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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

Wild places and true wilderness are a rare commodity and are steadily decreasing in modern America. Alaska can take pride in having some of the last truly Wild Places, where wildlife and nature can be seen without the impact of humans. This unique distinction is something to be very proud of and needs to be preserved. Much like the cultures of indigenous people, if we do not celebrate and value this ideal it will not be around for our children and grandchildren. I urge you to consider the impact of developing these wild places - a decision that, once made, cannot be reversed. As a hunter and angler I fully support the roadless rule and hop you will too.

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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