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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

Please do not change the roadless rules on Alaska. My wife and I recently visited Alaska and spent four days fly fishing on the Alagnak river. We spent time in Fairbanks, Anchorage, and Denali national park as well as spending time visiting many other areas of Alaska. Do not trade the wilderness and vast untouched tundra of Alaska for the ability to reap a few dollars of profit from the harvest of it's natural resources. The wilderness is worth vastly more left untouched.

I am writing in support of the 'no action' alternative to leave the Roadless Rule unchanged in Alaska. I am concerned that changes to the rule would lead to greatly expand clear-cut logging of old growth timber and costly road building in undeveloped, wild areas of both the Tongass and Chugach Forests. These activities increase sedimentation, hurt water quality, often block salmon migration, and add to an already large backlog of needed road maintenance and restoration.

Our fisheries and wild forests are critical to the economy of Alaska. To grow these sectors of our economy, we need intact habitat. Please leave the Alaska Roadless Rule in place.

Sincerely,

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