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I have slept on the forest floor of the Tongass for over 300 nights these past three years. I can tell you about the biggest tree that sits in southwest cove on etolin island, the streams that have the best places to collect water, the places where lost petroglyphs lay. And I can also tell you what it's like to hike through a 30 year old clear cut, treacherous to navigate even for the strongest of us. I work with a program called alaska crossings, we take alaskan kids out to the wilds of the tongass. To be challenged, to grow, to experience a wild that does not exist in many places anymore. With the threat of the roadless act being repealed this put our program in danger, this puts the experiences of these kids we work in danger of losing a valuable place for them to grow and experience true wild. Is our land really worth all this promised money from the logging industry? it already failed once, why would this work this time? We are at a critical place in Alaska right now. We are on the front line of climate change; we are seeing te effects everywhere we look. I know that as alaskan residents we all have a connection with the land and this is our chance to defend it, stand up for it. I think there is money to be made from this land but that is not from logging or mining. I am for developing our tourism; let's not chase an old plan that already failed once. Let's keep moving forward and not back. I stand against the repeal of the roadless act and I hope as the forest service and as caretakers of our sacred land you will stand with us.

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