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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

I have lived in Alaska over 40 years. I have recreated and enjoyed the Tongass. The value of the roadless areas is a bank for a healthy environment or many generations to come please do not alter the roads rules for short sighted and minimal gain for the few.

I am writing in support of the 'no action' alternative to leave the Roadless Rule unchanged in Alaska. I am concerned that changes to the rule would lead to greatly expand clear-cut logging of old growth timber and costly road building in undeveloped, wild areas of both the Tongass and Chugach Forests. These activities increase sedimentation, hurt water quality, often block salmon migration, and add to an already large backlog of needed road maintenance and restoration.

Our fisheries and wild forests are critical to the economy of Alaska. To grow these sectors of our economy, we need intact habitat. Please leave the Alaska Roadless Rule in place.

Sincerely,

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