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Comments: My name is Marilee Eusebio and I live in Davis, California.

I am currently reading 'The Hidden Life of Trees: What they Feel, How They communicate' by Peter Wohlleben. The book underlines and reaffirms my understanding of the need for the world's forests for human and other animal survival. Please do not roll back the Roadless Area Conservation Rule in Alaska or elsewhere. Sincerely, Marilee Eusebio 2112 Saratoga Place Davis, CA

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 nation's 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 generates 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.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Marilee Eusebio

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