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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

It would sadden me a great deal to see the Roadless Rule upended in the Tongass. I along with my father, cousin and friends have spent many days and created lifelong memories along the banks of the Situk River in Yakutat. This area, while heavily visited, has maintained its raw and natural state thanks in large part to the Roadless Rule act. Lets not change this so that my son and her friends may experience the wilderness as I knew it.

The Roadless Rule has been instrumental in conserving the Chugach and Tongass National Forest and in supporting their associated 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, by selecting the 'no action' alternative. 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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