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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

For years I have fished out of Yakutat. It is an incredibly special place. There is simply no need to destroy one of the last few wild steelhead ecosystems in the world. We continue to watch the collapse of steel head populations in the lower 48. Please do not let this happen to the Tongass.

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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