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Protect the Roadless Rule for backcountry recreation

Dear Alaska Forest Service,

I have spent a lot of time in the Tongass. It is wonderful and valuable as it is. Logging is not cost effective with the distances involved. Protect the Tongass National Forest and its backcountry and roadless areas from unnecessary logging and development. The Tongass has tremendous value for outdoor recreation in the region, and also provides clean water, clean air, and wildlife habitat, all of which are foundational to the economic and ecological health of Southeast Alaska. Road building, logging, and development should be prohibited in the Tongass's roadless areas to preserve valuable outdoor recreation resources.

The Roadless Rule was created after a lot of public outreach. It's a popular and sensible approach to land management.

The federal Roadless Rule should remain in place in Alaska, and all current roadless areas in the state should remain protected.

Sincerely,

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