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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 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.

I have travelled from Texas to fish southeastern Alaskan waters every year for the past five years. I spend from \$7000-\$10,000 for this privilege. If the fishery is destroyed, Alaska will lose my tourism dollars and those of a large number of sport fishermen. I can not speak to the economic impact on the commercial fishery, but their fish need clean water to spawn as well.

Sincerely,

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