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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

I am an avid hiker, backpacker, and fisherman and I have spent many years hiking and fishing my way through all our beautiful western states and I have personally witnessed the environmental damage of mineral extraction and logging. Our beautiful air, water, earth and wildlife needs to be protected for everyone to enjoy. I am committed to doing what I can to help protect and give a voice to all the wild things in nature. It saddens me to see the decline in wildlife populations from environmental damage. As wildlife goes, so do humans.

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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