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Comments:

I support the no-action alternative, the continuation of current management of the Tongass National Forest in Alaska in accordance with the 2001 Roadless Rule. Neither Alaska nor the world need to revive the dead timber industry in the Tongass. Only nostalgia and the ability of a few corporations to benefit from public resources at the expense of the public (and their political lackeys) support ending the roadless rule in the Tongass. In its heyday, timber harvesting in the Tongass was profitable only because the government was willing to subsidize certain corporations at the expense of the general public. And high quality old growth forests were pulped for toilet paper.

We cannot let this happen again. More Southeast Alaskans rely on our fisheries and the tourism industry than will ever feed families by destroying our forests, the source of support for fisheries and tourism.

Further, all credible scientists agree that what the planet needs as it faces climate disruption are large ecosystems like the Tongass to sequester carbon and provide resiliency in the face of unprecedented change. Keep the roadless rule.