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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

As a veteran outdoorsman and committed voter, I urge you to consider the impact of this issue on hunting, fishing, and hiking opportunities and their importance for the local economy. I have travelled frequently to Alaska to enjoy the pristine environment. Any change to the roadless areas would make me look elsewhere.

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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