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Dear Chief Christiansen,

I document the lands and waters of the Tongass National Forest. The health of the Tongass National Forest is critical to sustaining our way of life and the lives of so many species in this rugged region. From hunting and fishing, to hiking and camping, to tourism and commercial fishing-based economies, we rely on the intact habitat that the roadless areas of the Tongass contain. That is why it is important to me that the 2001 Roadless Rule remain in place on the Tongass National Forest. A no-action alternative is the best option for Southeast Alaska! They are stunning and VITAL to the health of this *planet* [text triple underlined for emphasis]

Prioritizing one antiquated industry over private sectors is bad business, and bad for Southeast Alaska. I support the Tongass Transition and I would like the Forest Service to continue phasing out old growth clearcutting. *Please prioritize conservation of the T77 and TNC conservation priority areas in any new Alaska Roadless Rule.* [text underlined for emphasis] This forest is a salmon forest, and the Forest Service should focus on restoring degraded watersheds and fish streams.

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