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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

Hi, I am writing to express my support for keeping the Roadless Rule on the Tongass National Forest. The protection of the Tongass is crucial in maintaining the health of subsistence and commercial fishing areas (such as Tongass 77), as well as the economic capacity of Southeast Alaska. Please uphold the Roadless Rule.

The Roadless Rule has been instrumental in conserving the Chugach and Tongass National Forest and in supporting their associated fish and wildlife-based industries for more than 20 years. Please uphold the Rule's protections for important fish and wildlife areas, including the Tongass 77, by selecting the 'no action' alternative. 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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