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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

I spend time each year visiting the Tongass National Forest to fish. The main appeal of the Tongass has been the ability to escape from "the crowds" that are found along road systems. My trips bring funds to local communities, e.g., fishing guides, aircraft operators, grocery stores, restaurants, and motels.

The Roadless Rule has been instrumental in conserving the Tongass National Forest and in supporting its 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. 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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