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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

Roads have become the number one source of silt and debris to damage habitat. They also become a sink for maintenance costs or worse deferred maintenance and resultant habitat loss. The roadless rule was upheld in 2011 by the 9th circuit court. The Supreme Court acted in 2013 to uphold the need for EPA clean water licensing of such roads.

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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