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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

Those of us who live outside of Alaska fully recognize the value that Alaska and the Tongass forest holds as one of our last wild places. Keeping it roadless will help maintain that wildness and leave it as an important part of the economy related to fishing and recreation and environment.

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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