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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

As a former Alaska resident, retired USFS employee of the Chugach National Forest, and avid fisherman, I oppose changing the Roadless Rule in Alaska. In 2001 I worked on the Roadless Rule along with many other dedicated people while employed with the US Forest Service. The Roadless Rule has been instrumental in conserving the Chugach and Tongass National Forest (and across the National Forest System) and in supporting their associated 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, 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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