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I am writing to support Alternative D which will provide a full exemption from the 2001 Roadless Rule in the Tongass National Forest.

I have worked with this issue since this so-called Roadless Rule was established. I say so-called because it was not truly a Roadless Rule but rather an "Inventoried as Roadless Rule." Large areas of the Tongass were affected by the Rule that contained hundreds if not thousands of miles of roads. However, all of the areas were treated the same and the State of Alaska and the local communities were very adversely impacted. Alternative D of the DEIS is the only solution to correct this situation.

Mineral development, timber harvesting and commercial tourism in Alaska are permitted and managed to the highest standards in the world. These industries do not adversely impact the fisheries but they can have tremendous positive benefits for the local communities.

I urge that Alternative D be selected and that the Record of Decision be issued in the most expeditious legally defensible manner possible.

Sincerely,

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Steven C. Borell, P.E.

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