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Comments:

I do not support overturning the Roadless Rule for the Tongass National Forest as it relates to increasing OG timber harvest and building associated new roads to do so.

I support reasonable modifications, if access is being hindered by the present plan, for energy, mining and road right of ways related to expanding community travel and access opportunities.

Years of effort have went into the most recent TLMP through extensive public engagement and collaboration. The TAC and the POW LAT process, both diverse committees, support a transition away from OG harvest.

I do not support opening or relaxing any protections given to the T77 or the TNC/Audubon areas. These are critical areas that support fish and wildlife in many of the development LUDs throughout the Tongass.

The many constituent meetings the State/FS have held over the last 6 weeks have shown that the majority of residents do not support overturning the Roadless Rule.

Since the Roadless Rule was instituted, the economy of SE has seen hundreds of small businesses, centered on sharing the experiences of fishing, sight seeing and just exploring the wilds of SE, developed. These type businesses rely on healthy streams, forests and watersheds to share with their customers. These businesses have spoken loud and clear that they do not support moving away from roadless protections that are presently part of the forest management system.

The Southeast Alaska Cluster Initiative, supported by JEDC, in a letter to Congress dated February 9, 2018 stated on page 6 in their letter "One of the rarest and most exciting tourism resources in the Tongass is opportunity of the unknown, to explore a new place. In addition to flexible permits for low-impact access, we should maintain our wild infrastructure of undeveloped places with scenery, fishing and wildlife resources. Ensuring that we have places for commercial access can be additive to conservation goals while helping the public enjoy their public lands."

I would support state federal efforts to engage in research and market development that encourages moving into YG harvest as part of the present timber industry business model.

I do support long term OG harvest for the small mills working on POW Island and various other places in SE Alaska.

POW Island has now seen two years, 2016/17, of significantly reduced deer harvest. There are likely several factors contributing to this decline. First among them is loss of high quality winter habitat that deer need to survive. YG forests are now moving into stem exclusion and loss of high quality habitat totals in the hundreds of thousands of acres. This trend will continue for several generations of hunters as stem exclusion will persist for decades.

I encourage the State and the FS to consider where we will be several generations from now. I want to see timber continue to be a vital part of the economy of POW Island. At the same time I want to be sure that future

generations are not deprived of the many opportunities to utilize the multiple resources that healthy streams, forests and water sheds provide, because we did not consider the consequences of our actions at this time

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