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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

I hike, camp, and fish on lands set aside as roadless. It is a religious experience for me, more so than any cathedral I have ever visited. Please keep these areas roadless and intact for future generations. My kids and grandkids should be able to re-create in these areas as you and I have. Thank you.

I am writing in support of the 'no action' alternative to leave the Roadless Rule unchanged in Alaska. I am concerned that changes to the rule would lead to greatly expand clear-cut logging of old growth timber and costly road building in undeveloped, wild areas of both the Tongass and Chugach Forests. These activities increase sedimentation, hurt water quality, often block salmon migration, and add to an already large backlog of needed road maintenance and restoration.

Our fisheries and wild forests are critical to the economy of Alaska. To grow these sectors of our economy, we need intact habitat. Please leave the Alaska Roadless Rule in place.

Sincerely,

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