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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

I've personally witnessed the destruction of habitat from logging in Washington, Oregon, and California. I believe it would be criminal to allow this to happen in the Chugach and/or Tongass National Forests. I want my tax dollars allocated to Forest Service expenses to pay for preservation instead of destruction. It would be unconscionable to have those funds pay for some corporate entity to profit from destruction of a resource they have no right to destroy. The current model of profiting from preservation of the forest (e.g., fishing industries) is better for everyone.

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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