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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

I am looking forward to retirement and one of my bucket-list items to explore and fish Alaska. I live near the Snake River and the Clearwater River and both were recently closed to salmon and steelhead fishing due to low return numbers of hatchery fish and the possibility of hatcheries not obtaining their target numbers. I don't want that to happen to Alaska.

The Roadless Rule has been instrumental in conserving the Tongass National Forest and in supporting its fish and wildlife-based industries for almost 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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