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Comments: My name is Sarah Lillegard and I live in Doyle, CA. I am writing a comment on the Alaska Roadless Rule DEIS because I am concerned with how the Rule and the proposed full exemption will affect the Tongass National Forest and the Chugach National Forest.

Having spent most of my life in communities with close access to public lands, protecting these spaces is important to me. I believe we should keep the stewardship of public lands in the public's hands so they are considered with more than just the lens of what resources they could offer.

I urge the Forest Service to select Alternative 1, the no action alternative, for the final decision on the Alaska Roadless Rule. This alternative protects the inventoried roadless areas in Alaska that are full of pristine wilderness and provide important fish and wildlife habitat. I value the Tongass National Forest and the Chugach National Forest for its huge swaths of intact ecosystems, the carbon it sequesters and the lifestyles of the indigenous communities that the forest supports. It is important to me that high-value intact habitats including the T77 watersheds and the TNC conservation priority areas retain their roadless protections in any alternative selected.

I encourage the Forest Service to listen to the voices of the American people and prioritize them over corporate interests.

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