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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

The old growth forests support great wildlife and fisheries and each supports the others. We need to keep mining out and maintain overall forests management practices that will protect this awesome resource and allow the salmon and steelhead to continue to prosper.

Leave the Roadless Rule as is.

Thank you[hellip] Avid Flyfisher

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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