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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

I am a former employee of the Tongass National Forest, and have traveled the world. This is one of the most unique natural habitats left on earth. The uncontrolled logging in the '70s devastated much of Southeast, leaving a patchwork of forest and clearcuts. Please help protect the relatively small amount of intact natural spaces left for future generations. History will commend you for making the right decision on this one.

I am writing in support of the 'no action' alternative to leave the Roadless Rule unchanged in Alaska. I am concerned that changes to the rule would lead to greatly expand clear-cut logging of old growth timber and costly road building in undeveloped, wild areas of both the Tongass and Chugach Forests. These activities increase sedimentation, hurt water quality, often block salmon migration, and add to an already large backlog of needed road maintenance and restoration.

Our fisheries and wild forests are critical to the economy of Alaska. To grow these sectors of our economy, we need intact habitat. Please leave the Alaska Roadless Rule in place.

Sincerely,

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