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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

I just got back from Kenai Lake area in the Chugach National Forest. The wildness of this place is amazing and should be preserved for generations to come. Sediment is already in issue in southern Alaska, I fear additional logging will contribute to this pollution. I have seen it on many small sites where development has taken place, the rich free draining soil that is present at pre-development is gone and the site changes completely post development when the trees are removed. This may "fix" itself, but that will take many many years and wipe this out for future generations.

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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