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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

My name is Megan moody, and I am writing in support of the 'no action' alternative to leave the Roadless Rule unchanged in Alaska. I live in Tenakee Springs, in the heart of the Tongass, and I rely on Roadless areas for both subsistence activities and for my family's income (my husband guides bear hunts). Commercial fishing is also my community's main occupation. When I go to any Roadless Area by in the Tongass, I see the areas used for tourism, recreation, hunting, fishing, science, and more. This is a working forest. I don't understand why the forest service would choose a minuscule, dying industry (logging) over the billion dollar fishing and tourism industries. It does make sense economically, it doesn't make sense environmentally, it doesn't make sense culturally. Roads ruin salmon populations. Roads are expensive for taxpayers. This is just bad policy. We need intact habitats, and those of us who live in the Tongass (not Anchorage or DC) want to see the Roadless Rule left in place.

Thanks,

Megan Moody

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,

Megan Moody

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