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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

As a member of the younger generation of outdoor enthusiasts I have made plans to visit many of the natural wonders our country has to offer. Tongass National Forest is at the top of my list, as a fly fisherman the Tongass presents an incredibly unique and diverse experience that I would like to one day experience. If protections like the Roadless Rule are removed I fear I will not be able to experience it as it is meant to be experienced. More importantly though is the damage to the ecosystem and wildlife that call the area home, I could care less if I got to see the Tongass for what it is as long as I know that it continues to be safeguarded against development and the destruction that will follow once roads are cut and swaths of forest are cleared. I beg that you reconsider your decision, not only for me and my generation but for the sake of one of the last truly thriving forests.

The Roadless Rule has been instrumental in conserving the Tongass National Forest and in supporting its fish and wildlife-based industries for almost 20 years. Please uphold the Rule's protections for important fish and wildlife areas, including the Tongass 77. 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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