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## U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

I still remember taking the ferries back in 1976 and seeing how ugly the clear cuts were. Also fishing for salmon. The value of the fish and wildlife that can go on forever far outweighs the value of the timber that would be cut and gone. Worse yet, the timber would be shipped to Asia and not provide jobs in the USA.

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.

Sincerely,

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