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Hi there,

Below is a comment I would like to be considered for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement regarding the Roadless Rule on the Tongass National Forest in Alaska:

I had the pleasure of living in SE Alaska this summer. I was working as a fisheries technician for the Sitka Sound Science Center and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. I had the amazing opportunity to sample chum salmon on streams throughout the Tongass, around the towns of Sitka and Juneau. The Tongass is unlike anywhere else in the country. This is one of the last remaining intact, wild ecosystems we have in the country, and nothing should threaten this. I do not support exempting the Tongass from the Roadless Rule, and believe NO ACTION should be taken. After living, working, and recreating in various Wilderness areas in Montana, Wyoming, Utah, Idaho, Washington, and now Southeast Alaska, I have learned that nothing in the lower 48 states compares to the rich, healthy ecosystem of the Tongass. We sampled thousands of chum salmon in streams within the Tongass. Salmon are the core of Alaska livelihood, not just economically, but culturally and spiritually. With salmon populations in decline in so many other parts of the Pacific, every effort should be taken to protect their habitat, including keeping the Tongass within the Roadless Rule.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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