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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

The Tongass is a national treasure and must remain protected. At a time when CO2 levels are rising, the trees of Tongass are more important than ever. Not only is carbon sequestration so important, the trees provide so much more for lean streams, fish, mammals, and general forest ecosystem. My biggest hope is that our generation will maintain some of these ecosystems for our children! Please, please, please[hellip] do not open up the roadless Tongass to exploitation!! Thank you sincerely, 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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