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Dear USDA Forest Service:

The Tongass National Forest, also known as America's Salmon Forest, is the largest national forest in North America, covering most of Southeast Alaska. The network of rivers, lakes and streams support nearly 80% of all salmon commercially fished in Southeast Alaska. Given the critical role the Tongass plays in preserving salmon fisheries, it is imperative that the Roadless Rule remain in order to protect salmon whose numbers have drastically diminished over the last decades. In addition, by protecting this large-scale ecosystem you provide habitat for other wildlife that depend on this pristine forest; and an intact ecosystem acts as a carbon sink, helping to reduce global warming. Uphold the Roadless Rule which the USFS established in 2001 in order to limit the destructive incursions of road building and logging.

Sincerely,

Mary Lou Emerson

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