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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

I worked as a fishing guide in Alaska for many years, and personally understand how sensitive salmonids are to habitat disturbance. Rolling back the roadless rule will do more economic harm than benefit in my opinion, and I do not support it. I Believe in job creation, and I'm not some protectionist who doesn't understand harvest and use. But this the costs in this case far outweigh the benefits.

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 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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