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Dear U.S. Forest Service:

The Roadless Rule has been instrumental in conserving the Tongass National Forest and in supporting its fish and wildlife-based industries for more than 20 years. **\*Please uphold the Rule's protections for important fish and wildlife areas, including the Tongass 77.\*** [Text bolded for emphasis] 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 are protection for habitat that our irreplaceable fish and wildlife populations need to survive.\*** [Text bolded for emphasis]

*\*Customize your comment by listing reasons the Tongass is important to you or why you value Alaska Roadless areas: (ex: specific locations you recreate, activities you do, or why you value fish & wildlife)\** [Text italicized]

Please protect the Tongass. 20% of jobs in SE AK are based in tourism or fishing. Threatened by the rule change. Our communities have also come out + spoke against it. Please listen + respect our land.

Sincerely,

Would you like to volunteer with TU Alaska to Help America's Salmon Forest?

Yes No

[Position]