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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 Krystina and I live in Sitka, Alaska, The Tongass is both part of my financial livelihood and the source of my daily enjoyment.

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, there is no reason old growth logging should happen in the tongass.

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

The Tongass needs thinning managment when apropriate. Live old growth should be left alone, second growth is a much better alternative if needed

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.

Please do not log old growth or clear cut on Baranof Island. And strongly consider this for the entire tongass.

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

Hunting, fishing, recreation, subsistence, business + tourism. The Tongass National Forest is vital to every aspect of my life.

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.

By all means add more trails to the tongass to give me more people access so that they can understand how important the tongass is for Alaska + the world.

Additional comments for the Forest Service:

It does not make financial log old growth in the tongass, Please continue to protect the Tongas for the people and wildlife that depend on it.

Sincerely,

Krystina Scheller

I want to receive a copy of the Draft Environmental Statement

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