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Comments:

The Alaska-specific roadless rule makes sense and should be instituted immediately. There may be a marginally reasonable assertion to make denying roads in Lower 48 wilderness areas where resource extraction is permitted because there are already roads through many of these regions and the wilderness areas are the remains of vast areas that were once wilderness. The situation is very different in Alaska. There weren't many roads to begin with and in many cases, the wilderness areas were imposed over existing tribal villages that become cut off from road transportation. The one-size-fits-all Clinton-era rule meant that no alternatives could be considered and unreasonable bureaucrats could just ignore human need as well as deny legally permitted resource extraction by denying road access. That needs to change. I believe we can take a balanced approach between "zero development" and "rape the planet". We don't need to be extremist on this subject, especially not in Alaska where geography itself prevents many roads from being built. There should be a reasoned approach taken where roads are even possible and that has not been the case under the existing rules. So, please implement the Alaska-specific "roadless" rule and break the quagmire that has hindered economic development in my state.