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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

Hi, I'm an avid outdoorsman, but more importantly, a concerned citizen of this planet and I'm writing you because I believe we need to keep what little roadless areas that we have in North America pristine and roadless as our old growth forests are instrumental in keeping CO2 down and O2 up on this planet! It is paramount that we pass on a liveable (for humans) planet to our younger generations. The Tongass being the largest block of old-growth is a significant part of carbon sequestration! Please, please, please don't sell out for a few bucks now at the expense of climate deterioration. I would also appeal to you that the Tongass and Chugach are critical to our native fish and wildlife. Without them this planet won't be the same and my daughter may not be able to continue to enjoy the passion I have had of fishing for those indigenous fishes of the Tongass and Chugach watersheds. Again please keep the roadless areas roadless. Thank you, Alex

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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