

# America's Rainforest - #1 Location for Logging in Roadless Areas

## Bush Administration's Policy for Tongass National Forest Roadless Areas Promotes Logging Over Protection

### BUSH ADMINISTRATION PROMISES ROADLESS AREA PROTECTION....

*"Providing roadless protection for our national forests is the right thing to do. And because it's the right thing to do, it's important to do it right, for the land, for people, for communities, for states, and for the country as a whole."*

Secretary Ann Veneman, U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Speaking about the Roadless Rule - May 4, 2001

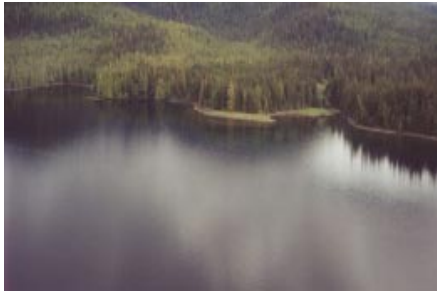


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▲ Gravina Roadless Area

### ....BUT ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS

In striking contrast to a promise of "providing roadless protection," the Bush administration has targeted roadless areas in the Tongass National Forest for industrial-scale logging and road-building. According to the Forest Service's "Ten-Year Schedule of Tongass Timber Projects" approximately fifty (50) timber projects are being planned in roadless areas. ([http://www.fs.fed.us/r10/tongass/management%20news/resources/03-12tsp\\_93002.pdf](http://www.fs.fed.us/r10/tongass/management%20news/resources/03-12tsp_93002.pdf))

All of the proposed logging projects would devastate extraordinary and pristine Tongass roadless areas, nearly all of which are protected by the landmark National Roadless Area Conservation Rule ("Roadless Rule"), and irrevocably destroy prime habitat for wolves, bears, salmon and other rainforest wildlife. The Rule, overwhelming popular with the American public, bans commercial logging and road-building in National Forest roadless areas. The Bush administration has publicly acknowledged its intent to revise the Roadless Rule and has also stated their intention to exempt the Tongass National Forest from the Rule's protections.

The Bush administration is aggressively trying to log the Tongass National Forest and is in the final stages of timber sales in four pristine roadless areas. While these four sales do not technically violate the Roadless Rule, they do reveal the administration's preference for logging roadless areas rather than protecting them.

### THE TIMBER INDUSTRY HAS MORE THAN ENOUGH TIMBER

Decades worth of timber – over five billion board feet – is available to the timber industry from areas in the Tongass where roads have already been built. That's enough timber to fill logging trucks stretched end-to-end from Washington DC to San Diego, California - five times over! These areas do not require expensive new taxpayer-subsidized road-building. Yet the timber industry and its allies continue to push for more and the Bush administration continues to plan to log irreplaceable trees in roadless areas.



▲ Prince of Wales Island

### **Tongass Roadless Area Logging - 4 Sales Moving Forward**

U.S. Forest Service's "10-year Schedule of Tongass Timber Projects"

Logging Project Name	Known Volume	Current Status*
Cholmondeley	35,000,000	FEIS pending
Madan	25,000,000	FEIS pending
Finger Mountain	21,000,000	SEIS pending
Emerald Bay	10,500,000	SEIS pending

(Additional projects listed on back page.)

91,500,000 total board feet

# Tongass Logging Projects in Violation of Roadless Rule

Data compiled from the U.S. Forest Service's "10-year Schedule of Tongass Timber Projects"

[http://www.fs.fed.us/r10/tongass/management%20news/resources/03-12tsp\\_93002.pdf](http://www.fs.fed.us/r10/tongass/management%20news/resources/03-12tsp_93002.pdf)

Logging Project Name	Total Known Volume	Current Status*
Gravina	38,000,000	DEIS
Threemile	20,000,000	DEIS
Otter Lake	10,000,000	DEIS
Kosciusko	17,000,000	DEIS
Fanshaw	34,000,000	Scoping
Douglas	20,000,000	Scoping
Shady/Highbush	8,000,000	Scoping
Overlook	8,000,000	Scoping
Staney Creek	15,000,000	Scoping
Scratchings	44,000,000	Pre-scoping
Sweetwater Sal	27,000,000	Pre-scoping
Soda-Nicks	21,000,000	Pre-scoping
Crittenden	30,000,000	Pre-scoping
Navy	34,000,000	Pre-scoping
East Kuiu	20,000,000	Pre-scoping
Hobart	40,000,000	Pre-scoping
Kennel Creek	25,000,000	Pre-scoping
SW Kupreanof	20,000,000	Pre-scoping
South Fanshaw	20,000,000	Pre-scoping
Snake	20,000,000	Pre-scoping
Central Kupreanof	20,000,000	Pre-scoping
Sunny Bay	20,000,000	Pre-scoping
Kuiu Backline	34,000,000	Pre-scoping
Seagull Creek	20,000,000	Pre-scoping
False Island	20,000,000	Pre-scoping
NW Lindemburegh	20,000,000	Pre-scoping
Upper Muddy	15,000,000	Pre-scoping
Corner Bay	18,000,000	Pre-scoping
Broad Creek	15,000,000	Pre-scoping
East Point	15,000,000	Pre-scoping
North Kupreanof	15,000,000	Pre-scoping
NE Baranof	15,000,000	Pre-scoping
I Youtug	13,000,000	Pre-scoping
West Baranof	12,000,000	Pre-scoping
NW Baranof 2	12,000,000	Pre-scoping
Woewodski	7,000,000	Pre-scoping
Baht	15,000,000	Pre-scoping
Midway	6,000,000	Pre-scoping
Dry Strait	17,000,000	Pre-scoping
Campbell	5,000,000	Pre-scoping
Duncan Creek Valley	10,000,000	Pre-scoping
W. Mitchell Creek	10,000,000	Pre-scoping
S. Central Mitkof	8,000,000	Pre-scoping
Upper Frenchie Backline	4,000,000	Pre-scoping
French Twin Loop	5,000,000	Pre-scoping
Backline	5,000,000	Pre-scoping
<b>Total volume</b>	<b>827,000,000</b>	<b>board feet</b>

\*Current National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) status as of April 2003

Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) - Forest Service has completed NEPA process pending 60-day appeal period after which the project can be offered for sale.

Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) – Forest Service is in the process of evaluating sale and seeking public comment.

Scoping – Forest Service has begun 1st stage of public comment process.

Pre-scoping – Forest Service has notified public of planning, but hasn't yet begun the public comment process.