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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

As a Washington angler, hunter and conservationist with deeply family connections in Alaska, including southeast Alaska's Prince of Wales Island, I cherish the roadless forests and clean waters of the Tongass, and very much want to see them protected. Both for Alaska's fish, wildlife and people, and for the salmon that swim past southeast Alaska en route to Washington state.

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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