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Hello,

I please urge you to choose Alternative 1 for how to apply the Roadless Rule to Alaska. This would take no action and would leave all of Alaska under the 2001 Roadless Rule, including the Tongass National Forest. As our country, and world, struggles with how to deal with climate change, exactly zero people think that that cutting down more trees will help reverse climate change. By cutting down the old-growth Tongass National Forest, all the carbon that is stored in those trees will eventually end up in our atmosphere, compounding the impact of climate change. The Tongass National Forest holds almost 10% of all the carbon in trees in National Forest land. Cutting down the Tongass trees is a massive mistake that will irreversibly harm the ecosystem of the Tongass and will push our planet closer to the edge of climate change disasters. The United States should hold and protect our old-growth forests as a badge of honor, to show the world how all countries should push to protect pristine wilderness lands to preserve delicate ecosystems. Lastly, the Tongass serves as a vital tourism attraction that attracts hikers, fishermen, and sightseers to the Tongass who want to spend time outdoors in a priceless, pristine wilderness area that has been untouched for thousands of years, and hopefully thousands to come if Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue chooses Alternative 1, keeping the Tongass and the rest of Alaska protected by the 2001 Roadless Rule.

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