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Comments: My name is Naomi Pang and I live in Mililani, Hawaii 96789.

I am writing to express strong opposition to efforts to roll back the Roadless Area Conservation Rule (Roadless Rule) in Alaska or elsewhere. The Roadless Rule was implemented with unprecedented public support to protect some of our nations most pristine public lands, including large parts of the Tongass National Forest. You must choose the No Action alternative. Any other choice would ignore overwhelming public support and harm Alaskans, including Alaska Natives, and taxpayers across the nation.

In Southeast Alaska, tourism accounts for 28% of employment and generate an annual \$1 billion in economic benefit, making it far more of an economic driver than the timber industry, which is less than 1% of the regional economy.

Any choice but the No Action alternative would also put wildlife and critical habitat at risk, threaten access to clean water, and be a step in the wrong direction on climate change jeopardizing Alaskans at a time when the state already faces severe challenges related to rising temperatures. I urge you not to abandon the Roadless Rule in Alaska and instead to put the public interest above corporate profits by choosing to keep the rule in place unchanged.

Malama the land, air, and water for the people and wildlife to survive and for future generations to come. It won't happen if the Forest Service doesn't put service to the people of the United States first before corporate greed. Remember the common folk pays the taxes and live near the forest. You are putting their health in jeopardy by allowing industry to destroy the area. Please kokua! You all have to live with the decisions you make for all of us. By comparing all the impacts on various forests throughout the world that industry destroyed, I am sure you have enough data to NOT ROLL BACK THE ROADLESS RULE.

Regards, Naomi Pang

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