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Comments: I am writing to register my strong opposition to changing the roadless rule for the Tongass National Forest. I strongly support and recommend Alternative 1 - no change/keep the Roadless Rule. The reasons are unambiguous. Economically, the commercial and recreational fishery industries - which depend on the old growth forests that would be seriously damaged by roads - together with wilderness-based tourism, are much, much more valuable than the lumber production that would be enabled by removing the roadless rule. Ecologically, more roads would be disastrous and create long-term damage. The quality of life of local residents - including Alaska Native groups with millennia-long use of these areas - would be greatly diminished by more roads into wild areas. More roads would benefit only a small group, and at great cost to the vast majority of Alaskans, and to Americans more broadly.

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