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The Tongass National Forest stores more carbon than any other forest in the USFS system. In light of the latest IPCC report, we really ought to be making that an urgent priority. Especially in light of the fact that taxpayers are heavily subsidizing a logging industry which provides ever fewer jobs and exports round logs overseas rather than creating value-added products. We should be emphasizing the value of our salmon habitat. Salmon are not just the beating heart of our culture. Commercial fishing is one of our state's largest employers.

As a mother, and as an Alaskan who wants to see our state thrive long into the future, I am firmly in support of protecting the Tongass Nation Forest. The Tongass should not be exempt from the roadless rule.

Sincerely,

Danielle Redmond