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Comments:

We have lived in Juneau Alaska since 1974. In traveling to Sitka and Ketchikan I recall the local concerns about hazardous waste flowing/dumping in local channel waters. I also recall outrage that most of the harvested (clearcut)timber was shipped to Asia for pulping or value added work. Even then, on the ferries in the summer, visitors commented negatively on the swaths of visible clearcut. We are a family that hunts and fishes for personal use. I also know that tourism on 'mass scale and independent travelers come to our part of the world because it still feels like wilderness. The Tongass has economic value not tied up in roads and clearcuts by large subsidized corporations. Keep timber harvest connected to value added small, local scale enterprise. Subsidies, if they are reinstated should go to these participants in the economy. As a grandma raising a 9 year old grandson, I also want to maintain the value of the Tongass as a buffer for carbon emissions for future generations. Employ people/companies to harvest the dead, diseased trees...As a retired volunteer firefighter, I understand the risks of wildfire-but clearcuts and the roads they bring are not the answer.Please do not opt out the Tongass from the roadless rule-the Alaskan decision was made by people from all segments of our community concerned with forest management practices. Thank you