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Comments:

I am writing in support of retaining the roadless rule for the Tongass National Forest. The rule offers needed protections for the forest ecosystem as well as protects the wilderness values of the Tongass for many user groups who value an uncut Tongass. These include tourism, fisheries, subsistence users, and outdoors adventurers, an important and growing industry.

I also oppose the use of federal money to subsidize the cutting of the Tongass. Forest products businesses should pay all the costs of harvest, including environmental impacts and assessment reports.

Last, the process for revisiting the roadless rule should remain fully open for public involvement.