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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

As a kid growing up in Alaska, I spent every summer for 17 years commercial salmon fishing from the age of 9. I am also a life-long Alaskan hunter, and dearly love the pristine beauty of some of the last untouched land on earth. One of my greatest joys has been getting out and exploring different parts of the Alaska wilderness that are unblemished by roads and development.

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 protect this precious land and our natural resources from destruction by leaving the Alaska Roadless Rule in place.

Sincerely,

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