

Trump moves to allow logging in world's largest intact temperate rainforest



Washington, August 29 (RHC)-- U.S. President Donald Trump is pushing to allow logging in Alaska's Tongass National Forest, the world's largest intact temperate rainforest. Trump has ordered Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue to exempt the 16.7-million-acre forest from restrictions put in place over two decades ago by President Bill Clinton.

The group Earthjustice has described the forest as a major buffer against climate change, stating: "The Tongass stores hundreds of millions, if not over a billion, tons of carbon, keeping the heat-trapping element out of the atmosphere."

Trump's move to open up logging to the world's largest intact temperate rainforest comes as wildfires continue to burn in the Amazon in Brazil, as well as near the Congo Basin forest in Africa.



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