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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

What is it going to take for those in positions of policy making to start seeing just how important areas like those protected by roadless rule are? We are a people that all enjoy and treasure nature, yet we keep diluting the lands we treasure by increasing access. Please save these treasures, if not for yourselves, then for that of your children and grandchildren so they can also appreciate the wonders of nature.

Mike O'Connor

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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