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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

Hello, my name is Dr. Ralph Bertrand and I live in Colorado. I support keeping the Roadless Rule on the Tongass and use the Tongass for fishing.

The Roadless Rule has been instrumental in conserving the Tongass National Forest and in supporting its 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. 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,

Ralph Bertrand

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