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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

Expanding clear-cut logging of old-growth timber by eliminating the Roadless Rule would harm the people & economy of Southeast Alaska. Additionally, this unsustainable and taxpayer subsidized effort is non-financially viable. Forest Service funds and manpower would be much better spend maintaining existing infrastructure.

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. Please do not roll back roadless area protections for habitat that our irreplaceable fish and wildlife populations need to survive.

Sincerely,

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