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Thank you for allowing me to comment on the Alaska Roadless Rulemaking.# 54511. The proposed rule eliminates roadless protection for the Tongass National Forest and this is absolutely unacceptable. The Tongass is the our largest National Forest and one of the rare temperate rain forests in the U.S. Contrary to much of the information presented about the Tongass, about half of the old growth forest has already been cut. If we are seeking balance, timber harvest should cease and most certainly in the remaining old growth. The Roadless Rule protects what is left of the Tongass. As such Alternative 1 (no action alternative) or possibly Alternative 2 are the only viable alternatives. I urge you in the strongest possible terms to reject all the other possibilities and select 1 or 2.

When I was in graduate school at Oregon State University in the late "60s about 10-15% of the old growth had been cut, Now greater than 90% has been cut and there is till calls for balance. Please do not let the Tongass go the way of Oregon. Reject Alternative 6 and select Alternative 1 or 2.

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