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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

Protecting key wildlife areas and salmon watersheds such as the Tongass 77 is important for our economy and way of life in Southeast Alaska. I am a flyfisherwoman and an avid outdoors woman. While we cannot reverse the damage of clear cutting and deforestation in the past, we have an opportunity to conserve the last frontier for future generations to witness the majesty of old-growth forests and the magic of wild trout, salmon, and steelhead populations.

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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