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I would like to lend my voice and opinion to the road building moratorium and the Roadless Rule. It seems a wise decision was made when this rule was established. Protecting some of the wildest lands improved road, and therefore limiting alteration of those lands has a value to our great country that we have yet to be able to put a price on. Future generations are clearly going to find it harder and harder to find wild places in their backyards. On top of this, intact and unaltered ecosystems are becoming more and more rare. In fact, old-growth eco systems simply do not exist in many other areas of the world, and the time to protect them is now.

With outdoor industry consumers spending over 800 billion annually, one can start to see the importance of natural, undisturbed ecosystems in both the minds of Americans and the rest of the world. Here is a link to Outdoor Industry.com's economy report <https://outdoorindustry.org/resource/2017-outdoor-recreation-economy-report/>

I would only ask that we as a country consider the very large collective voice of those like me that want to protect and preserve, not just conserve, our natural resources. I feel that exempting Alaska from the roadless rule is the wrong move. We need to be stronger in our efforts to preserve the intact, unadulterated resources we have left.

Thanks so much for taking the time to read my comment,

Alex Docta