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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

I've hiked within view of the Chugach, driven and flown down the Kenai Peninsula multiple times in my job enjoying the experience when I tried living in Alaska in 1979 not believing my good luck that this drive and flights in small planes was the result of my job. Later when I was in the fishing industry, I visited and worked a few salmon seasons in Petersburg as well as spending a few days in Sitka. Once again I could not believe how fortunate I was to see so much as part of my job. In the course of my work over the years I'm sure I've seen more of Alaska than most Alaskan's, it's an incredible state that future generations of Alaskans and non Alaskans should be able to experience its wild wonders.

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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