaged land we have left for short term gain? This is sacred land that must be saved.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Michele

Last name: Frome

Organization:

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Comments:

My name is Michele Frome and I live in Silver Spring, Maryland.

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I urge you not to abandon the Roadless Rule in Alaska.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Michele Frome

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Greg

Last name: Fromme

Organization:

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Comments:

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Regards, Greg Fromme

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Allen

Last name: Fromowitz

Organization:

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Comments:

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Regards, Allen Fromowitz

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Karl

Last name: Fromuth

Organization:

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My name is Karl Fromuth and I live in Riverside, California.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Karl Fromuth

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/7/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Nathan

Last name: Fronk

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/11/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Susan

Last name: Frontczak

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Susan Frontczak and I live in Boulder, Colorado.

I have witnessed the value of the roadless rule on designated wilderness in my home state of Colorado. Not to mention it makes my own life more pleasant when skiing in the back country. No roads means quiet, which means owls can hear the mice, their food, under the snow to locate them. There are bird species that rely on being far from the "edges" (produced by roads) to avoid predators.

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Regards, Susan Frontczak

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Amanda

Last name: Frost

Organization:

Title:

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Regards, Amanda Frost

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Amanda

Last name: Frost

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Amanda Frost and I live in Santa Barbara, California.

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Regards, Andrew Frost

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Charles

Last name: Frost

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Keep the Roadless Rule in Place for the Tongass National Forest

Dear Interdisciplinary Team Leader, Alaska Roadless Rule Ken Tu,

I am an outdoor enthusiast writing to express my interest in continuing to protect the Tongass National Forest and its backcountry and roadless areas from unnecessary logging and development.

The Tongass has tremendous value for outdoor recreation in the region, and also provides clean water, clean air, and wildlife habitat, all of which are foundational to the economic and ecological health of Southeast Alaska. Road building, logging, and development should continue to be prohibited in the Tongass's roadless areas through upholding the Roadless Rule. This is one of the few remaining intact old growth forests left in our country. It's value as an intact temperate rain forest biome exceeds that of the extraction industry's interests.

The Roadless Rule was created after a lot of public outreach. It's a popular and sensible approach to land management and works for those who are impacted the most, here and now, and safeguards the natural diversity that our future generations will rely upon for their wellbeing.

I am also a scientist. As a scientist I hope you and your colleagues conduct a rigorous unbiased data driven scientific evaluation of the question at hand and let the data drive the final decision.

Sincerely,

Charles Frost

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/16/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: charles

Last name: frost

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Tongass roadless rule

I am opposed to changing the Tongass roadless rule. Uninterrupted ecosystems are a rare treasure and will become increasingly rare with this administration's approach to resource management. Option 1 is the only option of the 6 that I support.

Kind regards,

Charles

Sent from my iPhone

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Chris

Last name: Frost

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Gail

Last name: Frost

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Gail Frost and I live in Port Charlotte, Florida.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/3/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Harah

Last name: Frost

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Comments to oppose modification to the Roadless Rule

Dear U.S. Forest Service,

50% of wildlife has disappeared in my lifetime. STOP. JUST STOP IT.

Sincerely,

Harah Frost

Royal Oak, MI 48067

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Holly

Last name: Frost

Organization:

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Regards, Holly Frost

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: JEREMY

Last name: FROST

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is JEREMY FROST and I live in Fairfield, Connecticut.

We need to set an example for the rest of the world and to reflect our values. A small minority of corporations vs. the health of our country and the world is what we have here. More valuable than the toilet paper that can come from elsewhere is preserving the ever growing rarity of a roadless old growth forest.

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Regards, JEREMY FROST

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Kayla

Last name: Frost

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

As a supporter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers and our wild public lands, waters and wildlife, I am very concerned with the proposed rulemaking announced in Federal Register Document Number 2019-0023. I am writing these comments to strongly encourage you to maintain roadless area protections for the Tongass National Forest, including the wild fisheries habitat in the Tongass 77 and adopt the no action Alternative 1. These public lands and waters are prized by sportsmen and women and are a mainstay of Alaska's economy, helping drive an \$887 billion economic engine from outdoor recreation like hunting and fishing.

At nearly 17 million acres, the Tongass is the nation's largest national forest and the world's largest remaining intact coastal temperate rainforest; 9.3 million acres of that wild backcountry is inventoried roadless areas, providing high quality habitat for a unique diversity of sought-after game species, including mountain goats, black-tailed deer and both brown and black bears. The Tongass also encompasses thousands of miles of salmon-rich waterways, legendary among anglers and fundamental to the state's commercial salmon industry. The commercial fishing sector alone relies on the Tongass for more than 80 percent of its salmon and employs more than 4,300 people in the region, accounting for 9 percent of the area's entire employment. By contrast, timber production accounts for only 1 percent of the region's jobs.

Further, this proposal and the preferred alternative set a slippery precedent that threatens to unravel roadless rule protections for fish and wildlife across all of our nation's wild roadless forest lands. None of the identified alternatives take into consideration BHA's scoping comments to include balanced management policies for the Tongass, utilizing the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule as a foundational benchmark for improvements so that any roadless policies only enhance the most important fish and wildlife habitats. Logging and timber harvest already co-exist with roadless areas in the Tongass after years of prior compromise and consensus-building.

I implore you to maintain the integrity of Alaska's roadless areas and the Tongass 77, critical watersheds for trout and salmon. The Roadless Area Conservation Rule is a collaborative management approach adopted following one of the most extensive public engagement campaigns in the history of federal rulemaking. It may be America's best and most popular land management rule ever. The costs to American taxpayers for road building and unconscionably subsidized resource extraction are too high - not to mention the irreparable impact to wildlife, water, subsistence practices and traditions like hunting and fishing.

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: M.

Last name: Frost

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, M. Frost

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

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Organization:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Meghan Frost

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/14/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Thomas

Last name: Frost

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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First name: Dianne

Last name: Frothingham

Organization:

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Regards, Dianne Frothingham

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/18/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Earl

Last name: Frounfelter

Organization: Earl Frounfelter

Title:

Comments:

Because the federal government is currently in the hands of a criminal cabal calling itself the Republican Party, I assume any change in federal designation to any lands controlled by the government will be in order to direct profit to the rich corporations and individuals that own and operate said criminal cabal. As such these changes will, of course, be destructive to the lands in question and harmful to any living creatures that live on or enjoy the beauty of such lands.

Therefore I am writing to oppose any changes to any public lands as long as such changes are backed by the greedy and conscienceless crooks now running the federal government.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Helene

Last name: Frucci

Organization:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/19/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Marianne

Last name: Frusteri

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Marianne Frusteri

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Roman

Last name: Fruth

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Roman Fruth

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Bonnye

Last name: Fry

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Bonnye Fry and I live in Alamogordo, New Mexico.

Don't erase the progress we have made against pollutants with the Clear and And Water Standards!

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Regards, Randall Fry

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: jeremy

Last name: fryberger

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is jeremy fryberger and I live in Ketchum, Idaho.

Closely related to fear of the unfamiliar, scarcity (i.e. not having enough (enough food, land, protection, jobs, status, or whatever) has always been humankind's greatest concern. Such deeply instinctive, constant, and at least partly (often entirely) subconscious fear, meanwhile, exists within all of us, independent of nationality, race, gender, wealth, politics, religion, etc.

Humanity's two main responses to the threat of not enough, however, couldn't be more distinct. On one hand, scarcity has always been the basis of conflict: others compete with/jeopardize me/my tribe. Others, then, are adversaries who must be weakened, repelled, even destroyed.

Which others? Per evolution, different others, of course, who, by whatever their differences, are seen as less worthy, less valuable, less human than we are; the greater the perceived unlikeness, the greater this tribal intolerance, injustice, and aggression.

Sadly, such obsolete (yet extremely persistent) tribal instincts have also always been the basis of conservatism. (Note that in less developed nations, it often holds true for all political factions (i.e. Left, Center, and Right). Whether about economics, health care, immigration, guns, foreign policy, religious issues, size/purpose of government, or any other topic of debate, the American Right's position is ultimately: I/we matter more than you. Stemming from our ancient fear of not enough, conservatism is merely self-interest via contempt, repression, and theft.

Worse, countless immoral, well-connected, often malevolent entities (chasing profit and power) work unceasingly to manipulate the unaware. In fact, stoking tribalism to better control/control a target group is likely as old as humanity itself. Yet, regardless of where on the planet one lives, and no matter how rich or poor a person/place may be, the effect of tribalism is simply division, hostility, and decline, during which power, money, and privilege drain ever more skyward.

Collaboration, humankind's other typical response to scarcity, has (ironically) always been the catalyst for peace, and for our universal advancement. Based on Christ-like compassion and empathy, plus the God-given, unalienable, equal humanity of all, mutually beneficial cooperation continues to be the cornerstone of our species' triumphs and progress.

Correspondingly, it is crucial for all of us to recognize that intolerance of innate differences, particularly when combined with entitlement and repression, is not just the source of the world's constant strife and suffering, but also the ultimate enemy of solutions. In fact, the only distinction that matters is the one which recognizes the interwoven, inseparable nature of all living things.

To truly unleash humankind's enormous problem-solving capacity (i.e. its potential for massive, ever-increasing benefit to all) we must therefore let go of our self-destructive tribal tendencies. Instead of endless us/them prejudice and disintegration, see your role in the evolution of humanity as part of a forever expanding bucket brigade, conveying gradual, continuous, enduring gains for everyone.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, jeremy fryberger

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/7/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Jessica

Last name: Frye

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Forest

I would like more information on this bill!

However, the information I do have states that trump and his administration are planning to open a road by cutting down a forest because they somehow believe it will provide economic growth. This isn't true. What this will do is create a huge problem for the people living around that area and in this world has tree help bring us oxygen and control or offset carbon emissions created by business and humans. We need to stop taking away habitats for economic growth and figure out how to use current infrastructures and make budgets for refurbishing building and lands we are have unoccupied. Making unused factories usable again and putting money into educating people to do jobs with these machines.

Taking habitats and cutting tree is NOT the answer. I am not for destroying this forest.

Jessica Frye

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Linda

Last name: Frye

Organization:

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Regards, Linda Frye

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Ryan

Last name: Frye

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

As a supporter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers and our wild public lands, waters and wildlife, I am very concerned with the proposed rulemaking announced in Federal Register Document Number 2019-0023. I am writing these comments to strongly encourage you to maintain roadless area protections for the Tongass National Forest, including the wild fisheries habitat in the Tongass 77 and adopt the no action Alternative 1. These public lands and waters are prized by sportsmen and women and are a mainstay of Alaska's economy, helping drive an \$887 billion economic engine from outdoor recreation like hunting and fishing.

At nearly 17 million acres, the Tongass is the nation's largest national forest and the world's largest remaining intact coastal temperate rainforest; 9.3 million acres of that wild backcountry is inventoried roadless areas, providing high quality habitat for a unique diversity of sought-after game species, including mountain goats, black-tailed deer and both brown and black bears. The Tongass also encompasses thousands of miles of salmon-rich waterways, legendary among anglers and fundamental to the state's commercial salmon industry. The commercial fishing sector alone relies on the Tongass for more than 80 percent of its salmon and employs more than 4,300 people in the region, accounting for 9 percent of the area's entire employment. By contrast, timber production accounts for only 1 percent of the region's jobs.

Further, this proposal and the preferred alternative set a slippery precedent that threatens to unravel roadless rule protections for fish and wildlife across all of our nation's wild roadless forest lands. None of the identified alternatives take into consideration BHA's scoping comments to include balanced management policies for the Tongass, utilizing the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule as a foundational benchmark for improvements so that any roadless policies only enhance the most important fish and wildlife habitats. Logging and timber harvest already co-exist with roadless areas in the Tongass after years of prior compromise and consensus-building.

I implore you to maintain the integrity of Alaska's roadless areas and the Tongass 77, critical watersheds for trout and salmon. The Roadless Area Conservation Rule is a collaborative management approach adopted following one of the most extensive public engagement campaigns in the history of federal rulemaking. It may be America's best and most popular land management rule ever. The costs to American taxpayers for road building and unconscionably subsidized resource extraction are too high - not to mention the irreparable impact to wildlife, water, subsistence practices and traditions like hunting and fishing.

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Regards, Sherri Fryer

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Sherri

Last name: Fryer

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Lana

Last name: Fryers

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Regards, Lana Fryers

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: james

Last name: fryett

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

It is my voice and desire that their be no exemption from the current Alaska Roadless Rulemaking #54511 granted that would allow the Tongas National Forest to be excluded from protection of any and all future road development.

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Nicole

Last name: Fryling

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Nicole Fryling and I live in Shelton, WA. I am writing a comment on the Alaska Roadless Rule DEIS because I am concerned with how the Rule and the proposed full exemption will affect the Tongass National Forest and the Chugach National Forest.

Please protect the roadless rule in the Tongass National Forest! This forest is of vital importance for wildlife and species diversity, carbon sequestration, wild spaces for future generations, and its pure and simple value as one of the last existing old growth forests of its kind. As public land, the people deserve its protection.

I urge the Forest Service to select Alternative 1, the no action alternative, for the final decision on the Alaska Roadless Rule. This alternative protects the inventoried roadless areas in Alaska that are full of pristine wilderness and provide important fish and wildlife habitat, and already allows for important community and economic development projects. As an American citizen, I value the Tongass National Forest and the Chugach National Forest for its status as America's best natural solution to climate change and its sequestering of millions of metric tons of carbon and mitigating climate change, its wild salmon populations and the world-class fishing opportunities, its huge swaths of intact ecosystems and all the biodiversity it contains, its status as the largest intact temperate rainforest in the world, the recreational opportunities it provides, the high density of incredible wildlife it contains, to keep public lands wild for future generations, its status as a national and global treasure, the lifestyles of the indigenous communities that the forest supports. A full exemption does not protect these priorities, nor does it effectively balance economic development with the countless other benefits provided by roadless areas. I would like the Forest Service to manage roadless areas for low-impact recreation (camping, hiking, hunting, foraging, etc), medium-impact recreation (FS cabins, trails, mooring buoys, 3-sided shelters), passive/active watershed restoration (stream and habitat) to improve/maintain roadless characteristics (culvert removal/replacement, improve fish passage, wildlife thinning, etc). It is important to me that high-value intact habitat including the T77 watersheds and the TNC conservation priority areas retain their roadless protections in any alternative selected.

The Forest Service is wasting taxpayers' valuable time and money by trying to prop up a failing timber industry in Southeast Alaska. The nonpartisan, independent taxpayer watchdog Taxpayers for Common Sense reported that the Tongass timber program has losses of over \$600 million of taxpayers money in the past 20 years. I would rather see my taxpayer dollars used to restore salmon habitat that was hurt by past logging practices, perform restorative actions that support wildlife populations on previously degraded landscapes that support wildlife populations, develop more recreational opportunities, like trails and cabins, support small-scale, sustainable logging, establish the economic value of the carbon stored in the Tongass. We need to stop subsidizing the clearcutting of old growth on the Tongass through taxpayer funded roadbuilding. If a full exemption were chosen, it would not create opportunities and would instead prioritize the special interests of one industry over the interests of the entire American public.

The Tongass is Americas homegrown natural solution to climate change. The forest sequesters 8% of the carbon stored in forests throughout the contiguous US states, some 3 billion metric tons of it. We must take action to mitigate and adapt to climate change, and maintaining the Tongass in a roadless state is critical for a sustainable future.

I urge the Forest Service to listen to the voices of the American people and prioritize them over corporate interests. The Forest Service should strengthen public involvement in developing land management policy and focus on broadly supported work rather than allowing special corporate interests to guide policy changes. Attempting to exempt inventoried roadless areas on the Chugach National Forest from the Alaska Roadless Rule adds further insult to injury, and this proposal has not received any sufficient environmental impact analysis or public input. Choosing a full exemption will not create a long lasting, durable solution for roadless areas in Alaska it will only increase the legal challenges, uncertainty for businesses, and conflict over these forests going forward.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM

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Last name: Fucchs

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Regards, Wendy Fucchs

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: bob

Last name: fucci

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is bob fucci and I live in Hollywood, Florida.

Protect or natural resources

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, bob fucci

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Ester

Last name: Fuchs

Organization:

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Comments:

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Regards, Ester Fuchs

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Robert

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: ronald

Last name: fuchs

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/11/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Stuart

Last name: Fuchs

Organization:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/18/2019 5:17:42 PM

First name: Laura

Last name: Fuderer

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Comments to oppose modification to the Roadless Rule

Dear U.S. Forest Service,

I write to you as Conservation Chair of the South Bend-Elkhart Audubon Society, an Audubon chapter of over 700 members. We have been protesting the expansion of roads in the Tongass for years.

The Roadless Rule helps protect old-growth habitat for birds like the Prince of Wales Spruce Grouse and Northern Goshawk, as well as for mammals like wolves and deer. Opening roadless areas to more logging and roads will fragment the forest and eliminate more of the big old trees that these animals rely on.

Yet, all of the action alternatives in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement allow more roadbuilding and logging across the Tongass National Forest. Logging roads and timber operations cost tens of millions of taxpayer dollars every year, with zero return on investment. Meanwhile, these destructive activities degrade the naturally sustainable wealth of salmon, wildlife watching, and tourism opportunities.

It is time to stop opening more and more acres to the timber industry and instead bolster protections to the old-growth forests and wild areas on the Tongass. I urge you to select the "No Action" Alternative (Alternative 1) and allow the Roadless Rule to remain intact on the Tongass National Forest.

Sincerely,
Laura Fuderer
South Bend, IN 46637

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Amy

Last name: Fuelleman

Organization:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: John

Last name: Fuerst

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/5/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Casey

Last name: Fugate

Organization:

Title:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

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Organization:

Title:

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First name: Jed

Last name: Fuhrman

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/18/2019 3:20:17 PM

First name: Isabel

Last name: Fuica

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Comments to oppose modification to the Roadless Rule

Dear U.S. Forest Service,

The Roadless Rule helps protect old-growth habitat for birds like the Prince of Wales Spruce Grouse and Northern Goshawk, as well as for mammals like wolves and deer. Opening roadless areas to more logging and roads will fragment the forest and eliminate more of the big old trees that these animals rely on.

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It is time to stop opening more and more acres to the timber industry and instead bolster protections to the old-growth forests and wild areas on the Tongass. I urge you to select the "No Action" Alternative (Alternative 1) and allow the Roadless Rule to remain intact on the Tongass National Forest.

Sincerely,

Isabel M Fuica

Port Chester, NY 10573

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Lisa

Last name: Fujihara

Organization:

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Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Kathy Fujimoto

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/23/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Julia

Last name: Fujioka

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Julia Fujioka and I live in Aiea, Hawaii.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Julia Fujioka

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/13/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Tad

Last name: Fujioka

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Maintain protections for Alaska Roadless Rule

Dear Secretary Secretary Perdue,

I live in Southeast Alaska where I operate a business commercially catching salmon on hook and line. My business and my family's income depends on the Tongass National Forest continuing to be a healthy environment for wild salmon to rear and to spawn. Hence I support Option 1- the continuation of the Roadless designation for the Tongass. In addition to my fish catching business, I am also a co-owner of a fish processing business- Seafood Producers Cooperative (SPC) and I serve on the Board of Directors of SPC. This \$40M business is one of the largest employers in Sitka. SPC depends heavily on Tongass fish and has filed written comments in support of Option 1 as well. If SPC were to be unable to purchase Tongass salmon over 100 employees would lose their jobs.

In addition to being a commercial fisherman, I am also a subsistence hunter. Tongass deer or Tongass salmon are on my family's table nearly every day. Thousands of residents of Southeast Alaska hunt and/or fish to feed their families. The fish and game resources of the region have sustained the local economy since pre-contact times and are more than adequate to do so sustainably for the foreseeable future.

The Alaska Sustainable Fisheries Trust' SeaBank program has calculated that the fishing industry alone provides a sustainable input of about a billion dollars per year to the local economy. This is far too much value to risk a change to the status quo. Option 6 represents the possibility of losing these fisheries that have sustained Southeast Alaska for thousands of years.

I ask that you refer to written comments submitted by the Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association (ALFA) for technical and legal reasons to maintain the Roadless Rule as provided by Option 1 if such arguments are necessary, but the simple reason for doing so is that the risks to doing otherwise far outweigh the potential benefits.

Exempting the Tongass from the Roadless Rule threatens traditional and customary ways of life, food security, hunting and fishing for future generations, some of the last healthy wild salmon populations in the country, the best brown bear habitat in the world, and thousands of tourism and fishery jobs. It also plunges the planet further into a climate crisis and throws away carbon storage opportunities. It makes no sense to trade the growing industry of tourism and the sustainable industry of one of the country's last healthy wild salmon fisheries for the taxpayer subsidized, money-losing destruction of one of our country's and our planet's greatest wild resources.

Thank you for your time. Please select Alternative 1, "No Action," for the Tongass National Forest.

Sincerely,

Sincerely,

Mr. Tad Fujioka

Sitka, AK 99835-9819

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/11/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Kristina

Last name: Fukuda

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Kristina Fukuda and I live in Los Angeles, 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, Kristina Fukuda

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Margaret

Last name: Fukuda

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Margaret Fukuda

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Margaret

Last name: Fularczyk

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Margaret Fularczyk and I live in Surprise, Arizona.

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First name: Margaret

Last name: Fularczyk

Organization:

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Regards, Margaret Fularczyk

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/7/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Eliana

Last name: Fulbright

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Make Alaska Wilderness Roadless

In response to the Roadless Rule in Alaska I support the efforts to make Alaskan wild lands roadless and not allow the use of motor vehicles and roadways within the parks.

Eliana Fulbright

Junior, Communication Studies

University of Montevallo

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Diane

Last name: Fulcher

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Diane Fulcher

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Jan

Last name: Fulcomer

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Jan Fulcomer and I live in San Diego, California.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Jan Fulcomer

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Amy

Last name: Fulford

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Amy Fulford and I live in Seattle, WA. I am writing a comment on the Alaska Roadless Rule DEIS because I am concerned with how the Rule and the proposed full exemption will affect the Tongass National Forest and the Chugach National Forest.

We must continue to protect the Tongass National Forest because of the ecological importance of the many plant and animal species that can be found there, many of which are endangered or rare. Its protection is also important because it is the largest carbon sink in the US and plays a critical role in fighting climate change.

I urge the Forest Service to select Alternative 1, the no action alternative, for the final decision on the Alaska Roadless Rule. This alternative protects the inventoried roadless areas in Alaska that are full of pristine wilderness and provide important fish and wildlife habitat, and already allows for important community and economic development projects. As an American citizen, I value the Tongass National Forest and the Chugach National Forest for its status as America's best natural solution to climate change and its sequestering of millions of metric tons of carbon and mitigating climate change, its wild salmon populations and the world-class fishing opportunities, its huge swaths of intact ecosystems and all the biodiversity it contains, its status as the largest intact temperate rainforest in the world, the recreational opportunities it provides, the high density of incredible wildlife it contains, to keep public lands wild for future generations, its status as a national and global treasure, the lifestyles of the indigenous communities that the forest supports. A full exemption does not protect these priorities, nor does it effectively balance economic development with the countless other benefits provided by roadless areas. I would like the Forest Service to manage roadless areas for low-impact recreation (camping, hiking, hunting, foraging, etc), passive/active watershed restoration (stream and habitat) to improve/maintain roadless characteristics (culvert removal/replacement, improve fish passage, wildlife thinning, etc). It is important to me that high-value intact habitat including the T77 watersheds and the TNC conservation priority areas retain their roadless protections in any alternative selected.

The Forest Service is wasting taxpayers' valuable time and money by trying to prop up a failing timber industry in Southeast Alaska. The nonpartisan, independent taxpayer watchdog Taxpayers for Common Sense reported that the Tongass timber program has losses of over \$600 million of taxpayers money in the past 20 years. I would rather see my taxpayer dollars used to restore salmon habitat that was hurt by past logging practices, perform restorative actions that support wildlife populations on previously degraded landscapes that support wildlife populations, establish the economic value of the carbon stored in the Tongass. We need to stop subsidizing the clearcutting of old growth on the Tongass through taxpayer funded roadbuilding. If a full exemption were chosen, it would not create opportunities and would instead prioritize the special interests of one industry over the interests of the entire American public.

The Tongass is Americas homegrown natural solution to climate change. The forest sequesters 8% of the carbon stored in forests throughout the contiguous US states, some 3 billion metric tons of it. We must take action to mitigate and adapt to climate change, and maintaining the Tongass in a roadless state is critical for a sustainable future.

I urge the Forest Service to listen to the voices of the American people and prioritize them over corporate interests. The Forest Service should strengthen public involvement in developing land management policy and focus on broadly supported work rather than allowing special corporate interests to guide policy changes.

Attempting to exempt inventoried roadless areas on the Chugach National Forest from the Alaska Roadless Rule adds further insult to injury, and this proposal has not received any sufficient environmental impact analysis or public input. Choosing a full exemption will not create a long lasting, durable solution for roadless areas in Alaska it will only increase the legal challenges, uncertainty for businesses, and conflict over these forests going forward.

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Brian

Last name: Fulkerson

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC6078

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: Mary

Last name: Fulkerson

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC6038

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Yes No

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Adrielle

Last name: Fuller

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Please do not turn change this area to have roads. Roads have significant impact on wildlife, water, climate, and ecosystem health. Please do not build any more roads in Alaska and consider the full effect of the land.

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Anne

Last name: Fuller

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

I oppose the proposal to change the Roadless Area Conservation Rule. I stand with the several tribes who endorse the No Action alternative.

The rule protects areas that Alaskans prize. The remaining old growth groves are important.

Roads interrupt ecosystems: When I hike I wear tall rubber waterproof boots, because the forest stays damp, there are puddles and pools. My experiences have taught me that the water moves through the area, moving nutrients. Running a bulldozer there to lay down a road is destructive. Thus we should be sure to limit roadbuilding. The Forest Service has approved some roads, even while following the Conservation Rule.

The analysis includes the statement that eliminating the Roadless Rule will not affect current logging and sawmill jobs. Preserving the forest without roads protects resources we use now and will want in the future, including stored carbon and clean water.

I support the no-action alternative. Maintaining the Roadless Rule on the Tongass NF is useful in keeping the old-growth temperate rainforest intact, protecting the sustainable and profitable salmon fisheries, and sustaining Alaska tourism.

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/14/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Charles

Last name: Fuller

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Charles Fuller and I live in Hurdle Mills, NC. I am writing a comment on the Alaska Roadless Rule DEIS because I am concerned with how the Rule and the proposed full exemption will affect the Tongass National Forest and the Chugach National Forest.

I am a 67 year old man and if this land is opened up it will be lost forever. once it done it cant be undone and this land belongs to everyone to enjoy and should be off limits to anyone seeking to destroy it

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[Position]

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/8/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Darryl

Last name: Fuller

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Darryl Fuller and I live in Marble, Colorado.

Please protect our forests. Having visited Alaska for recreational purposes several times the forest there is remarkable, and regions like the Tongass with old growth stands even more important!

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Darryl Fuller

[Position]

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/21/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Dennis

Last name: Fuller

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

I've read and understand the ramifications. I believe the logging idea needs to be stopped forever. We need to keep the old growth forest.

[Position]

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Gail

Last name: Fuller

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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First name: Gerald

Last name: Fuller

Organization:

Title:

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Regards, Gerald Fuller

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Harold

Last name: Fuller

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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First name: Julia

Last name: Fuller

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Julia Fuller and I live in Walnut Creek, California.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/27/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Scott

Last name: Fuller

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/18/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Trish

Last name: fuller

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

With so little wilderness remaining and so many species vanishing, isn't time to consider the needs of wildlife first and leave this ecosystem intact.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Victoria

Last name: Fuller

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Victoria Fuller and I live in Chicago, Illinois.

taking away environmental protections is not a way to help the economy. There is a win/win, a strong economy that keeps healthy air and water rules in place. Why would you want to hurt people and the planet, by rolling back important environmental protections? You will be known as the president who hurt the environment and people's health.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: molly

Last name: fullerton

Organization:

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Comments:

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/21/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Hannah

Last name: Fullmer

Organization:

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Comments:

Choose "No Action" Alternative for the Tongass National Forest

Dear U.S. Forest Service,

America's Tongass National Forest is unique and irreplaceable, as well as crucial for sequestering carbon on our planet.

Therefore, I strongly oppose the Forest Service's plan to eliminate "Roadless Rule" protections for the Tongass National Forest and urge you to select the "no action" alternative instead.

As you know the Tongass is America's wildest remaining national forest, with more than 9 million acres of roadless areas. And it's home to a wide range of wildlife, including Alexander Archipelago wolves, grizzly bears and salmon. It also stores a vast amount of carbon, with its centuries-old trees serving as a carbon-reserve life raft in this time of climate change. Logging releases most of that carbon into the atmosphere.

Your proposal to open the door to clearcutting and bulldozing is irresponsible and fundamentally threatens these values. The Tongass belongs to all Americans and shouldn't be sacrificed to the timber industry, which provides a small fraction of the jobs and income in Southeast Alaska compared to tourism and fishing - both of which rely on intact forests to thrive. It's even more important to save these last remaining roadless forests because your agency has fragmented and logged so much of our national forests, harming wildlife and waters along the way.

Further, I oppose your plan to allow the agency to open any of the 5 million acres of roadless areas on the Chugach National Forest to bulldozing and clearcutting for logging. This is simply a backdoor repeal of the 2001 Roadless Rule, which protects all roadless lands because of the critical role they play in protecting pure water, secure wildlife habitat and remote recreation.

Please - think of future generations by selecting the "no action" alternative to maintain "Roadless Rule" protections for the Tongass and Chugach.

Sincerely,

Hannah Fullmer

Fullerton, CA

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Hugh

Last name: Fullmer

Organization:

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Last name: Fulton

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Regards, Don Fulton

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/12/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Erin

Last name: Fulton

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Erin Fulton and I live in Sitka, Alaska. I have lived in Sitka for seven years. I work for a locally owned small cruise ship company, where I am an onboard naturalist and expedition leader. The most common reason people come to Alaska as a tourist is a chance to see and experience wild places because they are so rapidly disappearing around the globe. Tourism is a big part of our economy in Tongass communities, and keeping the Roadless Rule intact helps to ensure those wild places remain that way and will continue to attract tourists.

Beyond my day job dependence on an intact Roadless Rule, I also rely on healthy, intact ecosystems in order to get food and as a place to recreate and be a happy/healthy human being. I am writing a comment on the Alaska Roadless Rule DEIS because I am concerned with how the Rule and the proposed full exemption will impact my fishing, subsistence harvesting, foraging for wild foods, the peace and solitude I find in nature, recreating, the status of the Tongass as a national and global treasure, the forest's ability to sequester carbon and mitigate climate change impacts, the conservation of resources for future generations .

Out of the alternatives described in the AKRR DEIS I support alternative 1: no action. The rule is working fine as it is by balancing the conservation of our fish and wildlife habitat with important development projects.. I depend on roadless areas in the Tongass National Forest for economic livelihood, 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 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 vast majority of public comment from the people who live and work and depend on the Tongass are in favor of No Action. A Full Exemption would be a slap in the face of all of us who live here, effectively ignoring the overwhelming public opinion. As the Rule exists now, we can still work to explore new projects and business opportunities. There is no reason for the Rule to be removed. It helps a scant few people who live here, if it really helps any at all.. The State of Alaska says that a full exemption is needed for rural economic development opportunities. However, a full exemption would not help create more rural economic development opportunities, it would instead harm our existing rural economies that are based on the visitor industry and commercial fishing industry.

It would further harm rural economic opportunities because pursuing the same outdated economic model of old growth clearcut harvesting for export stifles innovation and possibility in other sectors, such as mariculture, sustainable young growth harvest, and rural agriculture. If the Forest Service wants to support rural economic development, they should improve and streamline existing permitting processes for important community

projects rather than rehashing old conflicts invest in creating and maintaining recreation infrastructure transition to second growth logging devote resources to support our fishing and visitor industries.

I urge the Forest Service to prioritize the voices of Southeast Alaskans over those of our political representation and corporate interests. Choosing a full exemption will not create a long lasting, durable solution for roadless areas on the Tongass. It will only increase the legal challenges, uncertainty for businesses, and conflict on the Tongass going forward.

[Position]

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Kimberly

Last name: Fulton

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

I am writing to support the No-Action Alternative for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the proposed Alaska Roadless Rule, Alternative #1. I support keeping the current Roadless Rule protections in place and intact for the Tongass National Forest. Trumps plan is yet another attack from the Trump administration on Indigenous rights. Alaskan Native communities -- including the Tlingit, Haida, and Tsimshian peoples -- have depended on the Tongass Rainforest for millennia. It is the backbone to their culture, traditions, and communities -- we simply cannot let it disappear.

The Tongass contains some of the largest intact old-growth temperate rainforest in the world, and its value in providing clean water for fish and wildlife habitat is essential to the economic and ecological health of Southeast Alaska. I urge you to keep the federal Roadless Rule intact and current protections in place for national forests in Alaska.

In addition, I strongly object to your plans to reduce and remove protections from our national forests roadless areas. The Roadless Rule is one of the smartest and most popular land management policies the Federal Government has ever adopted. Not only does it preserve some of Americas best fish and wildlife habitat, but it also saves untold millions of taxpayer dollars that might otherwise be spent to subsidize money-losing timber sales. The value of the Roadless Rule in preventing environmentally damaging and economically wasteful road-building and logging is particularly relevant in the Tongass, where logging costs vastly exceed timber revenues and require unconscionable taxpayer subsidies.

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Regards, Kimberly Fulton

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Kristine

Last name: Fulton

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Kristine Fulton and I live in Sitka, AK. Greetings, I have lived in the Tongass National Forrest for 39 years. The beauty and natural resources of this magnificent forest have provided my family with years of countless food resources as well as recreational opportunities. South east Alaska is a prime tourist destination because of these resources. Please keep the Roadless Rule and protect the forests, wildlife, and resources for all to enjoy. I am writing a comment on the Alaska Roadless Rule DEIS because I am concerned with how the Rule and the proposed full exemption will impact my fishing, hunting, subsistence harvesting, the peace and solitude I find in nature, recreating, practicing my culture, the status of the Tongass as a national and global treasure, the forest's ability to sequester carbon and mitigate climate change impacts, the conservation of resources for future generations .

Out of the alternatives described in the AKRR DEIS I support alternative 1: no action. It protects important fish and wildlife habitat from clearcutting and roadbuilding. I depend on roadless areas in the Tongass National Forest for healthy fish habitat, deer habitat and subsistence hunting, foraging and gathering wild foods, recreating and enjoying nature, carbon sequestration and local climate change mitigation, viewing wildlife, keeping public lands wild for future generations, fiscal responsibility and saving taxpayer dollars . A full exemption does not protect these values, nor does it effectively balance economic development and conservation of roadless area characteristics. A full exemption from the Roadless Rule and increased logging and roadbuilding will negatively impact the Tongass and what I and many others use and depend on the forest to provide for us.

The Roadless areas on the Tongass that are especially important to me are those on or around Baranof Island, Chichagof Island, Admiralty Island, the northern mainland above Port Snettisham (around Juneau), the central mainland from Hobart Bay to Stikine River, the southern mainland from Bradfield Canal to Dixon Entrance Kupreanof Island, Kuiu Island, Wrangell and Etoilin Islands, Prince of Wales Island, Revillagigedo Island (near Ketchikan), Yakutat forelands, all of the inventoried roadless areas on the Tongass. I want the roadless areas in these locations to stay in roadless status in any alternative selected by the Forest Service, and be managed to provide for the uses and activities I listed above. It is important to me that the T77 and the TNC conservation priority areas retain their roadless protections.

I do not support the Forest Services preferred alternative of a full exemption. A full exemption is not in the interests of Southeast Alaskans who live in and use the Tongass National Forest, because It discounts the voices of many Southeast Alaskans

It will harm our existing economic drivers: tourism. The State of Alaska says that a full exemption is needed for rural economic development opportunities. However, a full exemption would not help create more rural economic development opportunities, it would instead harm our existing rural economies that are based on the visitor industry and commercial fishing industry.

It would further harm rural economic opportunities because pursuing the same outdated economic model of old growth clearcut harvesting for export stifles innovation and possibility in other sectors, such as mariculture, sustainable young growth harvest, and rural agriculture. If the Forest Service wants to support rural economic development, they should devote resources to support our fishing and visitor industries transition to second growth logging invest in creating and maintaining recreation infrastructure improve and streamline existing permitting processes for important community projects rather than rehashing old conflicts.

This is a large forest, one of the largest remaining forests in the United States. Please leave it alone.

I urge the Forest Service to prioritize the voices of Southeast Alaskans over those of our political representation and corporate interests. Choosing a full exemption will not create a long lasting, durable solution for roadless areas on the Tongass. It will only increase the legal challenges, uncertainty for businesses, and conflict on the Tongass going forward.

[Position]

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/14/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Michael

Last name: Fulton

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

I would like to see the Alterate 6 to be applied to this ruling. The Tongass has been over protected and needs to be allowed to use this timber for jobs, and public revenue. Harvest makes for a healthy forest and wildlife. Harvest can also help make fire breaks in the event of a fire. Roads make access for all to enjoy the forest. No roads no can see the actual forest.

[Position]

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Terri

Last name: Fulton

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Terri Fulton

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/13/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Sandi

Last name: Fults

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Sandi Fults and I live in Cedar Park, Texas.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Sandi Fults

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Michael

Last name: Fulwiler

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Michael Fulwiler and I live in Bronxville, New York.

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Regards, Michael Fulwiler

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/1/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Aaron

Last name: Fumarola

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Re: Automatic reply: The Tongass is priceless, keep it roadless for wildlife

Please don't fuck this up and more than your agency already has.

On Fri, Nov 1, 2019, 7:27 PM FS-AK Roadless Rule <akroadlessrule@usda.gov> wrote:

We have received your message. Thank you for your interest in your National Forest Lands.

This electronic message contains information generated by the USDA solely for the intended recipients. Any unauthorized interception of this message or the use or disclosure of the information it contains may violate the law and subject the violator to civil or criminal penalties. If you believe you have received this message in error, please notify the sender and delete the email immediately.

[Position]

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Betty

Last name: Fundakowski

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

I want the Tongass reserve preserved, not logged and mined. Such a unique ecosystem must be preserved -
Betty Fundakowski

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Bertha

Last name: Funk

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Bertha Funk

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Bob

Last name: Funk

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC4977

Dear U.S. Forest Service,

CC: Alaska Congressional Delegation and Federal Administration

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Sincerely,

Comments: *(Eg: list locations you recreate, or why you value Tongass fish & wildlife)* [Text italicized for emphasis]

[Box unchecked] I would like to get more involved in the campaign!

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/13/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Jade

Last name: Funk

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Jade Funk

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/10/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Kathryn

Last name: Funk

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Kathryn Funk and I live in San Jose, California.

It is imperative that we protect the old growth forests of our world. They play a critical role in our own future survival.

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Regards, Kathryn Funk

[Position]

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Sandy

Last name: Funk

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Regards, Sandy Funk

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Stephen

Last name: Funk

Organization:

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Regards, Stephen Funk

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Marilue

Last name: Funkhouser

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Marilue Funkhouser and I live in Aliquippa, Pa.i

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Marilue Funkhouser

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/14/2019 4:41:14 AM
First name: Donald
Last name: Fuorry
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
Keep 'Roadless Rule' Protections for the Tongass National Forest

Dear U.S. Forest Service,

I strongly oppose the Forest Service's plan to eliminate "Roadless Rule" protections for the Tongass National Forest and urge you to select the "no action" alternative instead.

As a soon to be geologist, I understand both sides of the story - the need for resources and the need for wilderness protection. Nationally preserved lands were set in place to protect our Nation's wilderness and resources, and opening up these lands to irresponsible practices, private business, and construction does not do so. National lands are not to be opened to private business for profit. They are set in place to preserve wilderness habitat, wildlife, fresh water, and most importantly the lungs of our planet. If we allow this to proceed one of the largest carbon stores and oxygen producers on the planet will be decimated and accelerate the environmental and climate crisis that our planet faces. This also sets the stage for other protected lands around our country to be opened up to private business and construction.

Please - think of future generations by selecting the "no action" alternative to maintain "Roadless Rule" protections for the Tongass and Chugach.

Sincerely,
Donald Fuorry
Howell, NJ 07731
fuorryd27@gmail.com

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/14/2019 12:00:00 AM

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Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Sincerely,

Donald Fuorry

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Chad

Last name: Fuqua

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Chad Fuqua and I live in Houston, Texas.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Chad Fuqua

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/15/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Joel Scott

Last name: Fuqua

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Please do not allow logging in the Tongas National Forrest. It is far too important to lose for a few dollars.

[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM
First name: Suzanne
Last name: Fuqua
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
HC5474

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,

Suzanne Fuqua

Petersburg, AK 99833

Comments: *(Eg: list locations you recreate, or why you value Tongass fish & wildlife)* [Text italicized for emphasis]

We must protect our salmon fisheries, we must look to the future of our forests and work to sustain the old growth left. As a 40 year resident, home owner, and commercial fisher the future of salmon, the forest, and local economies are important to me.

I would like to get more involved in the campaign!

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[Position]

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/5/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Zack

Last name: Furer

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Zack Furer and I live in Basalt, Colorado.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Zack Furer

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 10/21/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Ben

Last name: Furimsky

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

The proposed repeal of the Roadless Rule on the Tongass is a direct result of political and special interest decision-making against the wishes of the public, and threatens the fish and wildlife habitat which makes the Tongass a world-class destination for outdoor recreation.

The Roadless areas of the Tongass, as well as the Tongass 77 salmon priority watersheds, contain highly productive fish habitat and unspoiled wildlands that are critical to the vibrant and ever-growing fishing, guide/outfitter, and tourism industries of southeast, which combine to contribute more than \$2 billion in economic activity and roughly 26% of jobs in the region annually. The proposed repeal of the conservation measures inherent in the Roadless rule is a direct threat to the success and continued contributions of these industries.

The current backlog of road maintenance in the Tongass is \$68 million, and the current backlog of stream restoration for salmon habitat impaired by prior roadbuilding and development is close to \$100 million. Given the inability to address these much-needed repairs, it makes no economic sense to green-light new roadbuilding on the Tongass for non-critical functions.

Many of my clients rely on the roadless areas for their livelihood. Any repeal of the roadless rules will take away from work they have done to protect this and their businesses. Affecting them, affects me. What is not even accounted for in the value of this roadless area are the trickle down affects that can reach businesses like mine that have clients that rely on this being protected. We need no more roads in this area.

Thanks,

Ben Furimsky

President/CEO

The Fly Fishing Show

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Valorie

Last name: Furlano

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Comments:

My name is Valorie Furlano and I live in Las Vegas, New Mexico.

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First name: john

Last name: furlong

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Regards, john furlong

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/14/2019 4:24:01 PM

First name: Norma

Last name: Furlong

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My name is Norma Furlong and I live in Goldendale, WA. nearly 3 years. I previously in the Matanuska Valley in the 1970s for 7 years. In the interim I have lived in the Pacific NW. I am writing a comment on the Alaska Roadless Rule DEIS because I am concerned with how the Rule and the proposed full exemption will impact my fishing, subsistence harvesting, foraging for wild foods, the peace and solitude I find in nature, recreating, the status of the Tongass as a national and global treasure, the forest's ability to sequester carbon and mitigate climate change impacts, the conservation of resources for future generations .

Out of the alternatives described in the AKRR DEIS I support alternative 1: no action. It protects important fish and wildlife habitat from clearcutting and roadbuilding. I depend on roadless areas in the Tongass National Forest for healthy fish habitat, deer habitat and subsistence hunting, foraging and gathering wild foods, recreating and enjoying nature, carbon sequestration and local climate change mitigation, viewing wildlife, keeping public lands wild for future generations. A full exemption does not protect these values, nor does it effectively balance economic development and conservation of roadless area characteristics. A full exemption from the Roadless Rule and increased logging and roadbuilding will negatively impact the Tongass and what I and many others use and depend on the forest to provide for us.

The Roadless areas on the Tongass that are especially important to me are those on or around all of the inventoried roadless areas on the Tongass. I want the roadless areas in these locations to stay in roadless status in any alternative selected by the Forest Service, and be managed to provide for the uses and activities I listed above. It is important to me that the T77 and the TNC conservation priority areas retain their roadless protections.

I do not support the Forest Services preferred alternative of a full exemption. A full exemption is not in the interests of Southeast Alaskans who live in and use the Tongass National Forest, because I have seen the impact in other states of allowing extensive logging of old growth and hope that Alaska will not follow this example. Any ensuing economic gains would be short lived. The impact on climate change and carbon emissions would be terrible. The State of Alaska says that a full exemption is needed for rural economic development opportunities. However, a full exemption would not help create more rural economic development opportunities, it would instead harm our existing rural economies that are based on the visitor industry and commercial fishing industry.

It would further harm rural economic opportunities because pursuing the same outdated economic model of old growth clearcut harvesting for export stifles innovation and possibility in other sectors, such as mariculture, sustainable young growth harvest, and rural agriculture. If the Forest Service wants to support rural economic development, they should devote resources to support our fishing and visitor industries.

We have a magical resource and environment that will be gone forever if the Tongass is opened up as proposed. There will be no going back on this action once it is approved

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): 12/12/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Roger

Last name: Furlong

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Comments:

As a supporter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers and our wild public lands, waters and wildlife, I am very concerned with the proposed rulemaking announced in Federal Register Document Number 2019-0023. I am writing these comments to strongly encourage you to maintain roadless area protections for the Tongass National Forest, including the wild fisheries habitat in the Tongass 77 and adopt the no action Alternative 1. These public lands and waters are prized by sportsmen and women and are a mainstay of Alaska's economy, helping drive an \$887 billion economic engine from outdoor recreation like hunting and fishing.

At nearly 17 million acres, the Tongass is the nation's largest national forest and the world's largest remaining intact coastal temperate rainforest; 9.3 million acres of that wild backcountry is inventoried roadless areas, providing high quality habitat for a unique diversity of sought-after game species, including mountain goats, black-tailed deer and both brown and black bears. The Tongass also encompasses thousands of miles of salmon-rich waterways, legendary among anglers and fundamental to the state's commercial salmon industry. The commercial fishing sector alone relies on the Tongass for more than 80 percent of its salmon and employs more than 4,300 people in the region, accounting for 9 percent of the area's entire employment. By contrast, timber production accounts for only 1 percent of the region's jobs.

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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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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Arie

Last name: Furman

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Dear Chief Christiansen,

I am a visitor to the lands and waters of Southeast Alaska. The Tongass National Forest is a large part of why I am here. Visitors like me come to witness the vast, beautiful stands of old-growth trees that can't be found on such a scale anywhere else in the United States. We come to crew on commercial fishing boats. We come to hunt, fish and hike in America's largest National Forest. That is why it is important to me that the 2001 Roadless Rule remain in place on the Tongass National Forest. A no-action alternative is the best option for Alaskans and Americans.

I support the Tongass Transition and I would like the Forest Service to continue phasing out old growth clearcutting. This forest is a salmon forest, and the Forest Service should focus on restoring degraded watersheds and fish streams. Please prioritize conservation of the T77 and TNC conservation priority areas in any new Alaska Roadless Rule. Tourism and commercial fishing are at the heart of Southeast's economy, not the antiquated timber industry.

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Heidi

Last name: Furman

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First name: Shirley

Last name: Furnari

Organization:

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Comments:

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Juneau, Alaska, 99802

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Why is your proposal unnecessary? Briefly, your 2016 Tongass Land Management Plan (TLMP) and the March 2019 Prince of Wales Landscape Level Analysis (POWLLA) provide assurances of timber sale levels that far exceed industry needs for the foreseeable future. While the DEIS acknowledges the existence of POWLLA, it makes no mention of the plan to harvest 200 mmbf of old growth, plus 271 mmbf of young growth outside roadless areas in next decade. After more than two years of community partnership and local stakeholder input with the FS (all done while assuming the 2001 roadless rule remained in effect), the DEIS now states that the entire POWLLA would be scrapped with any changes to the Roadless Rule: [ldquo]The Prince of Wales

Landscape Level Assessment was conducted and remains in line with the 2001 Roadless Rule. Any changes to the Roadless Rule would necessitate a review of the POWLLA by the responsible official and a change analysis presented to the public. The 2016 TLMP provides 46 mmbf/yr of old growth and young growth volume, trending toward primarily young growth by about 2030. The POWLLA shows a completed transition to young growth harvesting at 50 mmbf/yr in seven years (starting 2027), and a diminishing old growth volume limit of 15 mmbf/yr starting 2027 dropping to a sustained long-term annual OG volume limit of 5 mmbf/yr starting 2032. Timber harvest has averaged about 36 mmbf/yr for the past 10 years (DEIS Table 3.2-3, p. 106), and recent unprocessed exports account for nearly half that total (DEIS Table 3.2-6, p. 109). Thus, if projected supply more than meets agreed to sale levels, why is it necessary to eliminate protections against commercial timber sales and new roads on all 9.2 million acres of roadless lands only to gain access to an additional 130,000 acres of old growth, when 260,000 acres of old growth are already available to satisfy industry demand (see DEIS Table 2-9, p.65)?

Your explanation strains credulity: Although no additional harvest would take place, the expansion of suitable areas means that greater area is available for the development of sales, allowing more choices for the development of economic ones (DEIS, p. 230). This logic is severely flawed. Current conditions offer a sober truth old growth harvest proposals encounter two major problems: 1) potential harvest acres decline dramatically (about 70 percent) when on-the-ground inventory is done, resulting in unplanned-for downfall; and 2) old growth defect averages 50-70 percent on the Tongass. You hope to add about 160,000 acres of old growth by eliminating roadless area protections, but the aforementioned downfall will likely yield less than 50,000 useful acres. Coupled with defect issues, we estimate the reduced yields per acre to net only 3.5 mmbf/yr; substantially less than what is currently achievable from roaded young growth stands at much less cost. In addition, the high risk of litigation losses over clearcutting old growth in former roadless lands is a major hurdle to contemplate. This lays bare your motivation for more flexibility.

It is astounding that an agency that aspires to conservation leadership would consider trading the crown jewels of the premiere temperate rainforest on Earth for 30 shekels of silver. The symbolism of the Forest Service giving away 9.2 million acres of hard fought protections for a few million board feet of environmentally and financially costly old growth forest defies reason.

As we two authors have repeatedly sought to explain to the Forest Service, there is a better way forward. Your own intensive young growth inventory conducted between 2016-2018 shows 50-70 year old stands outperforming mbf/ac volumes listed for prior and planned for old growth timber sales. Further, your inventory results even show stands aged 40-50 years in the Prince of Wales region (where the bulk of young growth is on the Tongass) are already achieving mbf/ac volumes equal to old growth, indicating that a sustainable supply of young growth is already available for harvest, and this will increase in future decades. Specifically, based on GIS analysis work conducted by GEOS/NRDC in 2015 on the Tongass (using Forest Service data), over 130,000 young growth acres of suitable (after eliminating all environmentally sensitive acres), roaded (within 800' of a currently open Forest Service road) forests are available. You have had this information since 2016 but do not include this analysis in the DEIS.

Even more troubling is the appearance that you have eliminated information from the record that negates your argument. Concurrent with the development of POWLLA, the Research Station in Juneau and Portland, Oregon received \$600,000 to engage in a peer-reviewed and approved young growth wood quality study design. Research statisticians selected 9 study sites that would statistically reflect the larger young growth landscape on POW (called scope of inference sites): 2 at Maybeso, 2 at Naukiti, 1 at Heceta, 2 at Twelve Mile, 1 at Coffman Cove, and 1 at Winter Harbor. Region 10 and Tongass staff were apprised of these site selections in early 2017. By mid-2018, the Research Station concluded their intensive in-field inventory work on the selected scope of inference POW sites, resulting in the following -- both Maybeso sites (55-59 yrs old) were inventoried at 40 mbf/ac; both Naukiti sites (60-64 yrs) were inventoried at 44-49 mbf/ac; Heceta (45-49 yrs) was inventoried at 30 mbf/ac; and Winter Harbor at 37 mbf/ac (60-64 yrs). Merchantable volumes for these selected sites all surpassed past and future old growth sale volumes. In contrast, both Twelve Mile sites (50-54 yrs) inventoried at 11-18 mbf/ac, and Coffman Cove (45-49 years) at 14 mbf/ac. These inventory results were made available to both the Region and Tongass NF. The 2016-2018 young growth inventory work completed by the Forest Service included only Twelve Mile and Coffman Cove sites but notably (and inexplicably) excluded the known high-production scope of inference young growth acres. Yet, even with this rather obvious omission, the 2016-2018 inventory results prove favorable for young growth acres.

We exported and analyzed the FS 2016-2018 young growth inventory data originally downloaded into its public Tongass Portal:

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You have chosen a terribly difficult way forward. Based on past adjudicated cases, Alternative 6 virtually guarantees litigation that the agency will likely lose -- at great cost, no less [ndash] furthering the folly of sunk costs. The devotion to clearcutting old growth in dedicated roadless areas doubles down on a risky, uncertain 10-year bridge to your avowed transition to primarily young growth timber supply. Forest Service timber supply is but one of many headwinds faced by Alaska[rsquo]s troubled timber industry. Even though ample young growth is accessible right now to meet demand, you have chosen to delay the transition for several more years. And now you are proposing to eliminate protections on 9.2 million acres of Earth[rsquo]s premiere temperate rainforest to manufacture [ldquo]flexibility[rdquo] in finding a few million board feet of old growth to clearcut to supply a highly subsidized timber industry.

We support No Action. Don[rsquo]t give the State of Alaska what they want. Rather, give them what they need: 1) a sound, sensible, and sustainable environment; 2) a more resilient and efficient economy; and 3) enduring social stability.

We might suggest that this highly improbable course of action is actually one you hoped to avoid, until President Trump intervened. Is it conceivable that you would publish this DEIS with the premise that the outcome is still unknown, relying on good faith evaluation of public comment such as ours, and due process, while President Trump has already dictated the outcome? If true, I urge you to do as former Forest Service Chief Jack Ward Thomas implored: TELL THE TRUTH! Forsake the charade and tell it like it is. Even though Trump knows little and cares less of the decades-long struggle to create the [ldquo]long-term, durable approach to roadless area management . . . that accommodates the unique biological, social, and economic situation found in and around the Tongass,[rdquo] it would at least be honest to let all concerned citizens know how and why he, and he alone, has dictated the outcome. No matter how distasteful, such documentation would obey the letter and spirit of NEPA.

/s/ Catherine Mater

/s/ Jim Furnish

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We are writing to express our view that Alternative 6 is not the best approach to “meaningfully address local economic and development concerns and roadless area conservation needs” (DEIS, p. 38). We have been directly involved for several years in efforts aimed at resolving the very issues raised by the State of Alaska in their petition. The mutual goal of a long-term, durable approach is laudable. Your current proposal is not. In fact, Alternative 1 (No Action) best meets this goal. The Roadless Conservation Rule has been adjudicated often, and specifically for Tongass National Forest, to finally represent a fundamentally fair and *legally valid long-term, durable solution*. Further, your agency has exercised the discretion granted in the Rule to accommodate more than 50 requests for exemption, each granted within a month from original request submittal date.

A fundamental goal is to manage Tongass timber resources so as to conserve its prodigious, world-class temperate rainforest and all the values that flow therefrom, while providing meaningful certainty and stability for local timber industry. Addressing this goal is our primary concern. Our premise is that this is easily achieved under Alternative 1, and requires no change to the status of the Tongass 9.2 million acre roadless area landscape.

While you must consider the State’s petition, you are not required to agree with their request. We suggest that you respond by choosing Alternative 1.

At the heart of the concern for the future of Alaska’s timber industry is the current state of the industry and the forest landscape itself. Much has been written of the long-term decline of the industry, the reasons for the decline, and the prognosis. We acknowledge this history and the role the Forest Service has played in creating the current reality, but will not add anything new here. Distance from markets, legal liabilities associated with clearcutting old-growth forests, negative effects on other important Alaska assets (such as fisheries), below-cost timber sale and export restrictions, high defect rates in old growth timber, long-term subsidies, lack of value-added manufacturing and archaic industry milling facilities are among the factors that affect the issue. A transition to reliance on young growth supply, increasing value-added product manufacturing, and adroit management can deal with such factors to improve future industry prospects while conserving roadless values. Your proposed Alternative 6 is unnecessary and, far from meaningfully addressing the current situation, will make matters worse by increasing risk and uncertainty.

Why is your proposal unnecessary? Briefly, your 2016 Tongass Land Management Plan (TLMP) and the March 2019 Prince of Wales Landscape Level Analysis (POWLLA) provide assurances of timber sale levels that far exceed industry needs for the foreseeable future. While the DEIS acknowledges the existence of POWLLA, it makes *no mention* of the plan to harvest 200 mmbf of old growth, plus 271 mmbf of young growth outside roadless areas in next decade. After more than two years of community partnership and local stakeholder input with the FS (all done while assuming the 2001 roadless rule remained in effect), the DEIS now states that the entire POWLLA would be scrapped with any changes to the Roadless Rule: “The Prince of Wales Landscape Level Assessment was conducted and remains in line with the 2001 Roadless Rule. Any changes to the Roadless Rule would necessitate a review of the POWLLA by the responsible official and a change analysis presented to the public”. The 2016 TLMP provides 46 mmbf/yr of old growth and young growth volume, trending toward primarily young growth by about 2030. The POWLLA shows a completed transition to young growth harvesting at 50 mmbf/yr in seven years

(starting 2027), and a diminishing old growth volume limit of 15 mmbf/yr starting 2027 dropping to a sustained long-term annual OG volume limit of 5 mmbf/yr starting 2032. Timber harvest has averaged about 36 mmbf/yr for the past 10 years (DEIS Table 3.2-3, p. 106), and recent unprocessed exports account for nearly half that total (DEIS Table 3.2-6, p. 109). Thus, if projected supply more than meets agreed to sale levels, *why* is it necessary to eliminate protections against commercial timber sales and new roads on all 9.2 million acres of roadless lands only to gain access to an additional 130,000 acres of old growth, when 260,000 acres of old growth are already available to satisfy industry demand (see DEIS Table 2-9, p.65)?

Your explanation strains credulity: “Although no additional harvest would take place, the expansion of suitable areas means that greater area is available for the development of sales, allowing more choices for the development of economic ones “ (DEIS, p. 230). This logic is severely flawed. Current conditions offer a sober truth – old growth harvest proposals encounter two major problems: 1) potential harvest acres decline dramatically (about 70 percent) when on-the-ground inventory is done, resulting in unplanned-for “downfall”; and 2) old growth defect averages 50-70 percent on the Tongass. You hope to add about 160,000 acres of old growth by eliminating roadless area protections, but the aforementioned downfall will likely yield less than 50,000 useful acres. Coupled with defect issues, we estimate the reduced yields per acre to net only 3.5 mmbf/yr; substantially less than what is currently achievable from roaded young growth stands at much less cost. In addition, the high risk of litigation losses over clearcutting old growth in former roadless lands is a major hurdle to contemplate. This lays bare your motivation for “more flexibility”.

It is astounding that an agency that aspires to conservation leadership would consider trading the crown jewels of the premiere temperate rainforest on Earth for “30 shekels of silver”. The symbolism of the Forest Service giving away *9.2 million acres* of hard fought protections for a few million board feet of environmentally and financially costly old growth forest defies reason.

As we two authors have repeatedly sought to explain to the Forest Service, there is a better way forward. Your own intensive young growth inventory conducted between 2016-2018 shows 50-70 year old stands outperforming mbf/ac volumes listed for prior and planned for old growth timber sales. Further, your inventory results even show stands aged 40-50 years in the Prince of Wales region (where the bulk of young growth is on the Tongass) are already achieving mbf/ac volumes equal to old growth, indicating that a sustainable supply of young growth is already available for harvest, and this will increase in future decades. Specifically, based on GIS analysis work conducted by GEOS/NRDC in 2015 on the Tongass (using Forest Service data), over 130,000 young growth acres of *suitable* (after eliminating all environmentally sensitive acres), roaded (within 800’ of a currently open Forest Service road) forests are available. You have had this information since 2016 but do not include this analysis in the DEIS.

Even more troubling is the appearance that you have eliminated information from the record that negates your argument. Concurrent with the development of POWLLA, the Research Station in Juneau and Portland, Oregon received \$600,000 to engage in a peer-reviewed and approved young growth wood quality study design. Research statisticians selected 9 study sites that would statistically reflect the larger young growth landscape on POW (called “scope of inference” sites): 2 at Maybeso, 2 at Naukiti, 1 at Heceta, 2 at Twelve Mile, 1 at Coffman Cove, and 1 at Winter Harbor. Region 10 and Tongass staff were apprised of these site selections in early 2017. By mid-2018, the Research Station concluded their intensive in-field inventory work on the selected scope of inference POW sites, resulting in the following -- both Maybeso sites (55-59 yrs old) were inventoried at **40 mbf/ac**; both Naukiti sites (60-64 yrs) were inventoried at **44-49 mbf/ac**; Heceta (45-49 yrs) was inventoried at **30 mbf/ac**; and Winter Harbor at **37 mbf/ac** (60-64 yrs). Merchantable volumes for these selected sites all surpassed past and future old growth sale volumes. In contrast, both Twelve Mile sites (50-54 yrs) inventoried at **11-18 mbf/ac**, and

Coffman Cove (45-49 years) at **14 mbf/ac**. These inventory results were made available to both the Region and Tongass NF. The 2016-2018 young growth inventory work completed by the Forest Service included only Twelve Mile and Coffman Cove sites but notably (and inexplicably) excluded the known high-production scope of inference young growth acres. Yet, even with this rather obvious omission, the 2016-2018 inventory results prove favorable for young growth acres.

We exported and analyzed the FS 2016-2018 young growth inventory data originally downloaded into its public Tongass Portal:

(<https://www.arcgis.com/apps/MapJournal/index.html?appid=e748ce92139c4100a65ad8b12510d620#>)

Results underscored high mbf/ac merchantable volume performance in young growth stands equivalent to or better than past and planned old growth timber sales, particularly in the Prince of Wales region – even without the scope of inference sites referenced above. This information was released to the Region and the public in August 2019. But prior to the October 2019 DEIS release, the FS deleted all young growth age-class data originally downloaded to their public portal, thus making it impossible for the public to correlate merchantable mbf/ac matched to young growth age class area. *Why was this done?*

You have chosen a terribly difficult way forward. Based on past adjudicated cases, Alternative 6 virtually guarantees litigation that the agency will likely lose -- at great cost, no less – furthering the folly of sunk costs. The devotion to clearcutting old growth in dedicated roadless areas doubles down on a risky, uncertain 10-year bridge to your avowed transition to primarily young growth timber supply. Forest Service timber supply is but one of many headwinds faced by Alaska’s troubled timber industry. Even though ample young growth is accessible right now to meet demand, you have chosen to delay the transition for several more years. And now you are proposing to eliminate protections on 9.2 million acres of Earth’s premiere temperate rainforest to manufacture “flexibility” in finding a few million board feet of old growth to clearcut to supply a highly subsidized timber industry.

We support No Action. Don’t give the State of Alaska what they want. Rather, give them what they *need*: 1) a sound, sensible, and sustainable environment; 2) a more resilient and efficient economy; and 3) enduring social stability.

We might suggest that this highly improbable course of action is actually one you hoped to avoid, *until* President Trump intervened. Is it conceivable that you would publish this DEIS with the premise that the outcome is still unknown, relying on good faith evaluation of public comment such as ours, and due process, while President Trump has already dictated the outcome? If true, I urge you to do as former Forest Service Chief Jack Ward Thomas implored: TELL THE TRUTH! Forsake the charade and tell it like it is. Even though Trump knows little and cares less of the decades-long struggle to create the “long-term, durable approach to roadless area management . . . that accommodates the unique biological, social, and economic situation found in and around the Tongass,” it would at least be honest to let all concerned citizens know how and why he, and he alone, has dictated the outcome. No matter how distasteful, such documentation would obey the letter and spirit of NEPA.

/s/ Catherine Mater

Catherine M Mater

President – Mater Engineering dba Mater Ltd.

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/s/ Jim Furnish

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Deputy Chief USDA Forest Service (Ret.)

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/14/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Miles

Last name: Furniture

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Dear Sir

I support opening up longing and building roads in the roadless areas.

Thank You

Scott Bradford

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

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Regards, Lawrence Furst

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Richard

Last name: Furst

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

My name is Richard Furst and I live in Honolulu, Hawaii.

This is completely senseless. The current White House administration is doing nothing but sacrificing the health, welfare, and national heritage of Americans for the sake of his corporate cronies profits. It must be stopped!

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Thank you for considering my comments.

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Mary

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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 support all of Sitka conservation societies work on the Tongass.

[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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Regards, Marlene Fusaris

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/9/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Gilda

Last name: Fusilier

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First name: Wendy

Last name: Futrick

Organization:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Sanja Futterman

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: James

Last name: Fatty

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Please keep Alaska Roadless!

You're children's children will thank you.

And so will !!!

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Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/8/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Elizabeth

Last name: Fye

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

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Last name: Fyfe

Organization:

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Regards, Eugenie Fyfe

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 11/21/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Croix

Last name: Fylpaa

Organization:

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Comments:

As a supporter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers and our wild public lands, waters and wildlife, I am very concerned with the proposed rulemaking announced in Federal Register Document Number 2019-0023. I am writing these comments to strongly encourage you to maintain roadless area protections for the Tongass National Forest, including the wild fisheries habitat in the Tongass 77 and adopt the no action Alternative 1. These public lands and waters are prized by sportsmen and women and are a mainstay of Alaska's economy, helping drive an \$887 billion economic engine from outdoor recreation like hunting and fishing.

At nearly 17 million acres, the Tongass is the nation's largest national forest and the world's largest remaining intact coastal temperate rainforest; 9.3 million acres of that wild backcountry is inventoried roadless areas, providing high quality habitat for a unique diversity of sought-after game species, including mountain goats, black-tailed deer and both brown and black bears. The Tongass also encompasses thousands of miles of salmon-rich waterways, legendary among anglers and fundamental to the state's commercial salmon industry. The commercial fishing sector alone relies on the Tongass for more than 80 percent of its salmon and employs more than 4,300 people in the region, accounting for 9 percent of the area's entire employment. By contrast, timber production accounts for only 1 percent of the region's jobs.

Further, this proposal and the preferred alternative set a slippery precedent that threatens to unravel roadless rule protections for fish and wildlife across all of our nation's wild roadless forest lands. None of the identified alternatives take into consideration BHA's scoping comments to include balanced management policies for the Tongass, utilizing the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule as a foundational benchmark for improvements so that any roadless policies only enhance the most important fish and wildlife habitats. Logging and timber harvest already co-exist with roadless areas in the Tongass after years of prior compromise and consensus-building.

I implore you to maintain the integrity of Alaska's roadless areas and the Tongass 77, critical watersheds for trout and salmon. The Roadless Area Conservation Rule is a collaborative management approach adopted following one of the most extensive public engagement campaigns in the history of federal rulemaking. It may be America's best and most popular land management rule ever. The costs to American taxpayers for road building and unconscionably subsidized resource extraction are too high - not to mention the irreparable impact to wildlife, water, subsistence practices and traditions like hunting and fishing.

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/16/2019 3:00:00 PM

First name: Emma

Last name: Fylstra

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, Emma Fylstra