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Hello.

I am writing to you today in opposition to the Tongass National Forest exemption from the Roadless Rule.

The Roadless Rule has protected the Tongass for decades and ensures the old growth timber reserves located in the forest continue to provide a haven for a wealth of wildlife and resources for the indigenous people that call the areas surrounding the Tongass home. In addition, the 17 million acres of forested land capture around 8% of the CO₂ stored in US National Forests which is not a small amount. Logging the area will systematically release large quantities of carbon into the atmosphere increasing greenhouse global warming.

Please oppose the removal of the Roadless Rule as it currently applies to the Tongass National Forest.

Thank you.

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