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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

Living in Alaska for many years led me to understand the importance of conserving all of its forests. The only reason for people to change the roadless rule would be the desire to make money off of Alaska's natural resources. Something that would lead to the unnecessary ruin of the natural and useful beauty of Alaska's Tongass and Chugach Forests.

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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