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Comments:

Maintain protections for Alaska Roadless Rule

Dear Secretary Secretary Perdue,

My husband and I consider the Tongass our second home. We have been lucky to travel and live in SE Alaska for the past 10 summers. During that time we've met the incredible people who call this place home - and explored the breathtaking landscape that keeps calling us back. This summer we got to take our 1 year old son for the first time. Showing him an old growth tree - something that exists in such few places now - was an emotional experience for us all. I hope the picture of this tiny young boy next to this majestic tree does not become a relic - and I am not the last parent to experience this. I want my son to grow up and understand that as humans we must be responsible caretakers of this earth. I urge you to keep the roadless rule and protect the last remaining strands of old growth forest in our country.

I urge you in the strongest terms possible to select Alternative 1, or "No Action," for USFS Docket ID: FS-2019-0023 Alaska Roadless Rule #54511. Keep the roadless areas of the Tongass National Forest protected and open to millions of visitors in the years to come.

Sincerely,

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Mrs. Katina Hamilton

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