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Deputy Chief of Staff Bonnie,

We write to request that the The Forest Service quickly initiate a new rule-making process to roll back the Trump administration's repeal of "Roadless Rule" protections for the Tongass National Forest. The Roadless Rule, established in 2001, is intended to help keep wild spaces in our national forest system wild. Expanding logging operations into roadless areas in the Tongass would be devastating for such species as the Prince of Wales flying squirrel, Sitka black-tailed deer and Queen Charlotte goshawks.

Attached you will find a petition supported by 11,554 Americans calling for protecting the Tongass National Forest. These petitions have also been delivered to members of the U.S. House of Representatives.

We look forward to your reply.

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