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Dear Roadless Rule Planning Team,

The health of the Tongass National Forest is important to me. I depend on the Tongass which is a unique and global treasure.

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] Include your name, where you live, and any relevant biographical information. Do you live or work on the Tongass National Forest? What is your relationship to the Tongass?

My name is Andre Cardella, + I live in Haines, AK. I am a river guide + I live and work in the Tongass.

*PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE:* [text bolded for emphasis] The Forest Service will choose how to proceed from a number of different alternatives. If you want the Roadless Rule to remain on the Tongass, write "No Action."

No action

*WHY I PREFER THIS ALTERNATIVE:* [text bolded for emphasis] How would this alternative affect you and Southeast Alaskans?

I don't want the Tongass to change from the way it is.

*AREAS:* [text bolded for emphasis] Are there specific islands, watersheds, or mountains that you depend on? Name the most important areas that the Roadless Rule to protect. Examples include the Tenakee Inlet, Nakwasina Sound, Fish Bay, Ushk Bay, Northern Prince of Wales, T77 salmon watershed areas, Audobon TNC ecological priority areas, etc.

All areas within the Lynn could affect fishing for me - both subsistence + commercial

*USE:* [text bolded for emphasis] What activities do you use the Tongass National Forest for? Hunting, fishing, recreation, subsistence, business, tourism, etc.

Subsistence! - Hunting, fishing, crabbing.

Tourism - I am a river guid. It is my work here

Recreation - I love backpacking + skiing in remote backcountry areas.

*SUGGESTION:* [text bolded for emphasis] How should the Forest Service manage the Tongass National Forest, rather than old-growth clearcut logging? More sustainable alternatives to timber harvest include salmon watershed restoration, visitor industry infrastructure, deer habitat enhancement, young growth thinning, and maintenance of recreation infrastructure such as trails and cabins.

Salmon watershed restoration. For me, the salmon are the most important thing to protect in Alaska.

Additional comments for the Forest Service:

Humans have destroyed forests + natural habitats all over the world. I moved to Alaska because the forests are still in tact. We should never to anything to alter that. Let's learn from previous mistakes.

Sincerely,

Andrew Cardella [Signature]

I want to receive a copy of the Draft Environmental Statement

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