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Dear Secretary Perdue and Other Decision Makers,

Please maintain the roadless status of Tongass National Forest, and continue the management system without the exemptions currently requested. In light of recent alarming reports on the advanced state of climate degradation, and evidence of increased extreme weather across the planet, this is not an issue of Alaska-only interest. The Tongass stores more than 10% of the carbon stored by all national forests combined. We need to preserve this, in addition to the national treasure of centuries-old trees and the undisturbed ecosystems they support.

While I live far away and may never venture into those roadless areas, my life is better because they are there. There are some places that we humans should leave alone. These as-of-yet roadless places are among them. Thank you for listening and I urge you to deny the request for "the state-specific roadless rule [that] would establish a land classification system designed to [accommodate] timber harvesting and road construction/reconstruction activities," which seems short-sighted and destructive.

Thank you,
Sandra Kendall
citizen