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Comments:

Hello,

Thank you for taking my comments. My name is Mike Stainbrook and I live in Petersburg Alaska. The Tongass National Forest is the land scape that surrounds me. Daily I am awed by its power and beauty. We must move forward in time in ways that preserve what we cherish and preserve the planet upon which we dwell. I ask that you breath deep and allow the Planet to breathe deep.

-Maintain the status quo. Keep the 2001 Roadless Rule in effect on the Tongass National Forest.

-Any and all Roadless Rules need to protect all present inventoried Roadless Areas on the Tongass National Forest currently under the 2001 Roadless Rule. And this should include roaded roadless areas.

-I do support the addition of more Roadless Areas i.e.: The Tongass 77(TU identified) and THC/Audubon Ecological Priority Areas that are not currently in the inventoried roadless areas.

- And especially I support the inclusion of the estuary at the Mouth of Petersburg Creek it should also be given a Roadless designation.

The heath and sustainability of our Old Growth Forest, Salmon, Sitka Black Deer, Alexander Archipelago Wolves, Northern Goshawks, along with the health of the local economies and human residents are ALL dependent on an intact ecosystem.

Action Items for the USFS regarding proposed changes to the 2001 Roadless Rule:

1 Don't Do IT

2 Read the enclose letter sent to the US Congress (Dated January 26,2018) signed by 220 natural scientists urging Congress not to allow the exemption of the Tongass National Forest from the 2001 Roadless Rule. It states unequivocally: "Nowhere are the benefits of protecting roadless areas and similar ecologically important lands greater than on the Tongass."

3 Breathe Deep and listen the Joni Mitchell's song "You take Paradise and you put up a parking lot."

4 Think if this proposal is politically driven or science driven.

5 Breath Deep and listen one more time to Joni Mitchell singing "You take Paradise and you put up a parking lot."

6 Before considering any change to the 2001 Roadless Rule on the Tongass do a study on regional revenue and employment for commercial fishing and the visitor industries in SE Alaska compared to the timber industry. And publish the study.

7 Do a study on the cost of road building comparing it to the revenues generated by the timber revenues and publish this study.

8 Do a study on the importance of the Tongass National Forest as a carbon sink and its effect on climate change.

9 Maintain the 2001 roadless rule.

- Thank you for taking my comments--- Michael Stainbrook, PO 205, Petersburg Alaska 99833