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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, and the endless opportunities to recreate in our expansive outdoors. I am one of the 94% of Southeast Alaskans that eats salmon every year. 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]

I've been living in Sitka for 40 years, living a subsistence lifestyle some of that time and always depending on the bounty of the sea and forest for food, sometimes for wood, for recreation, for solitude and spiritual groundedness

ALTERNATIVE: [text bolded for emphasis] The alternative I support is: leave the 2001 Roadless Rule intact

Because: It [illegible] it protects critical habitat for salmon, for tourism, and for, yes, hydro, transportation, even mining can be done in Roadless areas.

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

Kadashan and especially the head of Tenakee Inlet, all of Hoonah Sound, Krozof Island, Nakuasina, Silver Bay, Deep Inlet, Redoubt, Crawfish

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:

gathering food for fish, crab, for my fiberwork, for hiking, boating, for solitude.

SUGGESTION: [text bolded for emphasis] The monofocus on increasing timber production in the Tongass is outdated and out of pace with the current economy and lifestyle in Southeast Alaska.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 sectors are:

Recreation is very underfunded. Fund addressing the backlog of special use permits and maintence of cabins and other recreation assets.

Repairing old culverts that impair fish access to spawning areas. Repair and maintain the old logging roads.

Ways the FS can bring in revenue as a carbon sequestation bank.

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]

All areas around Sitka Sound, Redoubt, southern Chichagof

Additional comments for the Forest Service:

The Tongass is a significant carbon bank. It is the old groud that creates that. Recent research in the Sitka area reveals that intact forests help revent landslides. The 2001 Roadless Rule maintains the small percentage of old growth left on the Tongass.

We lost three people in a landslide three years ago and have many areas prone/with rish of landslides

Sincerely,

Marian Allen

I want to receive a copy of the Draft Environmental Statement

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