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Protect the Tongass and Chugach national forests

Dear Secretary Perdue,

Please stop the rollback of the 2001 national Roadless Rule in Alaska. Protect the Tongass and Chugach national forests from the U.S. Forest Service. The proposed Alaska Roadless Rule and the associated environmental impact statement needs to be stopped.

The proposed plan would open our remaining ancient forest to logging and road building, damaging our economy.

The Tongass produces 25 percent of the entire West Coast's annual salmon harvest. The Forest Service estimates that the salmon industry generates \$986 million annually. Southeast Alaska folks who know about fish urged the Forest Service to select an alternative that protects fish habitat, continues the phase-out of industrial scale old growth clear-cutting, and prioritizes restoration of watersheds and streams.

Instead, the Department of Agriculture and the Forest Service have proposed renewed large-scale logging that would adversely affect the economic welfare of tourism and seafood industries of southeast Alaska, and would grant the ability to remove Roadless Rule protections with no analysis of impacts and with only limited opportunities for public comment.

Please stop the rollback of the 2001 national Roadless Rule in Alaska and protect economic benefits of our Tongass and Chugach national forests!

Sincerely,

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