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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

I came to Alaska in 1964 when I graduated from college and have been since. I married a wonderful woman who was born and raised in Alaska. We raised 3 children 2 still live in Alaska and we have 2 grand children who live in Fairbanks. In my 50 plus years in Alaska I have enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping and hiking. In those 50 plus years I have been very impressed how the State of Alaska has managed the natural resources - wildlife and fisheries. It is a real credit that the State of Alaska was far sighted to manage the resources for the long term. They have managed the resources so there are healthy populations of animals and wild trophy rainbow trout and grayling not to mention great runs of salmon in most of Alaska. Do not let the outside interests and this administration in Washington dictate to Alaska - all they want is to bend over for their money grubbing buddies and rape the Tongass - they have no heart and no conscience - all they want is to make money and they don't care if it rapes the environment please keep the Roadless Rule in the Tongass - I hope they do so that our kids and grandkids can continue to enjoy the real Alaska.

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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