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Dear Roadless Rule Planning Team,

I live in Southeast Alaska, where my lifestyle, the ecology of the forest, and the economy of our communities are all intricately intertwined. I live in this region for the bountiful salmon runs, the beautiful scenery, the *clean air and water* [text underlined for emphasis], and the endless opportunities to *recreate* [text underlined for emphasis] in our expansive outdoors. *I am one of the 94% of Southeast Alaskans that eats salmon every year.* [text underlined for emphasis] The freshwater streams where salmon and old growth forest of the Tongass provide spawning habitat for these fish, which in turn feed a matrix of bears, birds, insects, and other wildlife that Alaska is so famous for. The health of our economy, which is heavily dependent on the fishing and tourism industries, also depends on the salmon, wildlife and presence of old growth forests. A sustainable future for Southeast Alaska requires protecting expansive areas of intact habitat - in short, it requires keeping our Roadless areas roadless! I urge the Forest Service and the Secretary to protect important salmon spawning habitat, maintain old growth forests for winter deer habitat, and keep the places I like to recreate free of clearcuts and roadbuilding.

WHO I AM: [text bolded for emphasis]

David Kreiss-Tomkins - I grew up in Sitka + depend on the fish, salmon, berries for food and other food that can be gathered in the Tongass.

ALTERNATIVE: [text bolded for emphasis] The alternative I support is: No new roads

Because: there are so many wateways that provide *all* [text underlined for emphasis] the transportation needs I could ever need

AREAS: [text bolded for emphasis] The areas I want to see protected from road building and old growth timber harvest are:

Anywhere near salmon streams, delicate ecosystemss, old growth forests.

USE: [text bolded for emphasis] Old-growth logging and road building would negatively impact the productivity of the ecosystem that I depend on for the following activities:

fishing, hunting, mushroom gathering, picking [illegible]berries, blueberries, [illegible]-berries, raspberries, etc

SUGGESTION: [text bolded for emphasis] The monofocus on increasing timber production in the Tongass is *outdated* [text underlined for emphasis] and *out of pace* [text underlined for emphasis] with the current economy and lifestyle in Southeast Alaska. Industrial scale harvesting of old-growth forest does not enhance salmon production, visitor industry values, deer habitat, or my recreation experience. I would like the Forest Service to focus on activities that enhance and support our lifestyle of living off the land and the sustainable sectors of our economy. These activities are:

hiking + camping, cabins -> public use, berry picking, fishing

The DEIS does not sufficiently analyze the impacts of possible roadbuilding and timber harvest on subsistence use areas. I want the 'community priority' roadless area to contain protections for the areas I use for subsistence hunting, fishing, and gathering. I advocate for no timber harvest and no roadbuilding *in the following community use areas that I use for subsistence:* [text bolded for emphasis]

Cultural + outside coast of Baranof Island, outer coast Chichof Island

Additional comments for the Forest Service:

Thank you for prioritizing recreation

Sincerely,

David Kreiss-Tomkins

I do not want to receive a copy of the Draft Environmental Statement

[Position]