MEMORANDUM

To: CFTR

From: Robert Cahaly, The Trafalgar Group

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Re: Tongass National Forest roadless rule exemption surveys overview

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The Trafalgar Group battleground state surveys revealed various noteworthy items and consistent voter opinion trends across four states (Michigan, Wisconsin, Florida, & Pennsylvania) in which the presidential election remains very tight. The surveys were conducted via phone, text, email and other digital platforms to ensure the poll taker's comfort and anonymity resulting in the fullest participation and most honest answers. Each state had a minimum of 1000 (average margin of error of 2.95%) respondents from a poll of likely 2020 general election voters, based on our proprietary 2020 turnout model.

The initial question reveals general baseline, roughly two-to-one opposition to the elimination of roadless rule protections for the Tongass National Forest (MI 45.2% to 28.2%, WI 51.6% to 24.8%, FL 49.6% to 26.0%, PA 50.8% to 26.2%).

When the likely beneficiary of rolling back the roadless rule protection is revealed to be China the opposition grows to roughly six-to-one. (MI 70.6% to 11.4%, WI 67.5% to 13.7%, FL 69.3% to 10.8%, PA 66.8% to 12.3%).

There is no question that opposition to rolling back the roadless rule protection, with China benefiting, is truly a bipartisan consensus. Noteworthy is percent of existing Trump supporters (measured by the presidential ballot test question) who move to "less likely" to support the President's re-election (MI 12.9%, WI 15.9%, FL 13.6%, PA 25.3%) could actually move the President well out of competitive range in these critical electoral college states. So, the President's actions on this issue could very well jeopardize his entire re-election.

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Do you support or oppose exempting the entire Tongass National Forest in Alaska from the protections of the Roadless Rule, which would allow more commercial logging and construction of new logging roads in these Roadless areas?

MICHIGAN

Very Supportive	15.8%	
Supportive	12.4%	
Opposed	14.4%	28.2% support to 45.2% oppose
Very Opposed	30.8%	
No Opinion	26.6%	

WISCONSIN

Very Supportive	12.6%.	
Supportive	12.2%	
Opposed	21.0%	24.8% support to 51.6% oppose
Very Opposed	30.6%	
No Opinion	23.6%	

FLORIDA

Very Supportive	9.7%	
Supportive	16.3%	
Opposed	18.0%	26.0% support to 49.6% oppose

Very Opposed	31.6%
No Opinion	24.3%

PENNSYLVANIA

Very Supportive	9.5%	
Supportive	16.7%	
Opposed	18.2%	26.2% support to 50.8% oppose
Very Opposed	32.6%	
No Opinion	23.1%	

The majority of southeast Alaska logs which are cut are exported to China, where the coronavirus originated. American taxpayers subsidize the logging industry in the Tongass on average $30 million every year. Do you support or oppose logging in Tongass National Forest roadless areas that will make more timber available for Chinese consumers?

MICHIGAN

Very Supportive	4.3%	
Supportive	7.1%	
Opposed	16.9%	11.4% support to 70.6% oppose
Very Opposed	53.7%	
No Opinion	18.0%	

WISCONSIN

Very Supportive	5.7%	
Supportive	8.0%	
Opposed	26.0%	13.7% support to 67.5% oppose
Very Opposed	41.5%	
No Opinion	19.3%	

FLORIDA

Very Supportive	4.6%	
Supportive	6.2%	
Opposed	20.3%	10.8% support to 69.3% oppose
Very Opposed	49.0%	
No Opinion	19.9%	

PENNSYLVANIA

Very Supportive	4.8%	
Supportive	7.5%	
Opposed	23.8%	12.3% support to 66.8% oppose
Very Opposed	43.0%	
No Opinion	20.9%	

Would you be more or less like to vote for Donald Trump in the upcoming election if he eliminated roadless area protections in the Tongass that would allow for additional logging there, knowing it would benefit the Chinese economy at U.S. taxpayer expense?

MICHIGAN

Much More Likely	8.9%	
More Likely	7.7%	
Less Likely	9.0%	45.3% Less to 16.6% More
Much Less Likely	36.3%	
No Opinion	38.1%	

WISCONSIN

Much More Likely	10.0%	
More Likely	6.3%	
Less Likely	9.4%	48.0% Less to 16.3% More
Much Less Likely	38.6%	
No Opinion	35.7%	

FLORIDA

Much More Likely	9.4%	
More Likely	5.8%	
Less Likely	9.1%	48.4% Less to 15.2% More
Much Less Likely	39.3%	
No Opinion	36.3%	

PENNSYLVANIA

Much More Likely	7.0%	
More Likely	7.3%	
Less Likely	8.6%	54.5% Less to 14.3% More
Much Less Likely	45.9%	
No Opinion	31.2%	