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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

I am a PhD Fisheries Biologist with more than 50 years experience in fisheries management (including 15 years in S.E. Alaska). Given the economic, ecological and cultural value of anadromous salmon and steelhead in S.E. Alaska, I strongly oppose suspension of the Roadless Rule in the Tongass National Forest. Such action will jeopardize the spawning and nursery areas upon which these great fisheries depend. As some wise observer has stated, "salmon grow on trees".

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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