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To whom it may concern:

I am writing to object to the proposed exemption of the Tongass National Forest from the Roadless Rule. I strongly urge the Alaska government and the U.S. Forest Service to take the "no-action alternative" - that is, I urge the continuation of current management of the Tongass National Forest in accordance with the 2001 Roadless Rule. The Tongass is an irreplaceable natural gem - one that stores 10% of all carbon sequestered by national forests and supports \$2 billion in fishing, tourism, and recreation, and attracts more than a million visitors each year. I grew up in Anchorage, Alaska, and was lucky enough to visit the Tongass in my youth. The natural riches of the Tongass make it far too valuable for development - now or in the future. I ask you to let it remain under its current roadless rule protections - a long-term investment in our natural future.

Respectfully yours,

Alice Norris