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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

Too little of our national naturally wild areas are left. We have to stay the course in protecting those unspoiled areas that are left because of the urge to develop more area of the country for commercial purposes. Once unspoiled it is near impossible to return these areas back to what they once were. I urge you to keep both Tongass and Chugach Forests free from such activities by keeping the Alaska Roadless Rule in place.

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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