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Comments:

Please keep the 2001 Alaska Roadless rules/regulations in place. The new Alaska Roadless Rule should protect all inventoried roadless areas on the Tongass currently protected under the 2001 Roadless Rule, including roadless areas. These lands (especially the T77 watersheds) support healthy salmon populations and are essential for the fishing and tourism economies in Southeast Alaska. The new activities that should be conducted should be to restore and improve these areas, such as active stream and habitat restoration. Continued use of this land for hunting, hiking, camping, etc is of great benefit to all of us living in and with the Tongass. Instead of spending time and money on old growth timber harvest (which costs more money to do than is made by the timber cut), the USFS should put money towards restoring watersheds, streams and other habitats that have been degraded by previous logging activities. I depend on the Tongass as an intact and healthy ecosystem for hunting and fishing to feed myself and others, and for my job in tourism - people come to Southeast Alaska and the Tongass National Forest to experience wilderness that is so rapidly disappearing elsewhere. New roads, clear cuts, and other such activities are not conducive to the kind of experience the hundreds of thousands of tourists visiting SE Alaska are paying money to experience.