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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

I am writing to support the Roadless Rule implemented by the Forest Service many years ago. Please understand that I am not the only person who places an unmeasurable value on the Chugach and Tongass National Forest. Nearly a million commenters have already expressed their support for upholding this rule. I add my voice to theirs.

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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