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Alaska Roadless Rulemaking #54511

Roadless Rulemaking,

RE: Alaska Roadless DEIS Comment

Dear Secretary Perdue:

I support the No Action alternative for the Tongass Forest. This section of public land has amazing properties, including serving as an enormous carbon sink. As a geologist, I worked for the USGS with Dr. Art Lachebruch. Back in the early 1970s, Art and others opposed the short-sighted plan to install the Trans-Alaska pipeline because the company hadn't fully thought through the impact of the pipeline on the frozen tundra. They fought over the plan for years and came up with an engineering solution. I feel as though we are at a similar impasse with the Tongass, but there can be no engineering solution that can mitigate the global impact of destroying the natural environment there with new roads, logging, and resource extraction. I urge you to think long-term and keep this area roadless.

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