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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

There is absolutely no need for the cutting of old growth timber which is the primary logic behind elimination of the Roadless Rule. Second and third growth forests have been sustaining the forest products industry and the efficiency of operations in those previously harvested forests is much higher than the old growth forests. The old growth harvests, since they are destined for export, primarily for Asia, don't even benefit the NA customer. The elimination of the Roadless Rule is a two play: 1) to benefit of the timber companies or [hellip] 2) to preserve and protect some of the most pristine and ecologically sensitive areas of NA. I urge you to leave the roadless rule in place. Thank you. Steve Hayes Wichita Kansas.

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 almost 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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