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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

I am a steelhead fisherman from the state of Washington that is witnessing historic low returns of steelhead and salmonid species to the rivers of Washington Oregon and Idaho. It is of utmost importance for us to protect the pristine ecosystems that still exist in 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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