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Dear Sir or Madam,

I strongly oppose exempting the Tongass National Forest from the 2001 Roadless Rule. We do not need to log one of the last areas of old-growth forest in this country. This forest is vital to salmon which are struggling due to climate change. The recent short-sighted rollback of environmental protections is extremely troubling. Haven't we learned anything? We need to protect our environment. I'm amazed that the Department of Agriculture is recommending a full exemption. Leave the Roadless Rule in place as it is for the Tongass National Forest so we can continue to protect this pristine area.

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