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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

Because of the length of time to replace old growth trees and the impact to all aspects of the environment in cutting them we need to keep these areas pristine. There are just not enough of them left. Rather than letting a few benefits from the rule changes please look at the needs of the many, from hunters and fisherman to hikers and backpackers, photographers and artists need to be protected. Please protect the common persons interests over the timber companies executives.

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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