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Comments: My name is Brent Hermsmeyer and I live in Northern California

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.

Our protected Forests are possibly our most valuable resource in offsetting the drastic climate changes affecting our planet, and this move would send a message that something needs to be done now and for many years to protect wilderness forests and carbon sinks that are so beneficial to human kind. In Northern California we see the devastation of wildfires that wipe out thousands of acres of forestland increasing every year People are becoming more and more aware of the effects that climate change are having and the importance of forests and their protection.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice concern,

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