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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

I am an avid outdoor user, a fly fisherman, cyclist, boater, and I care deeply about our publicly owned wild spaces. They are our greatest commons, and an important buffer against species loss and climate change. Please choose no action.

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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