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Comments:

I am strongly urging you to not make any changes to the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule as it applies to the Tongass and Chugach National Forests. This area comprises 1/3 of all the old growth temperate rainforest left in the world. It is a national treasure that is irreplaceable and should be protected at all costs. We have already destroyed so much of these forests to try to quench our insatiable appetite for more wood products. Enough is enough!! We have become a throw away nation and are destroying the very ecosystems upon which all of us depend upon for our very survival. We need these old growth forests to stay intact to help to capture the excess carbons and slow down global warming. And just as importantly we need to protect this irreplaceable forest from being cut to pieces by new roads which not only open it up to logging but destroy the critical habitat for so many species including the Alexander Archipelago Wolf, Sitka Black Tailed Deer, endemic Hawks and so many more. These lands represent the heart and soul of America. They command awe and love of our country. These trees are hundreds of years old and neither we, nor our children or grandchildren will ever live to see them replaced. How will we explain this to them. That we have stolen their inheritance due to our gluttony? For we all know that once cut down these forests are being replaced with dense thickets which are nothing like these grand beauties. Nor can these thickets provide the critical habitat that our beloved wildlife needs. SO PLEASE DO NOT MAKE ANY CHANGES TO THE 2001 ROADLESS REA RULE - DO NOT GUT THE FOREST PROTECTIONS - WE NEED TO PRESERVE THE ROADLESS WILD AREAS OT THE TONGASS AND CHUGACH NATIONAL FORESTS. THANK YOU.