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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

Opening the Tongass National Forest to more roads will irreparably damage the forest. Logging is so heavily subsidized in the Tongass that the Forest Service loses money on every sale. And the logs are not being processed locally but are being exported as whole logs. So only the timber companies benefit, and not the local residents. This is purely a corporate giveaway.

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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