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Comments:

I strongly believe that Alternative 1 should be taken. Tongass should remain roadless to preserve the biodiversity of the US. There are few areas of rain forest in the United States and roadless tracts are essential to sustaining healthy ecosystems. The negative effects of road edges are felt for miles into the forest in many circumstances. While money may be gained off of a one time use of cutting timber from the forest, it will be at an overall loss of income in the future. Alaska's fishing, hunting and tourism industries rely on healthy ecosystems to sustain these industries. By adding roads to Tongass a national treasure will be adversely affected and the tens of thousands of people relying on the Tongass for profitable and sustainable fishing, hunting, ecotourism and indigenous survival will be severely impaired.

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