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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

The old growth forests that are in the cross hairs would be irreparably harmed by allowing more roads and clear-cutting and for what- more toilet paper, more short term profit! STOP THIS! The forest undergrowth is an entire organism like the lining of your guts. Cutting down the trees kills the undergrowth as well. This organism supports not only the forest but also the wildlife. Would you have your guts removed and think that you can live a healthy life? I think not. As humans we have to wake up to the fact that this earth is not here just for our benefit but for all life on the planet. Consider the long term impact of your decisions, PLEASE! Short shortsightedness is killing everything needed for the survival of all ecosystems, all life on this planet - including our own.

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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