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Comments:

Removal of the Tongass Roadless Rule

This rule needs to be rescinded (option 6) as it has halted or greatly hindered any development of our natural resources as well as the potential of providing hydro power to towns and villages totally dependent upon diesel fuel at great cost to them for their energy needs.

The environmentalists have portrayed this as a logging issue and as usual bend the truth to their supporters and the general public. This is simply another fundraising opportunity for them to be playing with people's emotions saying that the Tongass will be clear cut by the "evil logging industry". Claiming that logging will destroy the Tongass and the wildlife is nothing but a red herring to bank roll their anti development staff. The Roadless Rule is NOT about logging.

There are already so many regulations and laws in place by the multitude of Federal and State agencies that will continue to protect the Tongass from being damaged. The removal of the Roadless Rule will not impact the Government's ability to continue strong oversight of any proposed project.

This rule that Bill Clinton put into place at the end of his term should never have happened to the Tongass and I believe it is way overdue to be removed.

Use the studies and science you already have in hand to make the right decision to go forward with option 6.

Thank you,

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