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Comments: To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to voice my opposition to the State of Alaska's efforts to exempt the Tongass National Forest from the 2001 Roadless Rule. Alternative options proposed by the Forest Service are inadequate, and provide little assurance that Southeast Alaska's wild salmon economy will not be negatively impacted as a result of the proposed changes in regulation. The economic value of the Tongass National Forest does not end at the root of its trees - removing or relaxing regulatory protections as proposed by the State of Alaska and the Trump administration discounts the voices of Southeast businesses like ours that depend on salmon.

To be clear, I am voicing support for "Alternative 1," absolutely no action to current regulations.

Sincerely,

Benjamin Blakey

President, Northline Seafoods

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