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Comments: My name is Jarel Bruce and I live in Orofino, ID. I am writing a comment on the Alaska Roadless Rule DEIS because I support how the Rule fully exempts the roadless rule on the Tongass National Forest and the Chugach National Forest.

These forests are unique and immense areas with vast resources. Managed responsibly, which includes timber harvest, the Tongass can provide all the environmental benefits preservationists desire, as well as jobs, products, and federal funding communities require. When Alaska does not produce it's own resources, it epitomizes unsustainability.

I urge the Forest Service to select Alternative 6, full exemption alternative, for the final decision on the Alaska Roadless Rule. This alternative restores sound management of the forests in SE Alaska where there is ample pristine wilderness, important fish and wildlife habitat, and allows for important community and economic development projects. As an American citizen, I value the Tongass National Forest and the Chugach National Forest for its wild salmon populations and the world-class fishing opportunities, the recreational opportunities it provides, the high density of incredible wildlife it contains, the lifestyles of the indigenous communities that the forest supports. A full exemption allows local control and utilization of the land around their communities. I would like the Forest Service to manage roadless areas for timber where appropriate, hydroelectric development, low-impact recreation (camping, hiking, hunting, foraging, etc), medium-impact recreation (FS cabins, trails, mooring buoys, 3-sided shelters).

The Forest Service is wasting taxpayers' valuable time and money by failing to manage land with a clear and balanced multiple use mandate, which is critical for a sustainable future.

I urge the Forest Service to listen to the voices of the American people and prioritize them over extremists' interests. The Forest Service should ensure public involvement in developing land management policy does not overrule science, common sense utilization, and sustainable management of the ecosystems in which citizens live. Maintaining inventoried roadless areas on the Chugach National Forest from the Alaska Roadless Rule adds further insult to injury, while Alaska continues to import forest products from out of state.

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