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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

The Roadless Rule has already been through the public process - multiple times! Also, the Roadless Rule doesn't prevent development or utilization of resources as most applications for these purposes are approved in a matter of weeks.

We don't need more roads. The Tongass National Forest already has more than 5,000 miles of permanent logging roads transecting its landscape to access timber.

Road construction on the Tongass is expensive. American taxpayers have spent more than \$600 million building logging roads on the Tongass over the past 20 years. According to the Taxpayers for Common Sense, USFS could end up losing more than \$180 million in the Tongass over the next four years.

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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