

Data Submitted (UTC 11): 12/17/2019 9:00:00 AM

First name: Juan

Last name: Campos

Organization:

Title:

Comments: HC3621

U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

I have been traveling to Alaska every year since 2001 for fishing tips. I have been fortunate to have fished throughout the state in the Anchorage, Whittier, King Salmon, Gustavus, Ketchikan, Prince of Whales and Dillingham areas. I have stayed with multiple lodges and have hired several day guides during my trips. All of these people involved in the fishing industry have told how much their livelihoods depend on salmon and other sport fish. I have been fishing on Prince of Wales every year since 2014 and already have a lodge booked for 2020. With the impacts of climate change, over fishing, ocean pollution adding additional roads in these areas will only put more strain on the fisheries. The impacts will lower the amount of fish stocks and hurt the lodge/charter owners, their employees and the local economies. The risks are not worth the short term gains. I respectfully ask that these roadless areas be left intact so that future generations can enjoy them as I have.

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,

Juan Campos

East Wenatchee, WA 98802

[Position]