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Attachment 1

My name is Jack Slater, I am 12 year old boy and I live in a house near phonograph creek. I support alternative 1 because the Forest and because I want to protect

my family depends on the forest for food from fishing and hunting. It would greatly affect the e

[Position]

Attachment 2

[Address]

Pelican, AK 99832

12/2/2019

Dear, People of Pelican

City Hall

[Address]

Pelican, AK 99832

9.2 million acres of land will be logged if the Tongass National Forest is exempted from roadless rule, that's roughly ten Rhode Islands. All areas that meet the regulations to receive protection from the roadless rule should be maintained. That was the rule the government made and they should stick to it! If the Tongass is exempted from the Roadless rule, it would cause much damage to the ecosystem (Wired 2019). Logging the Tongass wouldn't help the economy because it would cost too much to build roads (Common Sense for Taxpayers 2019). It is very important to vote for keeping the Tongass within the protection of the Roadless at the upcoming meeting at the Pelican School District at, December 12, 5pm.

According to Matt Simmons in his article "How Chaos will Unfold if Trump Opens the Tongass to Logging" the damage of excusing the Tongass from the roadless rule could be large.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to testify

One disaster waiting to happen could greatly affect the sea life near the Tongass. Without trees to hold the dirt of the forest down it'll wash away into the sea or nearby rivers, the mud could choke the fish which would ruin commercial fishing, one of Alaska's biggest businesses. Not only that, building roads in the forest can attract invasive species. This happens because vehicles on the road could unintentionally drop seeds from other locations. Those seeds could grow and attract animals from other habitats that eat it. This can increase the competition for food and disrupt the food chain (Wired 2019).

The most ironic part about building roads in the Tongass is that it wouldn't be very beneficial to the economy. In

the past, the U.S Forest service has lost more money selling timber from the Tongass than gaining. They actually lost \$11.4 million dollars year after year from 2005 to 2014 from selling timber from the Tongass. This looks very expensive already, but adding the costs of building and maintaining roads that come with logging the Tongass make it much worse. From 2008 to 2017 the USFS (U.S Forest Service) spent \$20 million dollars per year building roads to extract timber from the Tongass (Common sense for Taxpayers 2019). Road access isn't very common in Southeast Alaska due to the high price of constructing and preserving roads, so that means tis wouldn't be beneficial to the communities there either (Seacc 2019).

Some people might say that exempting the Tongass wouldn't affect it a lot because it's huge. It is true that the Tongass is a huge, but 11.3 million acres of the Tongass are just rocks and glaciers. People would be logging a significant part of the most valuable parts of the forest Many people neglect this fact. Less of the Tongass would be targeted, but it's biologically the most important (Seacc 2019).

In conclusion, any are of nature that meet the regulations to receive protection form the Roadless Rule should get it! It doesn't matter how much money a forest can make, it needs to be preserved. The environmental damage of destroying the Tongass would be unfortunate (Wired 2019). Even when people log the small areas of the Tongass, they're still taking a lot of the trees because most of the Tongass is covered in rocks and glaciers (Seacc 2019). Logging the Tongass wouldn't help the economy either because logging and building roads in the Tongass would cost too much (Comment Sense for Taxpayers 2019). The Tongass is a very important forest that should have protection of the Roadless Rule at the upcoming meeting in the Pelican School district at, December 12, 5 pm.

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Attachment 3

Richard Curran

[Phone Number]

[Email]

[Address]

MAIL TO: [text bolded]

[Address]

I do not want to receive a copy of the Final Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Roadless Rule Planning Team,

I live in Southeast Alaska, where my lifestyle, the ecology of the forest, and the economy of our communities are all intricately intertwined. I live in this region for the bountiful salmon runs, the beautiful scenery, the clean air and water, and the endless opportunities to recreate in our expansive outdoors. I am one of the 94% of Southeast Alaskans who eat salmon every year. I depend on the Tongass - from the freshwater streams where salmon spawn to the old-growth forests that deer rely on, the Tongass fuels our families and our economy. The health of our economy, which is heavily reliant on the fishing and tourism industries, also depends on the salmon, wildlife, and presence of old-growth forests. A sustainable future for Southeast Alaska requires protecting expansive areas of intact habitat - in short, it requires keeping inventoried roadless areas roadless! I urge the Forest Service and Secretary Perdue to protect important salmon spawning habitat, maintain old growth forests for winter deer habitat, and keep the places I like to recreate free of clearcuts and roadbuilding. A full exemption from the Roadless Rule will not work for the Tongass.

WHO I AM: [text bolded for emphasis] ***Include your name, where you live, and any relevant biographical information. Do you live or work on the Tongass National Forest? What is your relationship to the Tongass?*** [text italicized for emphasis]

Richard Curran, From Sitka Alaska. I am a commercial fisherman. logging The Tongass will have a adverse affect on my commercial fishing business. logging Tongass will also have a adverse affat on The Tourist Industry which has replaced logging as [illegible] industry in The Tongass

ALTERNATIVE: [text bolded for emphasis] ***The Forest Service will choose how to proceed from a number of different alternatives. If you want the Roadless Rule to remain on the Tongass, write "Alternative 1, No Action." Why do you support this alternative?*** [text italicized for emphasis]

The alternative I support is:

I support Alt. #1 The No Action Alterative

Because:

[Arrow pointing to text in "Who I Am"]

AREAS: [text bolded for emphasis] ***Are there specific islands, watersheds, or mountains that you care about? It's especially important to specify areas you use for subsistence hunting, fishing, and gathering. Examples include Tenakee Inlet, Nakwasina Sound, Fish Bay, Ushk Bay, Northern Prince of Wales, T77 salmon watershed areas, Audubon/TNC ecological priority areas.*** [text italicized for emphasis]

The areas I want to see protected from road building and old growth timber harvest are:

All of The Tongass

USE: [text bolded for emphasis] ***What activities do you do on the Tongass? Hunting, fishing, recreation, business, tourism, etc.*** [text italicized for emphasis] Mainly my commercial fishing business but also hunting sport fishing, subsistence

Old-growth logging and road building would negatively impact the productivity of the ecosystem that I depend on for the following activities:

Decrease in fish + wildlife populations

SUGGESTION:** [text bolded for emphasis] ***How should the Forest Service manage the Tongass National Forest? More sustainable alternatives to timber harvest include salmon watershed restoration, conservation, visitor industry infrastructure, deer habitat enhancement, young growth thinning, and maintenance of recreation infrastructure such as trails and cabins. [text italicized for emphasis]

The monofocus on increasing timber production in the Tongass is outdated and out of pace with the current economy and lifestyle in Southeast Alaska. Industrial scale harvesting of old-growth forest does not enhance salmon production, visitor industry values, deer habitat, or my recreation experience. I would like the Forest Service to focus on activities that enhance and support our lifestyle of living off the land and the sustainable sectors of our economy. These sectors are:

Additional comments for the Forest Service:

Sincerely, [Signature]

[Position]

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Suzanne Chandler

[Phone Number]

[Email]

[Address]

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Live amongst it. Hike in it every day.

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[Arrow pointing to "Nakwasina Sound"] favorite but we should protect them all

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[Address]

[New Letter]

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[Illegible] Williams Jr

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[New Letter]

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[New Letter]

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Eugenia Anichtchenko

[Position]

Attachment 6:

I am Jack Slater, I am 12 years old and live with my mother and father in a house near Pelican AK and go to school at Pelican School. My family does depend on the forest for food from hunting and fishing. I prefer alternative 1 because I want to protect the land I live in. The areas I want to see protected are the rivers and creeks. Building roads and logging would negatively impact hunting, fishing and, berry picking. Logging and mining the Tongass would hurt tourism, commercial fishing and recreation, which are businesses even more vital to Alaska than logging and mining.

[Position]

Attachment 7:

Tongass National Forest Testimony

Spell out name after saying it

Hi my name is Sage Kuhn. I am 12 years old. I live in Pelican Alaska. I live in the Tongass National Forest. I support Alternative 1 because if we get rid of the forest we won't be able to hunt or fish. There won't be fish going upstream because the trees will block the streams and the deer habitats will no longer be around because the trees will be cut down and they will have nowhere to sleep.

This is how families put food on their tables. This is my family's lifestyle. Even other families spend most of their day hunting and fishing. If these trees get cut down deer and fish will no longer be around. It will affect me because I grew up in the woods, it was the place I liked to play when I am hanging out with friends.

Pelican Alaska is too small to be losing deer and fish. We are lucky to be getting food on the planes because the ferry won't be coming anymore. We shouldn't have to give our forest up just because people say so. It will affect our food source. I build forts, play hide and seek, play tag, and the fun activities you can do in the woods. This isn't just going to affect the environment, it's going to affect every child that has spent their time out in wildlife. Thank you. for the opportunity to testify.

[Position]

Attachment 8:

Testimony against cutting down the tongass.

Hi my name is Alley Slater. I am 13 years old and I live in Pelican Alaska, well 4 miles away from Pelican. near Phonograph Creek The Tongass is important to me because my family hunts and fish for a living and if the tongass gets taken then getting food and resources would get harder because the ferry systems have been closed and flying planes over here is more expensive. If the salmon streams get blocked because of the trees all over and the equipment crossing and contaminating the water with the oil from the equipment, then the salmon population in Pelican would decrease. Deer hunting would get harder because of their habitat loss and it just makes it harder to live out here in Pelican because there's no salmon to fish and there's no deer to hunt. I grew up playing in the woods making forts, and exploring all around the woods. The alternative I would choose is Alternative 1 because I want to keep the trees around Pelican. *It is* [text underlined for emphasis] really unfair to the animals and the citizens of Pelican because one, were all spending more money on flying planes over with food and two, cutting down the tongass will kill animal habitats and makes living out in Pelican a lot harder because we cant have salmon to fish and deer to hunt. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

[Position]

Attachment 9:

My letter to the Roadless Rule Team, using the online tool [text bolded]

My name is Celeste Weller and I live in Pelican, AK. Since moving to Pelican, in Southeast Alaska, I have strongly adopted a subsistence lifestyle. In the fall and winter I wander through the old growth forests of Chichagof and Yakobi island looking for Sitka Blacktail deer to eat for the rest of the year. I set a

subsistence line for halibut. I jig for rockfish. I set pots for shrimp and crab out of Lisianski Inlet and Stag Bay. And in the summertime, I troll commercially for silver, pink, and king salmon in Cross Sound, Lisianski Inlet, Lisianski Straits, and all of the surrounding waterways. I fill my freezer. The salmon runs in SE are protected by the forests. The salmon I catch allow me to finance my troller. so that I can maintain my subsistence lifestyle in the wilderness, and the subsistence I catch feed myself, and my family. We save money by not ordering food from other cities, and eat healthier. I enjoy the solemnness of the wild and can't imagine seeing it torn down. It would be a travesty to our National Forest. I am a wildlife photographer and would have a hard time finding deer, bear, squirrel, and many bird varieties, if their environments were ruined. In the spring I forage for devils club for salves, in the summer I pick a variety of berries for jams, syrups, and sweets. I find fiddle-head fern in the woods, and spruce tips to throw in salads.

I am writing a comment on the Alaska Roadless Rule DEIS because I am concerned with how the Rule and the proposed full exemption will impact my fishing, hunting, subsistence harvesting, foraging for wild foods, the peace and solitude I find in nature, recreating, the status of the Tongass as a national and global treasure, the forest's ability to sequester carbon and mitigate climate change impacts, the conservation of resources for future generations .

Out of the alternatives described in the AKRR DEIS I support alternative 1: no action. It protects important fish and wildlife habitat from clearcutting and roadbuilding. I depend on roadless areas in the Tongass National Forest for economic livelihood, healthy fish habitat, deer habitat and subsistence hunting, foraging and gathering wild foods, recreating and enjoying nature, carbon sequestration and local climate change mitigation, viewing wildlife, keeping public lands wild for future generations, fiscal responsibility and saving taxpayer dollars . A full exemption does not protect these values, nor does it effectively balance economic development and conservation of roadless area characteristics. A full exemption from the Roadless Rule and increased logging and roadbuilding will negatively impact the Tongass and what I and many others use and depend on the forest to provide for us.

The Roadless areas on the Tongass that are especially important to me are most importantly those on or around Chichagof Island, but also all of the inventoried roadless areas on the Tongass. I want the roadless areas in these locations to stay in roadless status in any alternative selected by the Forest Service, and be managed to provide for the uses and activities I listed above. It is important to me that the T77 and the TNC conservation priority areas retain their roadless protections. I've seen the devastation logging can cause in Hoonah, AK. And I've seen the deadlands left by over-forestation in Canada caused by greed and unsustainable practices.

I do not support the Forest Service's preferred alternative of a full exemption. A full exemption is not in the interests of Southeast Alaskans who live in and use the Tongass National Forest, because It will destroy our way of life and this precious wilderness area.. The State of Alaska says that a full exemption is needed for rural economic development opportunities. However, a full exemption would not help create more rural economic development opportunities, it would instead harm our existing rural economies that are based on the visitor industry and commercial fishing industry.

It would further harm rural economic opportunities because pursuing the same outdated economic model of old growth clearcut harvesting for export stifles innovation and possibility in other sectors, such as

mariculture, sustainable young growth harvest, and rural agriculture. *If the Forest Service wants to support rural economic development, they should transition to second growth logging and improve and streamline existing

permitting processes for important community projects rather than rehashing old conflicts.*[text underlined for emphasis]

Don't play into the hands of greedy logging companies who refuse to adapt to more sustainable ways such as second growth logging. The Tongass is the LARGEST NATIONAL FOREST in America. And some of the largest sections of OLD GROWTH forest that is left.

I urge the Forest Service to prioritize the voices of Southeast Alaskans over those of our political

representation and corporate interests. Choosing a full exemption will not create a long lasting, durable solution for roadless areas on the Tongass. It will only increase the legal challenges, uncertainty for businesses, and conflict in our beautiful Tongass going forward.

I am writing a comment on the Alaska Roadless Rule DEIS because I am concerned with how the Rule and the proposed full exemption will impact my fishing, hunting, subsistence harvesting, foraging for wild foods, the peace and solitude I find in nature, recreating, the status of the Tongass as a national and global treasure, the forest's ability to sequester carbon and mitigate climate change impacts, the conservation of resources for future generations .

Out of the alternatives described in the AKRR DEIS I support alternative 1: no action. It protects important fish and wildlife habitat from clearcutting and roadbuilding. I depend on roadless areas in the Tongass National Forest for economic livelihood, healthy fish habitat, deer habitat and subsistence hunting, foraging and gathering wild foods, recreating and enjoying nature, carbon sequestration and local climate change mitigation, viewing wildlife, keeping public lands wild for future generations, fiscal responsibility and saving taxpayer dollars . A full exemption does not protect these values, nor does it effectively balance economic development and conservation of roadless area characteristics. A full exemption from the Roadless Rule and increased logging and roadbuilding will negatively impact the Tongass and what I and many others use and depend on the forest to provide for us.

The Roadless areas on the Tongass that are especially important to me are most importantly those on or around Chichagof Island, but also all of the inventoried roadless areas on the Tongass. I want the roadless areas in these locations to stay in roadless status in any alternative selected by the Forest Service, and be managed to provide for the uses and activities I listed above. It is important to me that the T77 and the TNC conservation priority areas retain their roadless protections. I've seen the devastation logging can cause in Hoonah, AK. And I've seen the deadlands left by over-forestation in Canada caused by greed and unsustainable practices.

I do not support the Forest Service's preferred alternative of a full exemption. A full exemption is not in the interests of Southeast Alaskans who live in and use the Tongass National Forest, because It will destroy our way of life and this precious wilderness area.. The State of Alaska says that a full exemption is needed for rural economic development opportunities. However, a full exemption would not help create more rural economic development opportunities, it would instead harm our existing rural economies that are based on the visitor industry and commercial fishing industry.

It would further harm rural economic opportunities because pursuing the same outdated economic model of old growth clearcut harvesting for export stifles innovation and possibility in other sectors, such as

mariculture, sustainable young growth harvest, and rural agriculture. If the Forest Service wants to support rural economic development, they should transition to second growth logging and improve and streamline existing permitting processes for important community projects rather than rehashing old conflicts.

Don't play into the hands of greedy logging companies who refuse to adapt to more sustainable ways such as

second growth logging. The Tongass is the LARGEST NATIONAL FOREST in America. And some of the largest sections of OLD GROWTH forest that is left.

I urge the Forest Service to prioritize the voices of Southeast Alaskans over those of our political representation and corporate interests. Choosing a full exemption will not create a long lasting, durable solution for roadless areas on the Tongass. It will only increase the legal challenges, uncertainty for businesses, and conflict on the Tongass going forward.

[Signature] Pelican City Council

[Position]

Attachment 10:

Wayne Chandler

I want to receive a copy of the Final Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Roadless Rule Planning Team,

I live in Southeast Alaska, where my lifestyle, the ecology of the forest, and the economy of our communities are all intricately intertwined. I live in this region for the bountiful salmon runs, the beautiful scenery, the clean air and water, and the endless opportunities to recreate in our expansive outdoors. I am one of the 94% of Southeast Alaskans who eat salmon every year. I depend on the Tongass - from the freshwater streams where salmon spawn to the old-growth forests that deer rely on, the Tongass fuels our families and our economy. The health of our economy, which is heavily reliant on the fishing and tourism industries, also depends on the salmon, wildlife, and presence of old-growth forests. A sustainable future for Southeast Alaska requires protecting expansive areas of intact habitat - in short, it requires keeping inventoried roadless areas roadless! I urge the Forest Service and Secretary Perdue to protect important salmon spawning habitat, maintain old growth forests for winter deer habitat, and keep the places I like to recreate free of clearcuts and roadbuilding. A full exemption from the Roadless Rule will not work for the Tongass.

***WHO I AM:** [text bolded for emphasis] ***Include your name, where you live, and any relevant biographical information. Do you live or work on the Tongass National Forest? What is your relationship to the Tongass?** [text italicized for emphasis]

I live in Sitka, environmentally, The Tongass National Forest effects us enormously.

***ALTERNATIVE:** [text bolded for emphasis] ***The Forest Service will choose how to proceed from a number of different alternatives. If you want the Roadless Rule to remain on the Tongass, write "Alternative 1, No Action."**
Why do you support this alternative? [text italicized for emphasis]

The alternative I support is:

Develop a more intricate trail system. Including mountain biking trails.

Because:

Increase tourism income, preserve other forms of industry including commercial fishing.

***AREAS:** [text bolded for emphasis] ***Are there specific islands, watersheds, or mountains that you care about?**
It's especially important to specify areas you use for subsistence hunting, fishing, and gathering. Examples include ***Tenakee Inlet, Nakwasina Sound, Fish Bay, Ushk Bay, Northern Prince of Wales, T77 salmon watershed areas, Audubon/TNC ecological priority areas.** [text italicized for emphasis] [text underlined for emphasis]

The areas I want to see protected from road building and old growth timber harvest are:

All the underlined areas.

USE:** [text bolded for emphasis] ***What activities do you do on the Tongass? *Hunting, [underlined] ***fishing,*** [underlined] ***recreation,*** [underlined] ***subsistence*** [underlined], ***business,*** [underlined] ***tourism,*** [underlined] etc." [text italicized for emphasis]

I participate in all these and depend on them for income/[illegible]

Old-growth logging and road building would negatively impact the productivity of the ecosystem that I depend on for the following activities:

Ruin watersheds, wildlife habitats,; negatively impact tourism

***SUGGESTION:** [text bolded for emphasis] ***How should the Forest Service manage the Tongass National Forest? More sustainable alternatives to timber harvest include salmon watershed restoration, conservation, visitor industry infrastructure, deer habitat enhancement, young growth thinning, and maintenance of recreation infrastructure such as trails and cabins.** [text italicized for emphasis]

The monofocus on increasing timber production in the Tongass is outdated and out of pace with the current economy and lifestyle in Southeast Alaska. Industrial scale harvesting of old-growth forest does not enhance salmon production, visitor industry values, deer habitat, or my recreation experience. I would like the Forest Service to focus on activities that enhance and support our lifestyle of living off the land and the sustainable sectors of our economy. These sectors are:

Additional comments for the Forest Service: Do Nothing!

No Action = Best Action!

Sincerely,

[Position]

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Katie Riley

Policy Engagement Director

Sitka Conservation Society