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Comments:

I support a no action alternative; keep the 2001 Roadless Rule restrictions in place. The new Alaska Roadless Rule should apply to all of the inventoried roadless areas in the Tongass National Forest and include all T77 watersheds and TNC/Audubon ecological priority areas that are not currently in inventoried roadless areas. I have newly moved to Southeast, and I am excited about all of the opportunities to recreate and begin to harvest my own food. I am also worried about climate change, and I think the FS should study the carbon sequestration abilities of the Tongass old growth forests. I am concerned about the fiscal irresponsibility of building roads in the Tongass. There is a large backlog of road maintenance; the FS should maintain the roads that already exist before building new ones. Roadbuilding should not be allowed on roadless areas. Old growth timber harvest should not be allowed on roadless areas. Selective, young growth harvest should be allowed under careful environmental monitoring. Remote and semi-remote recreation should be allowed on roadless areas. The FS should invest more into maintenance of recreational facilities, like trails, cabins, and shelters. There should be strict environmental regulations on intertie/transmission line construction and hydroelectric dams, however small community projects should be encouraged to give energy independence. The Forest Service should do a NEPA on the Katlian Bay Road before the project continues.