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Comments:

Hi,

I'm a resident and small business owner in Petersburg, AK. I strongly support the Roadless Rule in Alaska. We are commercial fishermen who fish primarily coho - according to the Forest Service's own data 80% of the commercial coho caught in AK spawn on the Tongass National Forest. Southeast Alaska leads Alaska many years in fisheries production and revenue. It does not make sense financially to jeopardize our renewable fish resources for a few logging companies that have refused to modernize and adapt to changing times.

Exporting raw logs to Asia may be a good gig for exactly one business, but there are thousands of us whose livelihoods are dependent on the Tongass staying extremely productive for fish.

On top of this, tourism is a bigger industry for us every year and people don't come to see new roads and clearcuts, they come to see a place that hasn't yet been completely developed.

Roadbuilding is damaging for coho habitat in and of itself. Alaska and the Forest Service should use their budget to repair hydrological damage from all old logging roads before spending our tax dollars on new roads.

Thanks for taking comments.

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