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Comments:

Dear U.S. Forest Service,

I was moved by the article, "Why is the Tongass National Forest so important?" on the MNN website (<https://www.mnn.com/earth-matters/wilderness-resources/blogs/tongass-national-forest-crown-jewel>) to come here and comment OPPOSING exempting Tongass from the roadless rule. We should continue to protect Tongass from new roads and new logging.

As a nation, we have already lost far too much of our old growth forest to logging. These trees have grown for hundreds and thousands of years, creating unique biological ecosystems, great natural beauty, and tremendous opportunities for tourism-related economic impacts. We cannot afford to lose any more of these trees to logging and other industries that view them as mere economic resources.

Thank you for considering my comment,

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