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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

We do not "need" to do this. There are plenty of alternatives to the continued used of wood harvested from pristine areas, to benefit paper and wood producing corporations at the expense of the rest of us. If these timber based corporations need to continue their operations, they should be responsible and plan, plant, grow and harvest on their own property not the public lands owned by me and the American public. The Tongass and Chugach are keystone parts of the overall Alaskan salmon habitat that should not be disturbed for any reason unless it is absolutely necessary which is definitely not the case.

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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