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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

As a professional photographer and avid fly fisherman I ask that you please leave these lands as they are. I know many guides that make their living by taking visiting tourists into these beautiful places to fish. All these folks later go to local places for dinners or drinks. That is a trickle down that will be lost should the tourism industry slow down due to ecologic turmoil. Thank you, Earl Harper.

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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