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Comments:

The Tongass National Forest and Arctic National Wildlife Refuge must be preserved as roadless areas for future generations. I have been writing letters to this effect for decades, and the areas in question are still "up for grabs" so to speak. Why, I've asked myself, can people possibly want to despoil these areas? And the main answer I keep coming up with is "just because they think they should be able to." There is no good reason for not protecting these areas; natural resource extraction will be a thing of the past in a few decades, as even the most rabid climate change denier will no longer be able to argue against the fact of increasingly disastrous weather events made worse by climate change effects. Those events are happening now, far earlier than scientists predicted. It will be too late to look back and say "we should have protected those areas from being plundered for nothing." I vehemently oppose any proposal that does not fully protect these two pristine national treasures.