

CITY OF COFFMAN COVE

RESOLUTION 11-21

A RESOLUTION OBJECTING TO THE DECISION TO IMPOSE THE ROADLESS RULE IN THE TONGASS NATIONAL FOREST

WHEREAS, the Tongass National Forest is 17 million acres with over 6 million acres set aside as wilderness, and

WHEREAS, other designations set aside huge tracts of land in the Tongass National Forest for preservation with no road access, and

WHEREAS, the Tongass National Forest is comprised of remote islands, timbered land, and snow capped mountain ranges, and

WHEREAS, the Tongass National Forest has unlimited resources including timber, mining, hydro power, tidal power, seafood, and

WHEREAS, the residents of SE Alaska and their livelihood should be considered separate from special interest groups who do not even live in SE Alaska, and

WHEREAS, the Tongass National Forest cannot be compared to other National Forests that are heavily impacted by use and resource development, and

WHEREAS, the exemption for the Tongass National Forest from the Roadless Rule was lifted by a Federal Judge in Anchorage,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Coffman Cove City Council objects to the Tongass National Forest being included in the nationwide Roadless Rule and implores the State of Alaska and Alaska's Washington Delegation to either appeal the court decision or pass a law permanently exempting the Tongass National Forest from the Roadless Rule.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 17th day of March, 2011.

Mayor / Vice Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk