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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

I believe that this country needs to maintain roadless, wilderness types of areas for future generations. They represent the essence of primitive America which can be easily despoiled and difficult to restore. We should not place the immediate benefit to a relative few against the legacy of preservation. We do not need to produce timber for China and other growing countries at the cost of our wilderness areas.

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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