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Dear Sir, dear Madam,

I oppose opening up the Tongass National Forest roadless area for mining, logging and other purposes of resource extraction. The most valuable resource is the wildlife habitat it provides and also the recreational and touristic values. I have been visiting the area a few times and this place is really special.

Further, with respect to salmon spawning, the forest is irreplaceable. Thus, the forest indirectly provides an income for many fishermen and their communities. Also a whole foodweb depends on the forest. Killer whales and other mammals, which are being watched by thousands of tourists are a value in itself but also provide income for many people in Alaska. They are endangered and depend on healthy salmon runs. Also the bald eagle deserves the same.

Please do not be so shortsighted, opening up the forest to short term profit by mega companies (mining and forestry). These times every little bit of our natural heritage gets a price tag and once it is gone for profit its value cannot be replaced ever.

The generations to come deserve to experience truly roadless areas as we are lucky to do.

Kind regards,
Sven Koschinski