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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

Too few places exist where our impact hasn't been felt. This sad truth makes the Tongass that much more valuable in it's current condition. At some point we must recognize the value of wild places above the monetary value of the resources we can extract from them. Let's let the Tongass remain one of those places.

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,

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