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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

The remaining habitat in the world (yes the world) for anadromous fish is declining at an alarming rate. Areas that we thought would support runs of salmon and steelhead forever are in serious jeopardy - I.e. the rivers off the coast of Washington where I fished for years - but no more as many of the areas are now closed. The Skeena system is in serious trouble with one of the worst returns of steelhead since 1958. Please, please do not jeopardize the steelhead and salmon runs in Alaska!!!! We cannot ascribe to the stupid logic of --- "What a beautiful pristine wilderness[hellip] Let's develop it!

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.

Sincerely,

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