

***Taxpayers for Common Sense invites you to an educational briefing:***

# **Cutting our Losses:**

***Understanding the Impacts and Threats of Increasing Road  
and Timber Subsidies in the Tongass National Forest***



**Tuesday, November 12th at 2 PM  
Rayburn House Office Building, Room 2020**

At 16.9 million acres, the Tongass National Forest in southeast Alaska is the largest in the United States, roughly the size of West Virginia. While tourism and fishing are the foundation of the region's economy, money-losing timber sales and costly logging roads too often take priority in the Tongass, at an average cost to taxpayers of \$30 million per year. The sales return a few pennies on each dollar expended. The U.S. Forest Service is proposing to repeal the 2001 Roadless Rule in the Tongass, which could greatly expand heavily subsidized timber sales and lock in taxpayer losses for many years to come, with huge missed opportunities for local fisheries and tourism.

**Speakers will include representatives from the Recreation and Tourism industry in Alaska, National Taxpayers Union, Taxpayers for Common Sense, and Trout Unlimited Alaska**

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*This is a widely attended event. Coffee and light refreshments may be served.*

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