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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

I am a retired forester, river guide and adviser to Washington State Fish and Wildlife on salmon management. Don't be foolish to believe that short term extractive harvest by special interests provides economic value commensurate with the recreational and environmental benefits provided solely by unique ecosystems like the Tongass and other roadless areas.

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 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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