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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

As a steelhead fisherman, I understand the beauty and enjoyment of fishing wild streams, and I hope my grandchildren will have the opportunity to share that experience. I regret that our current national leaders seem to place limited value on old growth forests and pristine environments to say nothing of the economic value of the fisheries that they support. I am sure that this leadership and perspective will soon change. Perspectives change over years, but old growth takes centuries. Please do not take action now that our future generations will regret for centuries.

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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