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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

Logging is not benign. Roadless areas are crucial to keep healthy ecosystems intact. There are very few places in the world left untouched. These places are critical refuges for fish and wildlife!

The Roadless Rule has been instrumental in conserving the Tongass National Forest and in supporting its fish and wildlife-based industries for almost 20 years. Please uphold the Rule's protections for important fish and wildlife areas, including the Tongass 77. Roadless areas are an important source of food, jobs, and income through commercial, subsistence, and recreational fishing. Salmon are part of Alaska's culture and we must protect them and their spawning streams. Please do not roll back roadless area protections for habitat that our irreplaceable fish and wildlife populations need to survive.

Sincerely,

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