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Comments:

As a citizen of this country and someone who has spent a considerable amount of time hiking the Tongass National Forest in South East Alaska, I am absolutely opposed to opening this great forest to the intrusion of logging. I can speak from a position of authority in that I come from a Timber family and understand what is required to establish a vital and successful forestry program such as we have in Oregon. The Tongass no longer supports a logging industry and the forest here are remote and difficult to access. It is a treasure to have such a unique forest system remain intact and unspoiled. The beauty of the Alaskan wilderness is the primary driver of the tourist economy, which is the main economy in South East Alaska. I was fortunate enough, for many years to guide tourists on the water and in the forest and understand intimately why the forest is unique and should remain intact as it is today. The remoteness and difficulty of logging here does not support the incursion of this industry. It is unnecessary and misguided. I wholeheartedly disagree with any plans to open public lands to logging in the Tongass National Forest.

Sincerely,

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