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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

I support conservation and restoration of wildlife and fisheries in particular. Incremental steps in opening roadless areas and development are wrongheaded and shortsighted. "Gains" for humans have not proved beneficial fisheries anywhere. I hope to visit AK again soon and add to their economic wellbeing by contributing to the outdoor/fishing industry.

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. 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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