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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] 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?

Bethany Goodrich. Sitka, AK. I live, work, play + sustain myself + family on the Tongass. My relationship to these lands + waters is the important relationship I have. This place is like my family - it sustains me, supports me when I'm struggling, it feeds me + balances me.

***PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE:** [text bolded for emphasis] If you want the Roadless Rule to remain on the Tongass, write "No Action."

No action - or very little adjustments

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

Our intact healthy ecosystems are our biggest asset... They sustain our economies, offer men untapped opportunities (special use permits etc.) + help buffer us against environmental disaster. We need trees to sequester carbon.

***AREAS:** [text bolded for emphasis] Where do you spend time in the Tongass National Forest? Are there specific islands, watersheds, or mountains that you depend on? Name the most important areas that the Roadless Rule to protect.

Kruzof, all of common use area. Cuichaoof, Sausborm sound, Redoubt, Goddard. Picme Cove

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

[Arrow drawn from 'business'] photography, storytelling, marketing, writing etc.

***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.

Supporting community forestry initiatives like the Hoonah native forest partnership helping support biz. Through current structure (special use permits) more tourism [illegible] infrastructure

Additional comments for the Forest Service:

Sincerely,

Bethany Goodrich

I want to receive a copy of the Draft Environmental Statement

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