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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

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.

I work in the river restoration business and see first hand just how much money is put into habitat restoration. We are trying to get back a fraction of the ecosystem functions that remain intact in the Tongass. Why spend all this money in the lower 48 just to destroy what is already functioning in AK?

Sincerely,

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