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Dear U.S. Forest Service,

EarthSource Forest Products (a division of Plywood And Lumber Sales, Inc.) believes that the Roadless Area Conservation Rule should be reinstated and enforced as it was issued in January 2001.

The rule should be strictly enforced in the Lower 48 states, as well as Alaska's Chugach state forest and Alaska's Tongass National Forest. EarthSource believes that the Roadless rule will help to protect clean drinking water for millions of Americans, preserve wildlife habitat and provide tranquil and pristine recreation spaces. If the rule is enforced as it was intended in January 2001, the rule would allow current US Forest Service funds to be spent for repair of existing roads, instead of requiring additional appropriation of funds for construction of new roads.

EarthSource Forest Products also believes that the reinstatement of the Roadless Area Conservation Rule would keep the Environmental Impact of the natural forests to a minimum. As a Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) member, we incorporate all of the rules and guidelines set by the FSC. Principle #6 states:

Forest Management shall conserve biological diversity and its associated values, water resources, soils, and unique and fragile ecosystems and landscapes, and by doing so, maintain the ecological functions and the integrity of the forest.

With a commitment to biodiversity and the conservation of natural resources, the Roadless Area Conservation Rule will help to protect our last remaining forests.

Regards,


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