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This proposal is expensive, irresponsible, and unnecessary. There is no good reason to take the Tongass out of Roadless. The best arguments why are reflected in these excerpts from reporting by Outdoor Life (hunting and fishing title since 1898):

The Tongass produces 28 percent of Alaska's commercial salmon catch and Tongass salmon fishing generates \$1 billion annually, according to Trout Unlimited. Meanwhile, the Forest Service already lost about \$600 million through its management of the Tongass National Forest, according to a new report from the Taxpayers for Common Sense. The nonpartisan group calculated the USFS's losses through road-building and timber sales and found that the average net loss was about \$30 million annually over the past 20 years....When you compare that existing, thriving economy to the potential new one from a resurgence in old-growth logging, the smart bet is on conserving this habitat for hunting, fishing, and tourism.

Source: <https://www.outdoorlife.com/forest-service-wants-to-open-92-million-roadless-acres-to-potential-logging-heres-your-chance-to-say/>

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