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Dear Interdisciplinary Team Leader, Alaska Roadless Rule Ken Tu,

I am an outdoor recreation enthusiast and a very concerned citizen writing to express my interest in continuing to protect the Tongass National Forest and its backcountry and roadless areas from unnecessary logging and development.

The Tongass has tremendous value for outdoor recreation in the region, and also provides clean water, clean air, and wildlife habitat, all of which are foundational to the economic and ecological health of Southeast Alaska and beyond. Road building, logging, and development should continue to be prohibited in the Tongass's roadless areas through upholding the Roadless Rule.

In addition, there are so few large, intact forests like the Tongass with old growth trees and unique, intact ecosystems that, if disrupted, may never come back. Please uphold the Roadless Rule and preserve these irreplaceable plant and animal communities for future generations. The very future of our planet may depend on it.

Sincerely,

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