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Comments: My name is Art Jacobson and I live in Denver, Colorado.

The Bears Ears landscapes are sacred and truly magnificent. I have visited many Native American sites in the vicinity, and they need protecting at all cost. I have viewed the clearing of land to erect oil drilling projects in Canyon Lands, which have negatively changed the landscape forever. We need to stop POTUS from opening up the Bears Ears area for his reckless quest for his misguided plan for world energy dominance. His degradation of the Bears Ears landscape has made it more accessible to looters of sacred sites, and off road destruction by ORV's and careless use of other motor vehicles. POTUS has no regard for Native American rights, and seems to be choosing vindictive methods to turn around President Obama's designation of Bears Ears as a National Monument. I fully concur with Earth Justice and applaud their efforts to Save Bears Ears National Monument from further destruction.

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.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Art Jacobson

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