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Comments: My name is Barbara Johns and I live in Lewisberry, Pennsylvania.

We are here to save and protect the Arctic refuge and the wildlife and the waters now and we will. We are here to take action now and we will. We will continue to fight this all the way now and we will. We don't give up that easily now and we won't. We won't let this go anytime soon now and we won't. We are to save and protect all the forests now and we will. We are here to make sure that the wildlife have a place to live. There will be no more cutting down trees in Alaska or anyplace else for that matter. We are here to find out why this is still going on now and we will. We are looking into this farther now and we will. We are taking this very seriously now and we will. We are not joking about this anymore now and we won't. This is a very big deal to us now. We ban all trees being cut down now and we will. This is no longer a joke anymore. This is very real now. How much more real does this need to get now. We are not giving up on the forests, wildlife, their habitats and the water and this fight anytime soon now. If you so called people think this will go away anytime soon now think again because it won't now will it? Of course not it won't. We care what happens to the forests, wildlife, their habitats and the waters now and we will. This is not over yet! We will continue to get to the bottom of this now and we will. We will continue to fight for forests, wildlife, their habitats and the waters now and we will. We are here to get some answers now and we will. We are here to get to the real truth now and we will. We are not here for excuses and lies anymore now.

I am writing to express strong opposition to efforts to roll back the Roadless Area Conservation Rule (Roadless Rule) in Alaska or elsewhere. The Roadless Rule was implemented with unprecedented public support to protect some of our nations most pristine public lands, including large parts of the Tongass National Forest. You must choose the No Action alternative. Any other choice would ignore overwhelming public support and harm Alaskans, including Alaska Natives, and taxpayers across the nation.

In Southeast Alaska, tourism accounts for 28% of employment and generate an annual $1 billion in economic benefit, making it far more of an economic driver than the timber industry, which is less than 1% of the regional economy.

Any choice but the No Action alternative would also put wildlife and critical habitat at risk, threaten access to clean water, and be a step in the wrong direction on climate change jeopardizing Alaskans at a time when the state already faces severe challenges related to rising temperatures. I urge you not to abandon the Roadless Rule in Alaska and instead to put the public interest above corporate profits by choosing to keep the rule in place unchanged.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, Barbara Johns

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