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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

I am writing in support of the 'no action' alternative to leave the Roadless Rule unchanged in Alaska. I'm planning to fish Alaska this coming summer and I desire that it keep its wilderness characteristics for me, my children and grand children. 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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