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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

To preserve wildlife, salmon and OXYGEN, let the Roadless Rule remain and conserve all the many benefits that the TONGASS provides for human life, subsistence, jobs, income for residents and indigenous people of SE AK. Disturbing the natural balance of life throughout the TONGASS would sacrifice commercial and recreational fishing industries and place further harm to wild salmon and other fish that spawn in the many streams. Please keep the ROADLESS RULE in place and preserve the TONGASS. The Economy of SE AK has benefitted from the hard earned ROADLESS RULE that many SE AK citizens have protected for two decades. Please don't change that now. LOVE the TONGASS. I go to SE AK every summer, to fish, hike, visit indigenous communities.

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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