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Alaska Roadless Rule Comments

I support alternative 1, keeping the current roadless rule in place.

I oppose all of the other alternatives, as they all result in

old-growth forests being converted to suitable timber lands. Any new

road building should be prevented or minimized, and only accessible

young-growth forests should be classified as suitable timber lands.

The old-growth forests in this area are the remnants of a vast forest

that once covered a much larger area of the Pacific Northwest.

Unsustainable timber management in the past has resulted in most of

the old-growth trees being removed. It will take hundreds of years to

replace these older trees, which support species that depend on

large, old trees.

All of the alternatives except for alternative 1 propose a lot of

old-growth forest reclassification to timber lands. Perhaps a new

alternative could be developed that would allow some access to more

young-growth areas for timber and protection of all remaining

old-growth forests, with only very minimal road development. Without

such an alternative, the only alternative I can support is Alternative 1.

Thank you,

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