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Good morning,

The below comment was recorded on November 23, 2019 at the REI Flagship Store in Seattle, WA as part of a community meeting regarding the Alaska Roadless Rule. Washington Wild was given permission by the individual to submit this comment to the United States Forest Service on their behalf. Please add their comment into the record.

Thank you.

Sara Nelson, Fremont Brewing

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My name is Sarah Nelson and my husband and I own Fremont brewing, which was founded in 2009 here in Seattle. First of all, thank you Washington Wild for convening this meeting and thank you. Thank you REI for hosting this. But most of all, most of all thank you Senator Cantwell for all of your support for craft beer. No, it's, it's really true. She has, she has helped establish a more level playing field between craft beer and corporate beer, more importantly, thank you so much for your work on the environment, land, and water conservation. I'm on the board of the Brewers Association, which represents 6,000 craft breweries across the country. And we always say, no water, no beer. And so obviously protecting clean water is an imperative for my industry. It's important for my business, my industry to come out and support the roadless rule and oppose any weakening of that in Alaska or anywhere else. So I was invited here to make that really direct economic link because that's what lawmakers need to hear. So here I am representing 6,000 craft breweries, which create a lot of jobs. No water, no beer, no forest, no fauna, no flora, no fungi. And it's bigger than beer. It's bigger than my industry and it's about nature. Thank you very much.

Hillary Sanders, Member and Engagement Manager

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