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## U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

Tongass National Forest is currently administered in a manner that provides sustainable income for the area that can be counted year after year thru commercial fishing and recreation. Removing the roadless areas greatly threaten these activities and prioritize short term jobs over quality long term jobs. The beautiful and rich should remain a roadless area.

The Roadless Rule has been instrumental in conserving the Chugach and Tongass National Forest and in supporting their associated fish and wildlife-based industries for more than 20 years. Please uphold the Rule's protections for important fish and wildlife areas, including the Tongass 77, by selecting the 'no action' alternative. 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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