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Comments:

Today I am writing to voice my support for the "Roadless Rule" which protects 9.3 million acres of incredible undeveloped roadless land in the Tongass National Forest, located in Southeast Alaska. And, I strongly oppose the USDA efforts to undermine the safeguards put in place to protect these centuries old trees. Dismantling this rule would endanger much of the old growth temperate rainforest on earth. It's also the ONLY habitat of the rare Alexander Archipelago wolves on Prince of Wales Island. These remarkable landscapes have been the ONLY home of these wolves and their prey. If the Tongass is destroyed, the wolves and their prey will also disappear as this is, and has been, their only viable habitat. This is frightening, for other species and ecosystems will surely become threatened and eventually perish as well. Given the ongoing mortal threats of climate change on our environment, I truly believe we must protect these trees, the wolves and other wildlife, and our National Forests for they are inherently good for our air, water, and landscapes. I stand with the Alaskan Wilderness League. Stop New Tongass Clearcuts: Preserve the Roadless Rule. Not doing so would put all forests at risk.