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I lived in Southeast Alaska for many years and made my living in the fishing industry. I return often to fish and visit my brother who still lives and makes a living from the clean waters of the region. I cannot emphasize enough how strongly I feel the Tongass should be left alone. The timber industry has adjusted to the road less designation and the industries that depend on the roadless Tongass are thriving.. the economic impact of the roadless Tongass far far far outweighs the temporary short term money and long long long term damage removal of the roadless designation would bring. Please do not roll back roadless area protections for habitat that our irreplaceable fish and wildlife populations need to survive. Salmon are part of Alaska's culture and we must protect them and their spawning streams. Leave it alone. Sincerely,

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